



**USHJA Zone 2 Committee Meeting Minutes**

Monday, April 6, 2020 - 10:00 a.m. ET

**Zone 2 Members Participating:** Mark Leone (Chair), Troy Hendricks (Vice Chair), Wendy Chapot Nunn (Treasurer), James Benedetto, Naomi Blumenthal, Mary Drueding, Karin Immerman, Kerry Kocher, Claudine Liberatore, Linda Mancini, Tobey McWilliams, Andrew Philbrick and Cynthia Williams. (13)

**Zone 2 Members Not Present:** Katie Benson and Michael Dowling. (2)

**Also Present:** Morgan Thibodeaux (Sports Program Coordinator), Kristin Rover (Regional Communications Coordinator) and Lynn Johnson (Sports Program Office Aide). (3)

**I. Welcome and Roll Call**

Mr. Leone called the meeting to order. Ms. Thibodeaux called roll. A quorum was met with thirteen committee members present.

**II. Approve the minutes**

*Ms. Chapot Nunn motioned to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2020 meeting. Ms. Blumenthal seconded and the minutes were approved by the rest of the committee with no abstentions.*

**III. 2021 Zone 2 Specifications**

Mr. Leone opened the specifications up for discussion. Ms. Williams addressed the Adult Amateur/Adult Amateur Owner Hunters specifications. Currently, an Adult Amateur may not cross enter between Adult Amateur and Amateur Owner unless they own the horse they are showing in the Adult Amateurs. Her proposal was to allow the Adult Amateur, showing in the Amateur Owner, to show horses they do not own in the Adult Amateurs. Discussion ensued with various options discussed. Other Zones do allow an Amateur Owner exhibitor to show one horse in the Adult Amateur that they do not own. The committee agreed this change would allow the true amateur to have the opportunity to show additional horses in the Adult Amateur division (another division) without having to own the horse and could be good for the industry. Ms.

Thibodeaux advised the Committee that the draft specifications would be posted for a member comment period. After that, the specifications can still be amended before they are submitted to the Hunter Working Group. Any feedback received from member comment can be used to edit the specifications. *Ms. Williams made a motion to change the Adult Amateur specification to say "Riders may cross enter between the Adult Amateur Hunter and the Amateur Owner sections."* *Ms. Immerman seconded the motion; the motion passed without abstention.* Mr. Leone stated the Zone 2 Specifications now needed to be approved in total. *Ms. Immerman made a motion to approve the Zone 2 Specifications as amended.* *Ms. Mancini seconded the motion and the motion passed with no abstentions.*

**IV. Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

**V. New Business**

Various inquiries have been noted regarding qualifying, championships, status etc. Ms. Thibodeaux advised the Committee that all committees were meeting to discuss whether qualifying would be adjusted and championships would be rescheduled. The USHJA BOD will meet tonight to discuss these and many other issues. Those decisions will be shared with Ms. Thibodeaux. Many issues involve waiting on decisions from USEF, who is meeting weekly to monitor the situation including the current suspension period of competitions. All of these decisions are taking into account horse welfare and rider safety. As soon as Ms. Thibodeaux has information for release, that will be shared with all the committees. Currently, it is a wait and see situation.

**VI. Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m. ET.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**July 22-26, 2020 – Zone and Platinum Jumper Championships Saugerties**

**August 27-30, 2020 – Equitation Championships Swan Lake**

**September 10-13, 2020 – HOTY Jumper Championships Devon**

**September 26-27, 2020 – Stirrup Cup Championships Swan Lake**

**October 18, 2020 - Hunter Championships Harrisburg**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Johnson  
Sports Program Office Aide