USHJA Children’s Adult Hunter Task Force Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2019, 4:00 p.m. ET via Teleconference

Task Force Members Present: Tobey McWilliams (Chair), Otis Brown (Vice Chair), Jaime Gibson, Hunter Messineo, Monica Hunt, Simone Starnes, Sharon Stewart-Wells (7)

Task Force Members Not Present: Audra Glenn (1)

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

I. Roll Call
Ms. McWilliams called the meeting to order and Ms. Osterman called roll. With 7 members present a quorum was met.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 8, 2019
Mr. Messineo made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 8, 2019; Mr. Brown seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

III. 2020 Championship Host Criteria
Ms. Osterman outlines the changes to the 2020 Championship Host Criteria document, and noted blackout dates.

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the 2020 Blackout Dates; Ms. Hunt seconded and the motion was approved.

Ms. Osterman briefly discussed that some Zones would like to host individual championships. Ms. Osterman open the discussion to the group in regards to when the qualifying periods should be. Ms. McWilliams also suggested that each competition host should be better prepared in terms of rules and regulations to limit staff travel/expense. The Task Force concurred that it would be adequate to have the Stewarts and a Task Force members hold the responsibility of being the USHJA representative at the championships rather than the office liaison. Ms. Osterman encouraged the Task Force members to attend and help promote the program as well as using the host facility appoint a staff member to help run the championship on site.
IV. **Discussion of 2021 program proposal for 2’6” section in the Championships**
Ms. McWilliams brought forward an issue that the USHJA 2’6” Hunter division allows professionals, and the Task Force was in agreement that it cannot include professionals. The non-professional divisions would include the Pre-Children’s and Pre-Adults. A Task Force member started the discussion with Children’s Hunter Ponies, which would include heights at 2’ for Small and Medium Ponies and 2’6” Large Ponies. Ms. Osterman brings up that there have been multiple members who are interested in the championships but are currently unable to attend because ponies are not included. Mr. Brown suggests that the current specifications sent forward are amended to include ponies. Ms. Osterman explained the approval process and that it could only be possible for 2021 Championship year at this time. Ms. McWilliams suggests that the addition of a pony section as well as a low/pre 2’6” section would be too much for competition management and make the schedule go on too long. Therefore, the current focus will be on including the pony section to the championships.

V. **Old Business**
No old business was discussed.

VI. **New Business**
No new business was discussed.

VII. **Adjourn**
The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 pm ET.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Osterman
USHJA Assistant Managing Director of Sport Programs