Committee: USHJA Joint Equitation Task Force

Meeting Date: Monday, December 9th, 2019

Meeting Time: 2:45pm-4:00pm (MT)

Location: USHJA Annual Meeting – Denver, CO

Members Present: Robin Rost Brown, chair; Susan Baginski, James Hagman, Stacie, Ryan, Caitlin Venezia, (5)

Members Not Present: Ann Dotoli, Missy Clark, Andre Dignelli, Karen Healey, Elizabeth Pandich, Ken Smith (6)

Also Present: Melanie Mader, USHJA Sports Program Coordinator; Mary Babick, USHJA President; approx. 65 USHJA members (open forum)

Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and roll call

Mrs. Brown welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Mrs. Babick addressed the Task Force and Membership regarding meeting attendance, participation in program and sport development, and responsibility to Task Force appointment.

Ms. Mader took roll; with 5 members present, a quorum was met.

II. Approval of meeting minutes from November 25, 2019

Ms Baginski made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 25th call; Mrs. Venezia seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Conflict of Interest

IV. Review of 2019 Equitation Task Force Activities & Competitions

- Slide presentation

Ms. Mader displayed a slide presentation summarizing the efforts of the Equitation Task Force in 2019.

V. Member Feedback

- USHJA Programs & Finals
• Jumping Seat Medal
• Hunterdon Cup
• Hunter Seat Medal Classes to date
  • Judge Selection Criteria
  The Objective judging criteria was discussed, members gave feedback regarding the development of the criteria. The main intent is to enlarge the judging pool so that more LO’s are available and the same judges are not judging multiple finals.

  • Technical Delegate
  • Rule Change Proposals
  • Other Equitation Programs & Finals

VI. 2021 Specifications (review & approval)

Mrs. Ryan made a motion to put the program specifications on the floor for discussion; Mr. Hagman seconded the motion; Motion carried.

• Jumping Seat Medal
  o JSM class: III.b. amend the wording regarding penalties for resetting of a fence. (possible reference WHIS jumping specs?)
  o JSM Finals: II.c. amend the wording regarding penalties for resetting of a fence resulting from a disruption. (possible reference WHIS jumping specs?)
  o JSM Finals: I.d. revise wording to reflect that riders may only compete in a 2* or 3* no more than 4 times cumulatively before becoming disqualified from JSMF.
  o Task Force voted unanimously to approve JSM Class & Final specs with amended language.

• Hunter Seat Medal
  o HSM Class & Final: Strike out Hunter style; reference USEF HSM Medal wording re: course – jump style/ring req’s?
  o Mrs. Ryan made a motion to accept the HSM Class & Final specs with amended language; Mrs. Venezia seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously

• Hunterdon Cup
  o Competition Format Round 1: reference USEF HSM wording
  o Task Force voted unanimously to approve JSM Class & Final specs with amended language.

VII. 2021 Hunterdon Cup Judge Selection

This item was tabled for a later meeting

VIII. Old business

Mrs. Brown informed the Task Force that the Hunter Working Group and Jumper Working Groups both disapproved EQ106 regarding point calculations for
championships. After discussion, the task force voted unanimously to amend the wording to reflect similar Hunter rules stating the top 4 riders in a section would keep their flat points toward calculating championships and reserve.

IX. New business

There was no new business to discuss.

X. Adjournment

Mrs. Ryan made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Baginski seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 3:58pm

Committee actions resulting in a recommendation for program changes are subject to additional review in accordance with Board of Directors approved policy.