Members Present: Katie Benson, Naomi Blumenthal, Patrick Boyle, David Burton, Frank Madden (Chair), Kenneth Okken, and Katlynn Sacco (7)


Also Present: Leigh-Anne Claywell (Committee Liaison) and Danae Fryman (USHJA) (2)

I. Welcome and Roll Call
Frank Madden called the meeting to order and Leigh Anne Claywell performed roll call. A quorum was met with 6 voting members present.

II. Approval of meeting minutes from July 9, 2019
Mr. Okken moved to approve the minutes from the meeting on July 9, 2019. Mr. Boyle seconded and the motion passed.

III. Ranking System Criteria
The committee discussed the draft of the ranking system survey, how it would be distributed, how it would be scored, and how scores would relate to ranking levels. Discussion continued on various aspects of the form, point values, questions that should be included, and how the form would best be utilized. Other discussion focused on the design of the form. The committee further discussed the difference between what is essential and what is more of an amenity. Mr. Madden asked that the committee go over the form and make suggestions on what should be removed, what should be added and what may be redundant, best way to distribute and point values. Ms. Sacco noted that in her experience, random evaluations mostly elicited negative feedback, therefore she would encourage a system that utilized a rider representative as the party who completes the evaluation. The committee determined a best practice would be to have the competition steward select one professional, one amateur and one junior to submit evaluations.

IV. Old Business
Mr. Madden noted that he had been asked whether charity horse shows should have softer criteria with regard to the number of mandatory rated sections. The committee determined that the criteria should be the same for all Premier shows.

V. New Business
There was no new business to discuss.

VI. Adjourn
Ms. Blumenthal moved to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 2:29pm ET.
Respectfully Submitted,

Leigh Anne Claywell
USHJA Director of Operations/Committee Liaison