USHJA Emerging Jumper Rider Task Force Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 26, 2019 – 1:00 p.m. ET/ 10:00 a.m. PT via Teleconference

Emerging Jumper Rider Task Force Members Participating: Larry Langer (Chair), Jeff Campf, Matt Cyphert, Kim Land, Marnye Langer, Sandra Ruiz (6)

Emerging Jumper Rider Task Force Members Not Participating: Diane Carney, David Distler (2)

Also Present: Jennifer Osterman (Assistant Managing Director of Sport Programs), DiAnn Langer (USHJA Show Jumping Technical Advisor), Charlotte Skinner-Robson (3)

I. Welcome and Roll Call
Mr. Langer welcomed the committee; Ms. Osterman performed the roll call with six (6) members presents a quorum was met.

II. Approval of 2020 Blackout Dates
Ms. Marnye Langer motioned to approve the proposed 2020 Blackout Dates; Mr. Campf seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

III. Discussion of 2020/2021 ZJTC and Platinum Championship host criteria
The Task Force discussed whether the Championships must be held at the same venue or are able to separate the Zone Jumper Team and Platinum Championships to different host locations. Allowing both championships to be hosted separately brings more cost and higher demands from USHJA stall for travel and work hours. Ms. DiAnn Langer offers that priority is given to hosts who apply to host both championships.

IV. Discussion of ZJTC and Platinum Jumper Championships qualifying procedures and specifications
Ms. Osterman explained that any qualifying procedure changes need to be submitted to Jumper Working Group for approval on March 25. The Task Force began the discussion of when qualifying will start for the championship. Mr. Campf suggested to keep the day immediately following the previous year’s championships, so that the riders can have a full calendar year. Ms. DiAnn Langer and Mr. Langer helped explain that we need enough time to get all of the changes after any championships instead of before any events happen, and this is due to the new MOU with USEF regarding
specification deadlines. With the qualifying period beginning immediately following the championships, then there is no time to change based on the experience of that particular event. If that time was extended to 30-45 days, then the Task Force will have enough time to make changes after a championship has been completed for that year. Campf suggested using the least amount of time needed. *Mr. Campf made a motion to change the qualifying period start date to begin 30 days after the championship; Ms. Marnye Langer seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.*

The Task Force began the discussion on Zone Jumper Team Championship specification changes. Ms. DiAnn Langer suggested that there be additional language for team selection. It was mentioned that most the changes are to clean up language. Ms. Skinner-Robson brought forward the language in the Host and Organizer Requirements section, under Competition Conduct regarding open water (section I.A.2 of the specifications). There was a question if the open water is an option or a requirement, and if the 12’ size a requirement. The Task Force agreed that if the water will be available that it must be used in the Training Session. They also discussed the size of the open water used must be the same in competition and Training Session. Ms. Skinner-Robson and Mr. Campf made the point that exhibitors needs to know that they will be required to jump and open water at the Championship.

Mr. Langer suggested to have another call the week of March 11 to go through the specifications in more detail to have them ready to go to the Jumper Working Group on March 25.

V. Old business
No old business was discussed.

VI. New business
Ms. DiAnn Langer started the discussion on the Central Gold Star Clinic status. She brought to the Task Force’s attention that the World Equestrian Center, the clinic host, is experiencing an influenza outbreak. A few members of the Task Force agreed that the clinic is two months away and this could be cleared by the start date. Additionally, she informed the Task Force that, at this time, there are only twelve riders participating. There is worry that the clinic would not be able to justify the cost for half the number of participants as expected. Ms. Land offered to help recruit riders by calling and offering the Wild Card application. Ms. Osterman and Ms. Land will make a joint effort in contacting these members. The Task Force agrees that the deadline will be firm, and to determine the number of participants after the deadline and decide to proceed or cancel the clinic.

VII. Adjournment
With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10pm ET.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Osterman
USHJA Assistant Managing Director of Sport Programs

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