USHJA HWG WCHR Task Force Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. ET via Teleconference

Committee Members Participating: Carl Weeden (Chair), Louise Serio (Vice Chair), Rachel Howell, Jeff Wirthman, Elizabeth Reilly, Jennifer Hannan, Stephanie Wheeler, Hope Glynn (8)

Committee Members Not Present: Linda Valetic, Amanda Steege (excused), Susan Moriconi (excused) (3)

Also Present: Danae Fryman (USHJA Sport Program Manager), Eva Van Heeke (USHJA Sport Program Coordinator)

I. Welcome and Roll Call
A. Ms. Weeden called the meeting to order and Ms. Van Heeke called roll. With 8 members present, a quorum was met.

II. Adoption of Agenda
A. Ms. Weeden requested we move the topic of the West Coast Spectacular host to the end of the agenda, so Ms. Lightner could excuse herself from the call due to the conflict of interest. The task force agreed to the amended agenda. Ms. Serio made a motion to adopt the agenda; Ms. Glynn seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

III. Approval of Minutes from July 29, 2019
A. Ms. Howell made a motion to approve the minutes from July 29, 2019; Ms. Serio seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

IV. Palm Beach Spectacular Specifications
A. Ms. Serio made a motion to put the Palm Beach Spectacular Specs on the table; Ms. Howell seconded and the motion was passed unanimously. The task force reviewed and discussed the 2020 Palm Beach Specifications, ideas to improve West Coast rider participation and representation at Palm Beach were discussed. The task force agreed to approve the specifications with the additional verbiage extending PBS invites to champion and reserve from the West Coast Hunter Spectacular, instead of just the champion. Mr. Wirthman made a motion to approve the 2020 PBS Specs with the amended verbiage inviting both Champion
and Reserve from WCS; Ms. Serio seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

B. Discuss ideas for Friday Evening
Ms. Weeden spoke about tentative plans to have a cash bar and hors d’oeuvres during the Amateur Owners class that runs on Friday evening, as the class ran quite late at the last PBS. The task force agreed this was a great idea.

V. Junior Hunter TF Memo
A. The task force reviewed the memo send forward from the Junior Hunter Task Force. Ms. Riley helped further explain the origins of the memo. With there already being restrictions on the Children’s WCHR section, the task force agreed to look into this further when the 2020 CCHS specs are reviewed in January. In the meantime Ms. Van Heeke agreed to look into current height restrictions and how they potentially effect earning points.

VI. New Business
A. Capital Challenge
Ms. Weeden informed the task force of the new location for the Member event that is held on Tuesday evening at CCHS. It has been moved to the V.I.P area this year. A plan for the remaining Medallions from the WCHR Medallion program to be dispersed amongst the Champions and Reserve Champions of this year’s challenge classes was discussed, and the task force agreed it was a good idea.

VII. West Coast Spectacular Host
A. Ms. Lightner excused herself from the call at this point due to a conflict of interest. The task force then discussed the idea of the West Coast Spectacular being held at a different venue as another show had expressed interest in Hosting the event. They discussed the pros and cons of the two venues, they agreed for 2020 nothing should change, but felt that the idea of opening up the WCS Host for bid in 2021 was an option worth exploring.

VIII. Old Business
A. There was no old business discussed.

IX. Adjournment
Mr. Wirthman made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Howell seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m. ET.

Respectfully Submitted,