



**USHJA Joint Equitation Task Force Meeting Minutes**

November 26, 2018 – 1:00 pm (EST) via Teleconference

**Joint Equitation Task Force Members Participating:** Robin Rost Brown (Chair), James Hagman (Vice Chair), Candida Anthony, Susan Baginski, Missy Clark, Cindy Cruciotti, Ann Dotoli, Karen Healey, Walter Kees, Stacia Madden, Ken Smith (11)

**Joint Equitation Task Force Members Not Present:** Andre Dignelli, Elizabeth Pandich, George Morris (3)

**Also Present:** Kelsey Shanley (USEF Director, National Affiliates), Erin Keating (Managing Director of Sport Programs), Emily Matuszak (USHJA Sport Program Assistant) (3)

**I. Welcome and roll call**

Ms. Rost Brown called the meeting to order and Ms. Matuszak performed the roll call; with eleven Task Force members present, a quorum was met.

**II. USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Specifications discussion**

The Task Force reviewed the revised USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Specifications and made the following amendments:

- a. The Task Force requested to update the language in Section VII.B. to read, "ribbons will be awarded first through twelfth place..." to be consistent with the USEF Hunter Seat Medal.
- b. The Task Force requested to update Section II.A. to read, "Eligible riders are those who have not competed in any of the following National Equitation Finals with fences at 3'6" within the same competition year...". The Task Force debated whether to prohibit riders that competed in the USEF Pony Medal within the same competition year but declined to include this language.

*Ms. Madden made a motion to approve the changes made to the USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Specifications; Ms. Baginski seconded and the motion was passed without further discussion.*

**III. 2018 USHJA Annual Meeting Agenda discussion**

The Task Force requested the following topics be added to the 2018 USHJA Annual Meeting Agenda for the Joint Equitation Task Force meeting:

1. USEF Show Jumping Talent Search discussion
2. Meeting minutes from the 2018 Joint Equitation Task Force Retreat

**IV. Old business**

No old business was discussed.

**V. New business**

Ms. Rost Brown raised the issue of equitation riders using magnetic stirrups in the show ring and asked the Task Force how they should address this issue. Ms. Shanley informed the Task Force that rules exist that prohibit the use of these and a rule change proposal was not needed. The Task Force discussed how to enforce the existing rules. Ms. Shanley agreed to issue additional communication regarding this issue.

**VI. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm EST.

Respectfully,

Emily Matuszak, USHJA Sport Program Assistant