



USHJA Hunter Breeding Task Force Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2019 – 4PM ET Via Teleconference

Members Participating: Betty Oare (Chair), Oliver Brown, Diana Dodge, Nancy Frost, Kimberly Risser, Sue Lightner, Karan Aurelius, Tish Quirk, Jay Raach, Drew Taylor, Melissa Zimmerman (12)

Members Not Present: Jessie Lang (1)

Also Present: Heidi Kurpaska (USHJA Sport Programs Assistant), Natalie Norwood (USEF Breeds and Disciplines)

I. Roll Call

Mrs. Oare called the meeting to order and Ms. Kurpaska called roll. With 12 voting members present a quorum was met.

II. Adoption of Agenda

A) *Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt the agenda; Ms. Frost seconded the motion and the Task Force voted unanimously to approve the agenda.*

III. Approval of Minutes from December 13th, 2017

A) *Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes; Ms. Frost seconded the motion and the task force voted unanimously to approve the minutes.*

IV. One Handler Rule – HU 188.4

A) The Task force discussed the amended rule change to HU 188.4. It will go into effect 4/1/2018.

V. Amateur Handler Class

A) The Task Force discussed options for an Amateur Handler class. It was suggested that it would be best to have the class be a showmanship class as opposed to a conformation class, to draw in new competitors. A set of mock specifications were to be developed by Ms. Lightner.

VI. Leading Handler HOTY Award

- A) Ms. Kurpaska and Ms. Norwood spoke to the Task Force about HOTY awards. Currently, the handler of the leading hunter breeding horse is awarded the leading handler HOTY award. In the past few years, the leading hunter breeding horse has had multiple handlers over the course of the competition year. The committee decided to continue with the current format of selecting the handler with the most points awarded over the course of the competitions.

VII. Hunter Breeding Clinics

- A) Mr. Brown and Ms. Kurpaska spoke to the committee about clinic updates. The proposal was approved by Hunter Working Group, and will move forward to Executive Committee on February 5, 2018.
- B) Mr. Brown suggested having a round table at Sallie B. Wheeler for members to discuss Hunter Breeding, and other topics.

VIII. SBW Judges Update

- A) Ms. Norwood informed the committee that Chris Wynne and Sue Lightner have agreed to judge the SBW East Coast and West Coast.

IX. Old Business

- A) No old business was discussed.

X. New Business

- A) No new business was discussed.

XI. Adjourn

- A) With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 5:19 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Kurpaska
USHJA Sport Programs Assistant