



USHJA Joint Equitation Task Force Meeting Minutes

January 29, 2018 – 1:00 pm (EST) via Teleconference

Joint Equitation Task Force Members Participating: Robin Rost (Chair), James Hagman (Vice Chair), Candida Anthony, Susan Baginski, Missy Clark, Ann Dotoli, Karen Healey, Walter Kees, Stacia Madden, Elizabeth Pandich (10)

Joint Equitation Task Force Members Not Present: Cindy Cruciotti, Andre Dignelli, Ken Smith, George Morris (4)

Also Present: Emily Matuszak (USHJA Sport Program Assistant), Britt McCormick (Chair of USEF National Hunter Committee), Kelsey Shanley (USEF Director, National Affiliates), Erin Keating (USHJA Managing Director of Sport Programs) (4)

I. Welcome and roll call

Ms. Rost called the meeting to order and Ms. Matuszak performed the roll call; with ten members present, a quorum was met.

II. Approval of meeting minutes from October 30, 2017 and October 31, 2017

Ms. Baginski made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 30, 2017 and October 31, 2017; Ms. Pandich seconded and the motion was passed without further discussion.

III. USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Specifications

- Ms. Matuszak provided the Task Force with an update regarding the USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Specifications following their submission to the USHJA Jumper Working Group (JWG). The JWG rejected the proposed program changes due to the 2018 competition year already being underway. The Task Force discussed resubmitting the Specifications with their respective changes prior to the 2019 competition year.
- The Task Force highlighted their concerns with regards to the restrictions they would like to put in place for future competitions. The Task Force is concerned riders are using the 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal classes as warm-up classes for USEF Show Jumping Talent Search classes. The Task Force discussed limiting riders from being able to cross enter in 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal classes and USEF Show Jumping Talent Search 2* classes or above (1* considered acceptable). The Task Force expressed interest in submitting a rule change proposal (RCP) to address this concern. The Task Force requested Ms. Matuszak distribute a letter to completion managers that would suggest

scheduling any 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal classes after any USEF Talent Search classes to help circumvent this issue for the time being.

IV. USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Finals Specifications

- The Task Force discussed instructing competition managers to remove all jumps from the ring prior to the flat phase of the event. Ms. Matuszak agreed to follow up on this request.
- The Task Force requested to have USHJA announce the Finals event location prior to distributing qualifying letters to riders, as was done the previous year.
- The Task Force discussed making the host agreements for 2 year bids starting in 2019.
- *Following a brief discussion, Ms. Pandich made a motion to approve the 2018 USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Finals Specifications; Ms. Baginski seconded and the motion was passed without further discussion.*

V. Potential USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal discussion

The Task Force briefly discussed where to hold this class. The Task Force wishes to wait for the construction of the 3'3" ring at Harrisburg to be completed and will revisit this topic in the future (as the ring will not be completed this year).

VI. USEF Medal Finals discussion

The Task Force sent the following recommendations forward to USEF:

- A. 12 Hour rule-
 - Check-in time for all Medal horses will be at 7:00 pm Friday.
 - Medal horses must be physically checked-in including scanning of microchips.
- B. Food-
 - Vendors shall remain open at all times of the event (including all classes and training sessions) to provide food options to all participants.
- C. Schooling-
 - A meeting needs to be conducted with the schooling supervisors prior to the schooling sessions.
 - Schooling rules must be printed in the prize list.
 - A "clean jump" must be designated which shall remain free of any tarps, etc.
 - Jump materials (such as tarps) are permissible so long as they are brought at the start of the schooling and are available for all riders to use.
- D. Training session-
 - Start training session at 6:00 am instead of 5:00 am and ask show what other adjustments can be made to aid with the flow of the event to ensure it is run as efficiently as possible.
 - Allot 70 seconds in ring per rider.
- E. Second round-

- Increase number of riders that will be called back for round 2 to 25 riders (for consideration for 2019 competition year as the Specifications will need to be updated once they are removed from the USEF Rulebook).
- Distribute plaques to all riders that return for the second round in lieu of saddle pads (can distribute as riders exit the ring).
- Give ribbons and rider sashes through twelfth place.

F. Lunging area-

- Competition management shall provide an expanded longeing area(s) equipped with safe, non-slip and well maintained footing to ensure the safety of competitors and their horses.

VII. Old business

Ms. Rost asked the Task Force for their thoughts on employing high performance judges for Finals events. The Task Force expressed their support to keep the high performance judge option open.

VIII. New business

The Task Force nominated Mr. Walter Kees to serve as the USHJA Joint Equitation Task Force representative for the 2018 USEF Hunter Seat Medal Finals.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:26 pm (EST).

Respectfully,

Emily Matuszak, USHJA Sport Program Assistant