



USHJA Joint Amateurs Task Force Meeting Minutes

USHJA Annual Meeting – Tampa, FL

December 12, 2018 – 2:30 pm (EST)

Joint Amateurs Task Force Members Participating: Penelope Ayers (Vice Chair), Adele Einhorn, Susan McKinley, Yvetta Rechler-Newman, Ariane Stiegler (5)

Joint Amateurs Task Force Members Not Present: Tracey Weinberg (Chair), Wendy Chapot Nunn, Courtney Cummings, Karen Freywald, Martha Hall, Rachel Howell (6)

Also Present: Jennifer Osterman (USHJA Assistant Managing Director of Sport Programs) (1)

I. Welcome and roll call

Ms. Ayers called the meeting to order and Ms. Osterman performed the roll call; with five Task Force members present, a quorum was met.

II. Approval of meeting minutes from November 13, 2018

Ms. McKinley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 13, 2018; Ms. Stiegler seconded and the motion was passed without further discussion.

III. USHJA Safety Ad Hoc and Amateurs Task Force “Safety at Shows” Presentation

Mr. Joe Dotoli of the USHJA Safety Ad Hoc presented the first step of to the new initiative for improved safety protocol at horse shows. Mr. Dotoli went through the presentation while calling on other members of the Safety Ad Hoc to further assist the initiative. The Task Force is in full support of this presentation and safety movement.

IV. Discussion of Proposed Language of JP 117 Amateur Owners

Ms. Ayers gave the floor to Ms. Steigler to discuss the changes the Task Force would like to see. Currently, the rule states to split the classes at 80 horses, and they feel that splitting at 50 horses would be much safer for all involved. The current rule change was voted on the by the Jumper Working Group to remain at 80 horses for the split to occur.

Ms. Ayers also discussed that the level of difficulty was now named Low, Medium, and High for the jumper sections. She mentions the need for classes to be held at just one height only, and not have potential for classes to have a few jumps at the higher end of the height criteria. She used the example that if a rider enters a 3’3 hunter division, there would not be one or two jumps held and 3’6. Some

riders are comfortable at the lower height, but adding a few bigger jumps that they might not be ready for is unnecessary. The emphasis is on safety of the horse and rider. She suggested that a new rule change proposal could be to specify the height in each class, and the first day could be held at the lowest height for the division and move the following days held at the higher height for the division. She mentioned that she has support from Anne Kursinski on this topic.

Additionally the Amateur Owner rule discussion, the Task Force mentioned the need for age splits to be different for the Amateurs divisions. This may come that the Juniors are expanded to go to 21 years of age, and with that then the amateur age split would also be changed. There was support for the juniors to end at 21 years old due to some younger adults still in school, living at home, and being between an amateur or professional.

V. Old business

No old business was discussed.

VI. New business

No new business was discussed.

VII. Adjournment

Ms. Einhorn made a motion to adjourn, and Ms. Rechler-Newman seconded the motion. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:49 pm (EST).

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Osterman, USHJA Assistant Managing Director of Sport Programs