



USHJA Zone 5 Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 27, 2020 - 12:00 p.m. ET via Teleconference

Zone 5 Committee Members Participating: Patrick Boyle (Chair), George (Skip) Thornbury (Vice Chair), Sara Ballinger, Otis Brown, Lisa Goldman-Smolen, Heather Pinnick, Patty Rogers and Elaine Schott (8)

Zone 5 Committee Members Not Present: Joleen Dewitt, Myron Leff and Ryan Sassmannshausen (3)

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

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Mr. Boyle called the meeting to order and Ms. Thibodeaux called roll. With eight committee members present, a quorum was met.

II. Approve the minutes

Mr. Brown motioned to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2019 meeting; Ms. Goldman-Smolen seconded and the minutes were approved.

III. Annual Meeting Review

Ms. Thibodeaux gave the following update from the Annual Meeting:

- The Zone Council will be making a return for 2020. The Chair and Vice Chair from each Zone will make up the Council. The Council will also have one seat on the BOD. Hopefully, this will help to fix the broken areas in the Zones.
- For 2020, the attendance requirement will be 75%. There will be exigent circumstances taken in to consideration. Attendance at the Annual Meeting does count towards your attendance percentage.
- Zones will be reporting directly to the BOD.

IV. 2020 Planning

One suggestion for 2020 was that the Gold Star Clinics have a Central location as Thermal and Wellington are too far for centrally located people to go to. Transportation to Wellington for the horse for two days was cost prohibitive for most. Ms. Thibodeaux stated there was previously a Gold Star Clinic Central and attendance was very light. She will let planning person know.

The Zone Committee would like to do more clinics, educational forums or something similar. Timing is important when planning these events. A suggestion was made to have one on a Monday and/or Tuesday during the summer at a show facility during a show week. One of the show judges could come a little earlier and teach the event. Ask the Judge forums have been very popular.

V. Gold Star Funding Request

Ms. Thibodeaux presented a request for Zone funding (reimbursement) she had received from the mother of Adeline Pavelin for reimbursement for travel to Florida and back for the Gold Star Clinic. There have been no receipts submitted yet. It was mentioned the Committee typically does \$250 for consistency. *Mr. Brown made a motion to table this request until further information has been furnished. Ms. Goldman-Smolen seconded the motion. Motion passed without abstention.*

VI. Old Business

No old business to discuss.

VII. New Business

Ms. Goldman-Smolen stated she wanted to let the Committee know she could not be Chef d'Equipe this year at Young Riders and she does not yet know about availability for Harrisburg. She stated she has most of the Zone equipment and just wants to make sure someone knows where it is at. Ms. Thibodeaux stated chefs need to send their applications in early to her and must submit an application. DiAnne Langer is working on educational training for the chefs along with duties, time commitments and responsibilities. Hopefully, this will help with some of the chef issues encountered last year.

VIII. Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m. ET.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Johnson
Sports Program Office Aide