



USHJA Joint Owners Task Force Meeting Minutes

January 8th, 2018 – 11:00 am EST via Teleconference

Joint Owners Task Force Members Participating: Debbie Bass (Chair), Elaine Fresch, Nancy Lewis, Lisa Lourie, Chuck Mayer, Erica Moe, Susan Moriconi, Ernest Oare (8)

Joint Owners Task Force Members Not Present: (0)

Also Present: Emily Matuszak (USHJA Sport Program Assistant) (1)

I. Welcome and roll call

Ms. Bass called the meeting to order and Ms. Matuszak performed the roll call; with eight Task Force members present, a quorum was met.

II. Approval of meeting minutes from December 13th, 2017

Ms. Lourie made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 13th, 2017; Mr. Mayer seconded and the motion was passed without further discussion.

III. Projects discussion

Ms. Bass opened the floor for discussion about the initiatives reviewed by the Task Force at the 2017 USHJA Annual Meeting. Ms. Bass asked the Task Force to review each before voting on which project to focus on in 2018.

A. Owners syndication platform project for the growth of ownership opportunities:

- The Task Force discussed whether this initiative could possibly attract more individuals into horse ownership and the potential implications this could have on membership.
- Mr. Oare suggesting seeking out legal guidance from a professional before undertaking this project and prior to crafting any documents that may be offered to the membership for guidance on syndication agreements.
- Ms. Moriconi mentioned regulations on such agreements may vary by state thus the Task Force may consider crafting a generic template that can be adapted. A Task Force member mentioned the document may need to be marketed as a “sample template” so people are aware that some information may need to be adjusted (as this may present a liability without a disclaimer). Another suggestion was to seek out examples from trainers that may already have similar documents crafted.

- Ms. Bass suggested bringing individuals involved with the ‘Experience Dressage’ platform to join a future call with the group to gather advice on how to market the project.
 - Ms. Lewis suggested the Task Force review the urgency of this project as compared to the drugs and medications project before deciding on which to act on. Ms. Lewis suggested the latter project is more pressing at the present time. A Task Force member suggested the syndication agreement could incorporate aspects of the drugs and medications project.
- B. Owner awareness and responsibility of drugs and medications project:
- Ms. Bass asked the Task Force to consider how they envision getting the word out about this issue. Ms. Bass informed the Task Force the objective of this project is to educate horse owners. A Task Force member suggested this initiative should also aim to protect owners by making them understand their responsibility and liability pertaining to this issue.
 - The Task Force liked the idea of producing an educational video for members.
 - Ms. Lewis commented she liked the Owners article series published throughout 2017 via *In Stride*. Ms. Lewis suggested publishing additional articles that discuss drugs, when to administer, when not to administer (prior to showing), etc. Ms. Bass requested Ms. Matuszak discuss with Ms. Megan Lacy the cost associated with running these articles in the past year for consideration for future publication.
 - The Task Force agreed to examine what other Committees and Task Forces are doing with regards to this issue.

Following some discussion and debate, the Task Force voted to approve the owner awareness and responsibility of drugs and medications project as their sole initiative for 2018. The Task Force agreed to plan the execution of this project at a later meeting date.

IV. Old business

No old business was discussed.

V. New business

The Task Force agreed to reconvene on Monday, January 22nd, 2018 at 11:00 am (EST)/8:00 am (PST) via teleconference to begin planning the execution of their 2018 initiative.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:02 pm EST.

Respectfully,

Emily Matuszak, USHJA Sport Program Assistant