



**Committee:** Hunter Breeding Task Force  
**Meeting Date:** Monday, August 19, 2019  
**Meeting Time:** 3:00 p.m. (ET)/12:00 p.m. (PT)  
**Call In Number:** 1-800-944-8766  
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### Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:** Oliver Brown (chair), Betty Oare, Nancy Frost, Jay Raach, Karan Aurelius, Diana Dodge, Jessie Lang, Tish Quirk, Kimmy Risser

**Members Not Present:** Sue Lightner (excused), Harriet Schiele (excused), Drew Taylor

**Also Present:** Melanie Mader, USHJA Sport Program Coordinator

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

Mr. Brown called the meeting to order. Ms. Mader called roll. With 9 members present a quorum was met.

#### **II. Adoption of Agenda**

*Mrs. Oare made a motion to adopt the agenda; Nancy seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously*

#### **III. Approval of minutes from July 15th call.**

*Mrs. Oare made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 15<sup>th</sup> call; Jessie seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously*

#### **IV. Fundraising: Update on donations**

Ms. Mader updated the committee on the many recent donations. There are several opportunities still available on both coasts. Ms. Risser stressed the need to have the program completely funded or risk getting it cut from the list of programs.

#### **V. Sallie B Wheeler: preparations for show, clinics/education**

Discussion regarding the clinics and round tables being held on each coast. Ms. Risser shared that the East coast will have Elly Vandermerkt (fitting), Sue Grossman (owner), and Oliver Brown (handler) giving brief talks on how to be successful in the Hunter Breeding business. The main focus is approachability and transparency. A round table discussion about the Young Horse program will also be held. The West Coast will be having a handling clinic with Carleton & Traci Brooks, followed by a Round table discussion about the future of the Young Horse program with several prominent owners and professionals in the industry. It was also shared that Blenheim has been very supporting of the Sallie B Wheeler program and is diligent about marketing and promotion.

#### **VI. Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss

**VII. New Business – list of HB judges**

The committee received a list of all USEF judges holding a Hunter Breeding license. There was a brief discussion about the selection process. It was decided that each committee member would submit 10 names from the list to create a shortened list, then the list will be discussed further and shortened from there. The goal is to select judged for 2021 in January of 2020.

The committee also discussed the Guest Card rule. Many ideas were related surrounding this subject. Mr. Brown would like to have further discussion so that a RCP can be formulated for 2021 that is fair and accommodating to all competitions and may help increase entries. Ms. Mader will email a copy of the RCP submitted in June 2019. This was initially submitted as an Extraordinary Rule Change, but was rejected by USEF as extraordinary and therefore becomes a Standard Rule Change which will be voted upon and would take effect December 1,2019 for the 2020 competition year.

Mr. Brown adjourned the meeting at 3:37pm

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