Committee: USHJA Joint Owners Task Force

Meeting Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2019

Meeting Time: 1:10pm-2:30pm (MT)

Location: USHJA Annual Meeting – Denver, CO

Members Present: Elaine Fresch, chair; Debbie Bass, Ernie Oare, Lisa Lourie (4)

Members Not Present: Erica Moe (excused), Chuck Mayer, Susan Moriconi (3)

Also Present: Melanie Mader, USHJA Sport Program Coordinator; approx. 15 meeting attendees (open forum)

Minutes

I. Welcome and roll call

Mrs. Fresch called the meeting to order, Ms. Mader called roll. With 4 members present, a quorum was met.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Oare made a motion to adopt the agenda; Ms. Bass seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously

III. Approval of meeting minutes from April 1, 2019

Mr. Oare made a motion to adopt the agenda; Ms. Bass seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously

IV. Initiatives for Owner Protection

The Task Force decided to pursue a checklist for owners to utilize with trainers and veterinarians to create a transparent team approach to the training and showing relationship.

The Task Force welcomed member feedback from other owners in attendance regarding items to include on the checklist.
Following a lively discussion topics surrounding drugs and medications, pre-show protocols, post show protocols, health and welfare, and showing expectations were developed. Ms. Mader will draft a document for the OTF to review and revise.

Ms. Fresch asked about dissemination methods of the checklist. Ms. Mader highlighted several options: print copy (pamphlet) to be available at shows, e-news, USHJA website education page, and the possibility for a free webinar via USHJA Education platform.

A title for this initiative was discussed with the primary themes of Owner Responsibility, Horse Welfare, Team, and MOU between Owners and Trainers.

V. Old Business

Ms. Fresch inquired about the Steward ID memo forwarded to the Comp Standards committee. Ms. Mader informed the Task Force that the Comp Standards Committee was in favor of an identification of Stewards and were still discussing the best method to accomplish that goal (apparel, badge, hat, etc?)

VI. New Business

The Task Force discussed the next project they would like to pursue. It was decided to revisit the transparency in Bills of Sale after the completion of the Owner/Train checklist project. The tentative start of the Bill of Sale project is summer 2020 with member feedback and development discussion at the 2020 Annual Meeting in Seattle.

VII. Adjournment

Ms. Fresch thanks everyone in attendance for their feedback and participation. The meeting was adjourned at 2:08pm.

Committee actions resulting in a recommendation for program changes are subject to additional review in accordance with Board of Directors approved policy.