



USHJA Zone 8 Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 8, 2021 – 12:00 p.m. PT/1:00 p.m. MT/3:00 p.m. ET

Zone 8 Committee Members Participating: Laurie Grayson (Chair), Betsy Checchia (Vice Chair), , Betty Beran, Chris Collman, Brittany Jorgenson, Marion Maybank, Beth Nielsen, Jill Pelzel, and Danine Summers (9)

Zone 8 Committee Members Not Present: Michael Dennehy, Jenny Paisley (Treasurer) EXC and Allison Wicks. (3)

Also Present: Morgan Pearson (Sports Program Coordinator), Kristin Rover (Regional Communications Coordinator), Chris Mitchell (Manager of Jumper Programs) and Lynn Johnson (Sports Program Assistant) (4)

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Ms. Pearson called roll, with nine committee members present, a quorum was met.

II. Approve the minutes

Ms. Nielsen motioned to approve the minutes from the Zone 8 January 25, 2021 meeting. Ms. Checchia seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to approve with Mr. Collman abstaining.

III. 2022 USEF NAYC Selection Procedures

Ms. Pearson stated USHJA is trying to grow the Jumper Program Championships for 2021. Emerging Jumper Rider Task Force (EJRTF) is working on trying to improve participation on those programs and Championships. They are focusing on getting a jump on naming and selecting Chefs for all the programs. They will be offered a more in-depth training this year. Zone should get started now on naming Chefs for each program, as necessary. New for this year, each Chef will receive a swag order form. This will need to be completed and submitted by the deadline. Chefs can order from USHJA or locally They must indicate this on the form. If the form is not received by the deadline, the Chef will forfeit their ability to order swag. Ms. Pearson will take over the swag order process for the program. This will most likely consist of hats, polos and saddle pads. This process will ensure that all swag is ordered and received in time for riders to have it for the Championships.

Mr. Mitchell stated the EJRTF is looking to grow the Zone Jumper and Platinum

Championships, along with other Jumper Programs and invite more participation. Kim Land is the new Chair of the EJRTF. She would like to see a Jumper Program Coordinator named for each Zone who would communicate directly with her and the EJRTF regarding promotion of the programs. This person should be well versed in the Jumper Programs and able to create interest throughout the Zone in participation in these programs. The individual does not have to be a member of the Zone Committee. The Committee can name any Zone Member they feel would be a good candidate for this position. They would be the “point person” for the EJRTF and have direct contact with Ms. Land. The EJRTF has looked in to why more riders are not participating and would appreciate additional feedback from each Zone. Mr. Mitchell stated in Zone 8, the venue is still uncertain for 2021 as they are awaiting a decision from HIPICO. The Committee and Mr. Mitchell discussed possible reasons for low participation. Trainers may decide to go to a different competition during Championships based on client needs. Expenses are a big part of it due to travel and cost. Uncertainty as to whether the event will occur has been an issue, especially due to COVID. Gold Star was postponed, and many set their show schedule around this. Conflicting events (locally) may also be an issue due to scheduling. Ms. Pearson will send the Committee Mr. Mitchell’s contact information for feedback and/or information requests.

Ms. Pearson stated the Selection Procedures can be approved in principle as USEF is waiting to see how this years Championships go before making any major changes. They do not anticipate any major changes. If any changes are made, Ms. Pearson will forward those to the Committee for input. Changes to NAYC include the athletes best five results are used for standings. Changes to Prix des States include twenty additional riders will receive an invitation to compete as an individual, based on National Rankings, at the Championships. It was mentioned that the Zoe 8 Coordinators are incorrect. Ms. Pearson will contact USEF to correct this.

Ms. Maybank made a motion to approve the 2022 USEF NAYC and 2022 USEF National Junior Jumper Selection Procedures in principle. Ms. Pelzel seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

IV. 2022 USEF National Junior Jumper Selection Procedures

See above agenda item.

V. 2021 Budget

Ms. Pearson presented the 2021 Zone 8 Budget to the Committee for discussion. Ms. Pearson stated the budget is very fluid and able to be reallocated throughout the year.

Ms. Summers made a motion to approve the 2021 Zone 8 Budget. Ms. Maybank seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

VI. Old Business

There was no Old Business to discuss.

VII. New Business

Mr. Collman mentioned the 2021 Zone 8 Championships have been moved to the Arizona Fall Classic at West World in October. This was due to the November dates

being the same week as the USHJA National Championships.

VIII. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:36pm ET.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Johnson
Sports Program Assistant