



**International Hunter Derby & Incentive  
Task Force Meeting  
Minutes**

June 18, 2019 – 4:00 p.m. ET via Conference Call

Members Attending: Ron Danta, Colleen McQuay, Liza Boyd, Tom Brennan, Rick Cram, John French, Daniel Geitner, Jenny Karazissis, Jessie Lang, Didi Mackenzie, Peter Pletcher, Susie Schoellkopf, Hunt Tosh (13)

Members Not Present: Britt McCormick (1)

Also Present: Katie Patrick, (USHJA Sport Programs Director)

**I. Welcome and Roll Call**

- A. Mr. Danta called the meeting to order. Ms. Patrick called roll and a quorum was met. All members were present.

**II. Adoption of Agenda**

- A. *Mr. Brennan moved to adopt the agenda. Ms. Schoellkopf seconded and the agenda was adopted.*

**III. Conflict of Interest**

- A. Mr. Danta reminded the task force to declare any conflicts of interest.

**IV. Minutes from Feb. 26, 2019**

- A. *Ms. Schoellkopf moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Boyd seconded and the minutes were approved. Those not present for the call abstained.*

**V. Update on enrollment numbers/task force items**

- A. Ms. Patrick shared that enrollment in the Green Hunter Incentive Program continues to grow with most of the growth in the 3'6/3'9 category (549 horses were enrolled as of June 10 with 153 of them in the 3'6/3'9 category currently). 261 horses are enrolled in the IHD program.
- B. The 2020 specifications already submitted have been fully approved except for the IHD class specifications which were tabled by the board with subsequent questions. The IHD Regional Championship proposal is currently tabled by the board as well, pending further discussion.

**VI. Timeline**

- A. The task force reviewed the timeline for the programs and committees.

**VII. Questions from the Board of Directors meeting**

- A. *The task force discussed the questions referred from the Board of Directors meeting.*

**VIII. 2020 IHD Regional Championship Proposal**

- A. The task force discussed the board's recommendation regarding prize money.

- B. *Ultimately, Mr. Brennan moved to keep the proposal as is with the recommendation of subsidizing \$5,000 in prize money to each championship. Mr. Geitner seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*

**IX. 2020 IHD Specifications – Star System**

- A. The task force reviewed the questions pertaining to the specifications and star system.
- B. Renting scoreboards for one class is an expensive proposition and may be prohibiting some managers from hosting.
- C. *Mr. Cram moved to change the requirement for a scoreboard for two stars to a recommendation rather than a requirement. Ms. Schoellkopf seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*
- D. *Mr. Brennan moved to maintain the 12 hour window for the jog as it does allow managers to place it in the schedule where it fits best for competitors and can already be done around the course walk as requested. Ms. Karazissis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*
- E. The task force decided to undertake a more comprehensive review of the star system (a correction to the percentages of the jump heights was also noted). Ms. Patrick will send out emails requesting feedback to competition managers and exhibitors as well as email with the star system requirements to the task force for further consideration. The task force will reconvene to discuss any further changes to the star system before sending the 2020 specifications back for further approval.
- F. It was also suggested that the task force may want to look into an exemption process for shows that need a waiver on a specific requirement.

**X. Judges Selection Process**

- A. Ms. Patrick outline the selection process for judges for the next round of IHD and GHI Championship judges that will be coming up.

**XI. Recommendations for 2021 & 2022 IHD and GHI Champ. Host**

- A. *Ms. Schoellkopf moved to keep the championships in Kentucky at the home of USHJA for 2021 and 2022. Ms. Lang seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*

**XII. Old Business**

- A. Judges are confirmed for 2020. Enrollments are on track for the year from last year.

**XIII. New Business**

- A. Buying slots was discussed. It was added into the 2020 GHI specifications but not the IHD program as of yet.
- B. *Ms. Mackenzie moved to add the same slot language to the 2020 IHD specifications. Ms. Schoellkopf seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.*

**XIV. Adjourn**

- A. The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Patrick  
Director of Sport Programs