



### **USHJA Zone 8 Committee Meeting Minutes**

Monday, April 13, 2020 – 11:00 a.m. PT/12:00 p.m. MT/2:00 p.m. ET

**Zone 8 Committee Members Participating:** Laurie Grayson (Chair), Jenny Paisley (Treasurer), Betty Beran, Chris Collman, Michael Dennehy, Brittany Jorgenson, Marion Maybank, Beth Nielson, Jill Pelzel, Danine Summers and Allison Wicks (11)

**Zone 8 Committee Members Not Present:** Betsy Checcia (Vice Chair). (1)

**Also Present:** Morgan Thibodeaux (Sports Program Coordinator), Kristin Rover (Regional Communications Coordinator) and Lynn Johnson (Sports Program Office Aide) (3)

#### **I. Welcome and Roll Call**

Ms. Thibodeaux called roll, with eleven committee members present, a quorum was met.

#### **II. Approve the minutes**

*Ms. Summers motioned to approve the Zone 8 March 9, 2020 meeting minutes. Ms. Nielsen seconded and the committee voted unanimously to approve.*

#### **III. 2021 Zone 8 Specifications**

Ms. Thibodeaux opened the 2021 Zone Specifications for discussion. Mr. Dennehy stated he would like to propose that the restrictions do not apply to the Under Saddle classes but an Adult Amateur must ride (no juniors or professionals). *Ms. Beran made a motion to add, under Cross Entry Restrictions – Rider: “In the Under Saddle classes, cross entry restrictions do not apply but the rider must be an Adult Amateur or Adult Amateur Owner”. Mr. Dennehy seconded the motion. The motion passed with no abstentions.* Discussion was held regarding the exception for the International Hunter Derby under Rider. *Mr. Dennehy made a motion to remove, under Cross Entry: Rider the following wording “(exception: USHJA International Hunter Derby). A rider may cross enter into the USHJA International Hunter Derby with a different horse.” Ms. Beran seconded the motion. The motion passed with no abstentions.* Mr. Dennehy advised the same changes needed to be made to the Childrens Hunter specifications. *Mr. Dennehy made a motion to apply the same two previously passed motions for the Adult Amateur Hunter specifications to the Childrens Hunter specifications (substituting Junior, where appropriate for Adult) under Cross Entry: Rider. Ms. Nielsen seconded the motion. The motion passed with no abstentions.* Ms. Thibodeaux

stated she would make the changes and send them around to Committee members. They would then be posted for a member comment period, after which changes could still be made by the Committee. Ms. Paisley brought up the Adult Equitation and the Junior Equitation for discussion. The Committee decided to leave the specifications with no restrictions at this time.

**IV. Old Business**

There was no Old Business to discuss.

**V. New Business**

Ms. Thibodeaux advised the Committee that USEF and USHJA were meeting frequently to determine if the current suspension would be extended or lifted. Meetings are being held with competition managers to determine a plan going forward as to how to proceed with either decision. Meetings are being held with FEI to determine those Championships. Some presidential modifications are being looked in to for mileage rules, especially those that are rescheduling. They are taking into consideration varying shutdown periods for all states. Mr. Collman advised competition managers holding shows at state owned facilities are having to consider whether the facility will be open. Most everything is still up in the air. The Canadian Equestrian has extended their ban until June 1, 2020. Ms. Thibodeaux advised that all of the meetings taking place are very much considering horse welfare and rider safety.

**VI. Adjourn**

*Ms. Dennehy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Collman seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m. ET.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lynn Johnson  
Sports Program Office Aide