



USHJA Board of Directors

Special Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. ET

Board Members Present: Mary Babick, John Bahret, Debbie Bass, Katie Benson, Tom Brennan, Diane Carney, Rick Cram, Margie Engle, Dianne Johnson, Larry Langer, Britt McCormick, Tobey McWilliams, Betty Oare, Cheryl Rubenstein, Charlotte Skinner-Robson, Sissy Wickes.

Board Members Not Present: Shelley Campf, David Distler, Joe Dotoli, Anne Kursinski, Jimmy Torano

Staff Present: Kevin Price, Marianne Kutner, Leslie Mangan

- I. Welcome
Mary Babick welcomed the Board and the meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. EDT.
- II. Roll Call
Roll call was conducted and it was established that there was a quorum present.
- III. Reconsideration of USEF/USHJA MOU – Program Specifications, Point Calculation and Regulation
Mr. Langer made a motion to place the USEF/USHJA MOU tabled from the October 1, 2018 Board meeting back on the floor for discussion and vote. Tobey McWilliams seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by those present.

Ms. Babick reported to the committee that based in the request made by the Board members during the October 1 meeting, the Federation made edits to the original MOU that clarified the Federation’s guarantee that points would be calculated for an entire competition period once that period had commenced. This amendment was reflected in the copy of the MOU that was distributed to the Board members on October 2, 2018.

Several questions were asked and addressed regarding specific language contained within the MOU. Mr. Langer asked the President and Legal Counsel for their opinion regarding whether or not the following language could be interpreted as indicating that every other Hunter or Jumper program that was not a USHJA property was being claimed as a USEF property:

“**WHEREAS**, USHJA owns certain Hunter Jumper programs for which detailed specifications (“Specs”) have been created, outside of the USEF Rulebook...”

Ms. Kutner reported she did not feel this was being implied at all and feels the statement in question pertains only to the subject matter contained within the MOU, and that it was not the Federation's intention to address anything beyond that.

Another question was raised regarding the definition of "competition period" as referenced throughout the MOU document. Ms. Babick clarified that the Federation understands that USHJA has programs that operate on a calendar that might differ from the Federation's conventional "competition year" (December 1 – November 30), so the term "competition period" was used instead specifically to acknowledge that dates might differ from USHJA program to USHJA program.

A final question was raised regarding the effective date of this MOU, and if implementation will pose any conflict or problems for programs whose 2019 specifications are not yet approved. Ms. Babick confirmed that the effective date was immediate upon full execution and that although there are some programs that are still in the process of specification approval for 2019, this should not pose an immediate problem provided that the approval process is completed in a timely manner. Mr. Brennan commented further that in a recent conversation he had with USEF Legal Counsel, it was confirmed that this MOU essentially memorializes the continuing, but previously unwritten, agreement between the two organizations regarding specification regulation and point calculation.

There being no further discussion, the Board members present voted unanimously to approve execution of the USEF/USHJA MOU concerning USHJA program specification regulation and point calculation.

VIII. Old Business

None

IX. New Business

None

X. Adjourn

There being no further business, Mr. Langer made a motion to adjourn, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Langer, Secretary