



USHJA Children's Adult Hunter Task Force Meeting Minutes

July 29, 2019, 4:00 p.m. ET via
Teleconference

Task Force Members Present: Tobey McWilliams (Chair), Otis Brown (Vice Chair), Jamie Gibson, Monica Hunt, Hunter Messineo, Kat Demas Mulkey, Simone Starnes (7)

Task Force Members Not Present: Sharon Stewart-Wells (1)

Others Present: Jennifer Osterman (USHJA Assistant Managing Director of Sport Programs), Morgan Thibodeaux (USHJA Sport Program Coordinator) (2)

I. Roll Call

Ms. McWilliams called the meeting to order and Ms. Osterman called roll. With 7 members present a quorum was met.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 17, 2019

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 17, 2019; Ms. Messineo seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

III. 2020 Child/Adult Hunter Championship Host Applications

Ms. Osterman explained the spreadsheet that was provided to the Task Force that each zone championship has a recommendation from the respective zone committee highlighted in green. The Task Force will vote for all zones, except for Zones 9 and 10 because the zone committee call will be held after the Task Force call. The Task Force will complete an email vote for the Zones 9 and 10 championship location.

Mr. Brown questioned Zone 5 and Zone 6 being held separately in 2020. Ms. Thibodeaux explained that Zone 6 had the appropriate numbers to host their own hunter championship in 2020, but must combine with Zone 5 for the jumper championships. Ms. Osterman gave the Zone 6 numbers from the previous year that allows them host their own championship. Zone 6 had 72 total Children's Hunter horses and 89 Adult Amateur Hunter horses, which is above the minimum of 60 horses competing and earning points in each division in order to host their own championships. Ms. Osterman also provided that there were 17 Zone 5 riders and 7 Zone 6 riders who competed in the 2019 championship. Mr. Brown brought forward the question if the Zone 5 championship should remain at the same location or look further into the other locations. Ms. McWilliams suggested that Zone 6 might feel they have a better opportunity to increase participation in their own zone. Ms. McWilliams

expressed that the previous Zone 5 location has worked well and the zone committee chose to continue in the same place. The Task Force went through each zone committee recommendation on 2020 locations.

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve all of the recommended locations for the 2020 Children's and Adult Amateur Hunter Championship locations. Ms. Messineo seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

The following actions were taken:

Zone	Host Competition	Location	Date	Comments
Zones 1 & 2	HITS-on-the-Hudson VII	Saugerties, NY	August 26-30, 2020	Previously hosted and have done well.
Zones 3 & 4	Tryon Spring 6 – TR & HC Charity Horse Show	Mill Spring, NC	June 2-7, 2020	Prize money might be considered low.
Zone 5	Showplace Summertime III	Crete, IL	July 15-19, 2020	None
Zone 6	Two Rivers Summer Festival I	Cumming, IA	July 29 – August 2, 2020	None
Zones 7 & 8	Santa Fe Summer Series – Sonrisa Week	Santa Fe, NM	July 22-26, 2020	Proposed dates changed to August 4-9, 2020 in order to accommodate both the hunter and jumper championships in the same week.

IV. New Business

Ms. McWilliams mentioned that the Task Force needs to start thinking about making specifications changes for 2021. Ms. Osterman also mentioned that the next project for the Task Force is the 2021 proposal to add Children's Ponies.

Ms. McWilliams brought forward the issue of riders trying to apply late or attempting to make horse substitutions past the deadline. She stated that it is important that the rules are maintained and it is based on qualification on horse and rider.

V. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

VI. Adjourn

Mr. Brown made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Mulkey seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm ET.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Osterman
USHJA Assistant Managing Director of Sport Programs