I. Welcome and roll call
Ms. Fresch called the meeting to order and Ms. Mader performed the roll call; with six Task Force members present, a quorum was met.

II. Approval of meeting minutes from October 22, 2018
Mr. Oare made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 12, 2018; Ms. Bass seconded and the motion was passed without further discussion.

III. Discussion of Drugs and Medication Education Proposal Draft One
Ms. Fresch provided the Task Force with an amended draft of their Drugs and Medication Education Program proposal. The Task Force again went through the description, goals, beneficiaries, products, and timeline associated with the proposal. Ms. Bass suggested a third item to be included under goals: Outlined steps owners can take to help protect themselves against incurring a drug or medication violation. Mr. Oare & Mr. Mayer made the members aware of videos that USEF had sent out in an email regarding educating oneself about Drugs & Medication rules. Ms. Osterman informed the group that USEF is the governing body over the Drugs & Medications rules and as such, we must work with them to ensure we are imparting accurate information in line with their initiatives. The Task Force decided that they should watch the USEF videos and contemplate any edits or additions to their proposal. They asked Ms. Mader to draft a Memo to the USEF committee over Drugs & Medications to co-brand or re-brand the educational materials USEF already has in place. Ms. Mader will distribute the memo to the Task Force prior to the next call so they can review and make edits. Ms. Fresch tentatively set the next meeting for the last week of March or first week of April, on a Monday.
The Task Force’s main goal for this program is to provide horse owners with easily digestible information about current drugs and medications as well as their intended therapeutic use. Mr. Oare made a compelling statement regarding the fact that the educational material needs to be from an owner’s point of view, as they have a different perspective than trainers or veterinarians.

IV. Old business
Ms. Bass shared information about an outside group who is working on a project regarding Sales Transparency. They would like to develop a database to track sales of horses.
Ms. Fresch opened a discussion about the visibility of stewards at the shows. There is still some difficulty locating and identifying the show Stewards. After some discussion, a decision was made to draft a memo to the Officials Committee to propose a method to make Stewards more easily identified. The Task Force asked Ms. Mader to draft a memo for review after she had completed the Memo to the USEF regarding the Drugs and Medications Owners Educational Proposal.

V. New business
No new business was discussed.

VI. Adjournment
Mr. Mayer made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Oare seconded the motion. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:36 pm EST.

Respectfully,

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