



USHJA Zone 8 Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 25, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. PT/11:00 a.m. MT/1:00 p.m. ET

Zone 8 Committee Members Participating: Laurie Grayson (Chair), Betsy Checchia (Vice Chair), Jenny Paisley (Treasurer), Brittany Jorgenson, Beth Nielsen, Jill Pelzel, and Danine Summers (7)

Zone 8 Committee Members Not Present: Betty Beran EXC, Chris Collman, Michael Dennehy EXC, Marion Maybank, and Allison Wicks. (5)

Also Present: Morgan Pearson (Sports Program Coordinator), Kristin Rover (Regional Communications Coordinator) and Lynn Johnson (Sports Program Assistant) (3)

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Ms. Pearson called roll, with nine committee members present, a quorum was met.

II. Approve the minutes

Ms. Nielsen motioned to approve the minutes from the Zone 8 November 30, 2020 and December 15, 2020 meetings. Ms. Checchia seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to approve.

III. Annual Meeting Review

Ms. Pearson asked for feedback from the Annual Meeting. USHJA is looking at a possible hybrid version which would incorporate both virtual and in-person portions. Several comments mentioned two weeks was too long. Scheduling of the sessions could be better. Three days would be a good length. Have the sessions either in the morning or afternoon, not all day. Have the most important meetings at the same time every day. Really like the idea of taped meetings available to view later as time allows. The Committee really prefers in-person, if possible. Ms. Pearson stated video sessions would allow those who cannot be at the meeting to still be involved.

IV. 2021 Zone Elections

The Nominating Committee has been seated and will meet initially the second week of February. Please nominate yourself and/or others. Nominations close March 1, 2021. There is no limit on how many nominations can be made. Nominee packets will be sent out soon. Ms. Babick does also appoint several members to the Committee. There are also Affiliate appointments. Newly elected/appointed Committee members will attend

the October 2021 meeting for orientation and be seated in November/December 2021.

V. 2021 Planning

Ms. Pearson stated the budget will be presented and discussed at the next meeting in March 2021. A request was made to add more detail to various items that were discussed at the Zone Committee Annual Meeting session. Ms. Pearson will review the session and add ideas discussed to the minutes. Ms. Checchia mentioned the new CH/AA Hunter Team Challenge for this year. She would like to explore using this same format for a Zone only program. Ms. Pearson stated some Zones are doing this due to how far away the three locations are (more accessibility for Zone members). The Hunter Team Challenge specifications are posted and can be used to format this. Ms. Checchia asked Committee members to reach out to Competition Managers to learn of anyone with interest to possibly hold one of these.

VI. Old Business

There was no Old Business to discuss.

VII. New Business

There was no New Business to discuss.

VIII. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:29pm ET.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Johnson
Sports Program Assistant