



USHJA Horse and Rider Advocates Committee
Tuesday, April 16, 2019 3:00pm ET
Teleconference: 888-392-4560 Access Code: 39235

Members Present: Dr. Mark Baus, Carol Dean-Porter, Dayle Eldredge, Arly Golombek (Vice), Susan Lyman, Wendy Mathews, Jo-Ann Schaudies, Gay Talmey, Leslie Terry, Glenna Wirtanen, and Katie Young (Chair) (11)

Members Not Present: Maria Biancone, Dr. Richard Mitchell, Sheila Murphy, Dr. Stephen Soule, and Eric Straus (5)

Also Present: Whitney Barnard (Committee Liaison)

I. Welcome and Roll Call

- Katie Young called the meeting to order at 3:04pm ET. Whitney Barnard performed roll call and a quorum was met with 11 voting members present.

II. Approval of meeting minutes from February 25, 2019

- *Ms. Dean-Porter moved to approve the minutes from February 25, 2019. There was a second and the motion passed unanimously.*

III. HRA Updates

Ms. Young offered some committee updates. *In Stride* will be offering a “Healthy Horse Series” in 2019. Topics include deworming, schooling safety, short and long term competition goals, nutrition for horses, leather care, and blanketing and clipping.

Communications has also offered to repurpose the HRA articles from 2017 in social media and upcoming eNews. They are looking for four topics from this committee for new content. May will offer information on stall cards and November will include an article on over showing/planning the next show season. They are looking for two more ideas.

After some discussion, the committee agreed on reporting abuse and additional education about show coats during the summer show season. Ms. Barnard pointed out that these were repeat topics but the committee felt it was important to continue to educate the membership on these issues.

The committee discussed the need for pulling some data in regards to educating members on welfare issues as well as for RCP purposes. Ms. Young created a subcommittee to help identify parameters for queries related to over showing.

IV. RCPs

Ms. Dean-Porter explained that there is a need to modify the practice of jogging so that horses do not need to stand around at the ring for hours between their ride and their jog. She would like to specifically address the 3' and 3'3" greens and the 3'3" performance. Ms. Barnard offered to talk with the staff liaisons of various hunter committees to get their feedback about possible RCP language.

VI. Old Business

- Memos
 - We are still waiting for a response from Competition Management about the stall card memo
 - The Awards Committee reviewed data and did not feel that Dash for Cash was a concerning awards program; it's a rider-specific award with a sponsor so they are reluctant to do away with it. However, they are removing a jumper award that they feel may encourage negative welfare practices. They are going to continue reviewing data to look for trends and provide additional insight in other areas.
- The USHJA staff got together and brainstormed a hashtag for HRA education articles. It is #informedequestrian and will be used in social media and newsletters moving forward

VI. New Business

Ms. Mathews asked the committee to consider a RCP that would require privacy screens for injured horses at National and Premier competitions. Ms. Mathews motioned to move forward with an RCP and Ms. Eldredge seconded. The motion passed. Ms. Mathews offered to send Ms. Barnard some language.

VII. Adjourn

- *Ms. Mathews motioned to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 4:01pm ET.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Whitney Barnard
 USHJA Assistant Managing Director of Education/Committee Liaison