Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. ET via Teleconference

Members Participating: Mary Babick, Katie Benson, David Distler, Joe Dotoli, Margie Engle, Dianne Johnson, Britt McCormick, Robin Rost Brown, Cheryl Rubenstein

Members Absent: John Bahret, Charlotte Skinner-Robson

Others Present: Kevin Price, Leigh Anne Claywell, Mary Hope Kramer, Marianne Kutner, Whitney Barnard

I. Roll Call
Roll call was conducted and a quorum was met.

II. Adoption of Agenda
A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes
A motion was made and seconded to put the January 6, 2020 meeting minutes on the floor for discussion and vote. The Executive Committee then voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

IV. Conflict of Interest
No conflicts of interest were identified on the part of any committee members present.

V. Consideration of Zone & Sport Program Requests
A motion was made and seconded to place all Zone & Sport Program requests on the floor for discussion and vote. The motion was unanimously approved.

- **2021 USHJA 3’3” Hunter Seat Medal Class & Finals Specifications**
  The committee reviewed the materials provided within the meeting packet. The consensus was that the specifications needed to be more specific with regard to round II (type of course, when it would be held, determination of the order, and exactly how it would be scored). It was noted that it was particularly important to define whether the two rounds would be added, or if they would start equally in the work off. It was noted that the Equitation Task Force would be sent a list of items for further clarification, and that updated specifications would be presented at the next Executive Committee meeting.

  There was also a general discussion about Technical Delegates, and providing a TD for the final. Discussion points included who would be responsible for paying for the TD (likely USHJA), and a question as to whether the TD would have ultimate authority or if there would be a discussion with the steward before the decision was made for a rule, or with the head of the Working Group if it involved specifications. The consensus was that further
discussion on the topic of Technical Delegates would continue at the next Executive Committee meeting.

*A motion was made and seconded to postpone the 2021 USHJA 3’3” Hunter Seat Medal Class & Finals Specifications for review at the next Executive Committee meeting to allow for clarifications to be made. The Executive Committee members present unanimously postponed the 2021 USHJA 3’3” Hunter Seat Medal Class & Finals Specifications for review at the next Executive Committee meeting.*

- **2020/21 Green Hunter Incentive Southwest Championship Date Change**
  The committee reviewed the materials provided within the meeting packet. It was noted the request asked for the date to move to Blenheim June Classic II for the remainder of the contract, and that both the Working Group and Task Force were in favor of this change.

  *The Executive Committee members present unanimously approved the 2020/21 Green Hunter Incentive Southwest Championship date change, with one abstention noted.*

- **2020 Palm Beach Spectacular Deferral Request**
  The committee reviewed the materials provided within the meeting packet. It was noted that this request involved a deferral request due to pregnancy, with the competitor being unable to compete at the time of the event. The request also asked to create a maternity policy. Consensus was that the individual request for a one year deferral should be granted, but the committee did not find it necessary to draft a maternity policy. Instead, the committee noted that requests would be reviewed as needed on a case-by-case basis.

  *The Executive Committee members present unanimously approved the 2020 Palm Beach Spectacular one year deferral request, but did not approve the additional request to create a maternity policy.*

VI. **Consideration of HOTY Points for Limited Entries Request**
*The HOTY Points request was placed on the floor for discussion and vote.*

- **2020 Desert Circuit VIII Grand Prix & U25 Invitational**
  The committee reviewed the materials provided within the meeting packet. It was noted this request was inadvertently submitted after the deadline. There was an additional question asked about which division the HOTY points would be awarded into, and it was believed to be the under 25 ranking. Ms. Babick indicated she would contact USEF for further information regarding this request, and that an email vote could be conducted after the postponement.

  *A motion was made and seconded to postpone the HOTY Points for Limited Entries request for the 2020 Desert Circuit VIII Grand Prix & U25 Invitational for a later email vote, pending receipt of additional information from USEF. The Executive Committee members present unanimously moved to postpone the request for a later email vote, pending receipt of additional information from USEF.*

VII. **Consideration of Trainer Certification Program Requests**
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A motion was made and seconded to place the Trainer Certification Program requests on the floor for discussion and vote. The motion was unanimously approved.

Whitney Barnard provided a general overview of the current slate of TCP requests. No questions were asked.

Hearing no discussion, the Executive Committee members present unanimously approved the TCP requests, as presented.

VIII. Old Business
It was noted that a correction was needed on the January 6, 2020 minutes with regard to the special competition request for the West Coast A/O Hunter Championships. It was necessary to note that the tabled item was sent to the full Board of Directors for a vote at the January Board meeting.

There was also discussion about Board member attendance, specifically with regard to Jimmy Torano. It was noted that as per the Bylaws, Board members not fulfilling the attendance requirement would be notified, removed, and replaced.

IX. New Business
None

X. Adjournment
There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn, and the meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m. EST.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Dianne Johnson, Secretary
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Members Participating: Mary Babick, John Bahret, Katie Benson, David Distler, Margie Engle, Dianne Johnson, Britt McCormick, Robin Rost Brown, Charlotte Skinner-Robson, Cheryl Rubenstein

Members Absent: Joe Dotoli (excused)

Others Present: Kevin Price, Mary Hope Kramer, Marianne Kutner

I. Roll Call
Roll call was conducted and a quorum was met.

II. Adoption of Agenda
A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Consideration of HOTY Points at Limited Entry Events
A motion was made and seconded to place the Limited Entry request on the floor for discussion and vote. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Babick indicated that she and several other Executive Committee members had attended a meeting of the Jumping Sport Committee earlier in the afternoon. The meeting included a general discussion about awarding HOTY points at Limited Entry events. The consensus was that if a show wanted to award HOTY points at a Limited Entry event, the qualifying classes should not be limited to one management group’s series of shows. Instead, there should be a broader path to qualification with multiple management groups holding qualifying classes, if HOTY points were to be awarded. The Jumping Sport Committee also noted that consistency would be important with regard to these requests going forward.

- 2020 Desert Circuit VIII Grand Prix & U25 Invitational

Ms. Babick noted that this request for Limited Entries and HOTY points was postponed in the previous Executive Committee meeting. In the previous discussion, the consensus was that there was no issue with allowing Limited Entries, but committee members were not in favor of awarding HOTY points. It was noted that the U25 was already a small group of riders, and limiting entries would create an even smaller and more restricted group that would be able to earn HOTY points (if allowed). Committee members agreed that limiting the entries posed no problem, but that HOTY points should not be allowed.

There was a general discussion about cases where HOTY points had been allowed at Limited Entry events in the past, and it was agreed that the Executive Committee should endeavor to ensure consistency on these requests going forward.
A motion was made and seconded to approve Limited Entries but disapprove the awarding of HOTY points for the 2020 Desert Circuit VIII Grand Prix & U25 Invitational. The Executive Committee members present unanimously moved to approve Limited Entries but disapprove the awarding of HOTY points for the 2020 Desert Circuit VIII Grand Prix & U25 Invitational, with one abstention noted.

IV. Old Business
   None

V. New Business
   None

VI. Adjournment
   There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn, and the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m. EST.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Dianne Johnson, Secretary