



USHJA Pony Task Force Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2019 – 4 p.m. ET via Teleconference

Committee Members Participating: Robin Greenwood (Chair), Linda Andrisani, Beverly Bedard, Denice De Risio-Perry, Katie Francella, Jill Hamilton, Robert Jacobs, Kathleen Rice, Patricia Roberts, Stacey Weiss (10)

Committee Members Not Present: Clare Warren (excused), Richard Taylor (2)

Also Present: Danae Fryman, Eva Van Heeke, USHJA Sport Programs Coordinators (2)

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Ms. Fryman performed the roll call; with 10 members present, a quorum was met.

II. Introduction to New Staff Liaison, Eva Van Heeke

Ms. Fryman gave a brief introduction to a new USHJA employee, Eva Van Heeke, who will slowly be transitioning into the Staff Liaison role for the Pony Task Force.

III. Approve Minutes from January 14, 2019

Ms. Andrisani made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 14, 2019; Ms. Francella seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

IV. 2019 Pony Final Clinics

a. Schedule

Ms. Weiss made a motion to approve the 2019 Pony Finals Clinic Schedule and current Clinicians; Ms. Rice seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

b. Clinicians

1. Model Clinics

The Task Force agreed to stay with William Schaub for the 2019 Model Clinic, Ms. Fryman agreed to reach out to him in regards to the clinic.

2. Sports Psychology

The Task Force agreed to stay with Jennifer Spiesman for the 2019 Sports Psychology Clinic, Ms. Fryman agreed to reach out to her in regards to the clinic.

3. Judge's Perspective

The Task Force agreed to each submit a couple of suggestions for potential clinicians for the 2019 Judge's Perspective clinic.

Submissions ended on Friday April 5th, from there Ms. Fryman and Ms. Van Heeke will compile a list to take to the Task Force to further discuss, and narrow down the potential clinicians.

V. Review the Rule Change Proposal for HU138

Ms. Greenwood briefly read through the current HU183 rule change proposal. Ms. Andrisani voiced that she felt that the four year time frame in the current proposal is too long. The Task Force agreed, and decided that a three year time period is more appropriate. Ms. Fryman agreed to forward this information to Ms. Norwood at USEF, so that the current proposal can be edited.

VI. Old Business

The Task Force reviewed the actions that each zone took regarding the suggested distances for ponies. Ms. Andrisani spoke of a conversation she'd had with course designers who had expressed concerns about the suggested distance change. Ms. Greenwood suggested the task Force members make an effort, to speak to those in management and course design at the events in the zones they feel most strongly about, in an effort to raise more awareness about the issue.

VII. New Business

No New Business was discussed.

VIII. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m. ET.

Ms. Weiss made the motion to adjourn; Ms. Andrisani seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eva Van Heeke, USHJA Sport Programs Coordinator and Task Force Liaison