



USHJA Zone 1 Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday July 14, 2020 - 5:00 p.m. ET

Zone Members Participating: Fran Dotoli (Chair), Jay Mullen (Vice Chair), Meg Black, Cynsie Broda, Amy Eidson, Sally Hinkle Russell, Charles Jacobs, Felicia Knowles, Carla Sharp, David Wilbur and Sheila Murphy (NV Member). (11)

Zone Members Not Present: John Bahret (Treasurer), Lisa Foster, C. J. Law, Frederick Schauder, Kristi Smith, Anne Dotoli (NV Member) and Monica Hunt (NV Member) - EXC. (7)

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

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Ms. Dotoli called the meeting to order and Morgan Thibodeaux called roll. A quorum was met with eleven committee members present.

II. Approve the minutes

Ms. Eidson motioned to approve the minutes from the May 27, 2020 meeting; Ms. Knowles seconded the motion: the minutes were approved with no abstentions.

III. 2021 Zone 1 Host Applications

Ms. Dotoli stated there was one application for Zone 1 2021 HOTY received. The application was from Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield for September 15 – 19, 2021. Mr. Mullen runs this show. Mr. Mullen stated this usually runs up against the Maclay Regionals or the M&S Finals. Ms. Dotoli called for a motion. *Ms. Eidson made a motion to accept the Host Application for Zone 1 Finals from Eastern States Exposition for 2021 and 2022. Ms. Sharp seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Mullen abstaining.*

IV. Old Business

Ms. Dotoli brought up the Handy Hunter Challenge and asked if Committee members would still want to try to work it into the 2021 schedule. Ms. Eidson agreed.

Ms. Sharp asked if Zone Finals for 2020 were still a go. Mr. Mullen stated the 2020 Zone 1 Finals are still going forward. The Eastern States Exposition are finalizing this at a board meeting this Thursday. Mr. Mullen will advise the Committee of their decision Friday morning.

Ms. Thibodeaux will send the Committee members the email address for Ms. Rover at USHJA to send names for potential member spotlights for Zone 1. Ms. Dotoli asked when nominations are due for USHJA Year End Awards. Ms. Thibodeaux stated she will check with the Awards Dept. to see when those are due. Ms. Thibodeaux will advise the Committee when those are due and how to nominate someone. Ms. Dotoli stated she was told by the Awards Committee nominees from last year that did not receive awards will be automatically nominated for the same award this year. Ms. Thibodeaux stated she would check on that also.

V. New Business

Ms. Dotoli stated USHJA was initiating a new division, the 2'6" Children's/Adult Hunters with the specifications to be determined. The Zone Council is meeting tonight to discuss this. Ms. Dotoli asked the Committee for their input on this. Ms. Dotoli and Mr. Mullen believed the specifications may be the same as the Zone 1 specs for Children's and Adult Amateurs meaning the Children's horse/rider combination cannot enter Junior Hunters and the Adult Amateur horse/rider combination cannot enter the A/Os. Ms. Thibodeaux read the specs Zone 1 adopted previously for the 2'6" Low Hunters, which are the same as the current Stirrup Cup specs for these divisions. (Rider may not cross enter into any division at the same competition where the fences exceed 2'9" except for 3' Equitation.) Ms. Eidson asked if a rider is capable of doing 3' Equitation course, why are they doing 2'6" Hunters? They should be limited to 2'6"-2'9" height. Ms. Thibodeaux suggested removing the exception for the 3' Equitation. The Committee agreed. This will be discussed at Zone Council.

VI. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Eidson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Murphy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:26pm ET.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Johnson
USHJA Sports Program Assistant