



USHJA Hunter Breeding Task Force Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2018 – 4:00 PM EST

Members Participating: Betty Oare (Chair), Oliver Brown, Jessie Lang, Karan Aurelius, Nancy Frost, Kimberly Risser, Sue Lightner, Tish Quirk, Jay Raach, Drew Taylor, Diana Dodge (11)

Members Not Present:

Also Present: Heidi Kurpaska (USHJA Sport Programs Assistant), Natalie Norwood (USEF Breeds and Disciplines)

I. Roll Call

Mrs. Oare called the meeting to order and Ms. Kurpaska called roll. With 11 voting members present a quorum was met.

II. Adoption of Agenda

A) *Ms. Frost made a motion to adopt the agenda; Mr. Brown seconded the motion and the Task Force voted unanimously to approve the agenda.*

III. Approval of Minutes

A) *Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes; Ms. Frost seconded the motion and the task force voted unanimously to approve the minutes.*

IV. Nomination Based Awards

A) Ms. Kurpaska reminded the committee about USHJA Nomination Based Awards. The deadline is on July 31st, and individuals as well as committees may submit nominations. The committee will discuss on the next call whether they would like to nominate any individuals as a committee.

V. Sallie B. Wheeler

A) Ms. Norwood spoke to the committee about fundraising and felt that we are on track for the 2018 championships. Committee members will be continuing to pursue donations to reach the fundraising goals.

- B) USEF will be providing halters and lead shanks from their sponsors for the 2018 championships. The committee discussed what items they would like to pursue from the previous sponsor in place of the halters and lead shanks. The task force decided they would like to pursue a bridle and whips from the previous halter and shank sponsors.
- C) The committee discussed alternative solutions instead of having a tent for the competitors and party. With the tent being so costly, they feel that there are much more cost effective solutions that are beneficial to the exhibitors and party. Ms. Risser will be speaking to Virginia Horse Show about options.

VI. Young Hunter Pony Championships

- A) Mr. Brown updated the committee on the status of the Young Hunter Pony Championships. He felt that both him and Ms. Greenwood received positive feedback when pursuing donations at Devon, and received multiple pledges. The Ad Hoc will continue to focus on sponsorship.

VII. Education Update

- A) Ms. Aurelius and Ms. Kurpaska updated the committee on what the education Ad Hoc has been working on. The primary focus of the Ad Hoc at this point will be to create content that can be placed into already existing USHJA programs, such as HQC and TCP. Once the content has been written, and implementation strategy will take place as to how to tailor the information to each specific program.
- B) The Task Force discussed the final clinic proposal draft and felt that it is ready to be submitted through the proper channels for approval.

Ms. Taylor made a motion to approve the clinic proposal as written; Ms. Aurelius seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. Hunter Breeding Guest Card Data

- A) The committee discussed data pulled by Ms. Kurpaska in regards to the number of Hunter Breeding guest cards used per competition year. They felt the number was high, but after much discussion felt that they do not have a concrete solution to the issue. By removing or changing the current guest card rules, the task force feels this will hurt the hunter breeding divisions and make it harder for show management to find judges for these divisions. The task force feels that they do not have the numbers in these divisions to make guest card requirements more difficult at this time.

IX. 2019 Microchipping

- A) The committee discussed 2018 and 2019 microchipping rules in regards to foals traveling with their mares. Beginning in 2019, the current rule states that all horses must be microchipped to compete. The committee discussed whether or not this is appropriate, as foals are not required to have a coggins at a horse show

before six months of age. Multiple committee members spoke to their personal experiences and felt that the microchipping process was simple and not harmful to foals at any age.

X. Old Business

A) No old business was discussed.

XI. New Business

A) No new business was discussed.

XII. Adjourn

A) With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 5:21 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Kurpaska
USHJA Sport Programs Assistant