Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – April 30, 2018

Members Participating: Mary Babick, John Bahret, Shelley Campf, David Distler, Margie Engle, Dianne Johnson, Anne Kursinski, Charlotte Skinner-Robson, Britt McCormick, Cheryl Rubenstein

Members Absent: Larry Langer

Others Present: Kevin Price, Leslie Mangan

I. Roll Call
Roll call was conducted and a quorum was met.

II. Adoption of Agenda
A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes
Charlotte Skinner-Robson pointed out that under agenda item V on page 6, the minutes did not reflect her recusal from the Heritage Competition Status review. Leslie Mangan agreed to correct the minutes accordingly.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the April 2, 2018 Executive Committee meeting, as corrected. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Consideration of Limiting Entries & Special Competition Status Requests
A motion was made and seconded to place the Limiting Entries and Special Competition Status requests on the floor for discussion and vote. The motion was unanimously approved.

Reconsideration of NHS Hunter Classic Limiting Entries Request
The committee reconsidered the NHS Hunter Classic Limiting Entries request that modified the qualifying language to remove all references to automatic “byes” and added language that included the second Reserve Champion to the qualifying list.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of the amended NHS Hunter Classic Limiting Entries request, as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.
Special Competition Request – Zones 1 & 2 Maclay Regionals
A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval for granting Zones 1 & 2 Maclay Regionals’ request for Special Competition status in 2018. The motion was unanimously approved.

Special Competition Request – Rolex Central Park Horse Show
David Distler identified a conflict of interest with this request, recused himself and left the call prior to discussion and vote.

Brief discussion ensued and the committee consensus was that this competition has established itself as a unique showcase event that provides positive promotion to the public for the sport of equestrian.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of Rolex Central Park Horse Show’s request for Special Competition status for 2018. The motion was unanimously approved by those present.

David Distler rejoined the call.

V. Consideration of Zone & Sport Program Requests
A motion was made and seconded to place all Zone & Sport Program requests on the floor for discussion and vote. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Amendment to 2018 Outreach Specifications – Insurance Requirements
  The committee reviewed a staff request to modify the current liability insurance requirement for Outreach Competitions. Currently, the insurance requirement within the specifications is holding Outreach Competitions to a different and higher standard than Federation licensed competitions. The proposal calls for reducing the required aggregate limit for liability insurance from the current $2 million to $1 million, thereby aligning the insurance requirements for Outreach Competitions with those of Federation licensed competitions as well as other USHJA programs.

  A motion was made and seconded to approve amending the 2018 Outreach Competition Specifications to lower the minimum liability insurance requirement from an Aggregate limit of $2 million to $1 Million. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 2018 Zone 12 Horsemanship Equitation Championship Specifications
  A motion was made and seconded to approve the Zone 12 Horsemanship Equitation Championship Specifications, as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Clarification to 2018 USHJA National Hunter Derby Specifications
  The committee reviewed a request to add language to the 2018 National Hunter Derby Specifications to clarify that the same horse and rider combination must compete in both rounds of the class. The following language is proposed to be added to Section I.L.:

  In accordance with HU146.14, the same horse-and-rider combination must compete in both rounds of the National Hunter Derby.
A motion was made and seconded to approve the clarification to the 2018 USHJA National Hunter Derby Specifications that requires the same horse and rider combination compete in both rounds of a National Hunter Derby. The motion was unanimously approved.

- **Reconsideration of 2019 Pony Hunter Derby Specifications**
  The committee reconsidered the proposed 2019 USHJA Pony Hunter Derby Specifications that were tabled during the April 2, 2018 Executive Committee meeting pending amendments to the language. The amended language was added that modified the point allocation chart by adding one point per pony entered to the base point allocation. Additionally, contradictory language was removed concerning the minimum number of ponies required to compete for points to count.

  A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2019 Pony Hunter Derby Specifications, as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

- **2019 USHJA Pony Hunter Derby Championship Location Update**
  Kevin Price provided a report to the committee regarding the follow-up discussions with both competition managers associated with the committee-approved host locations for the 2019 Championships. Stephanie Wheeler provided three possible date selections for hosting the West Championship:
    - June 26-30, 2019  Blenheim Red White & Blue Classic
    - August 21-25, 2019  Showpark Summer Classic
    - September 14-15, 2019 Blenheim Fall Tournament

  Hugh Kincannon indicated his first choice for hosting the East Championship would be during USEF Pony Finals (August 5-11, 2019), but that he could accommodate the class at the competition held the week prior to Pony Finals at the Kentucky Summer Classic (July 31-August 5, 2019).

  After brief discussion, the committee felt that the Kentucky Summer Classic (July 31-August 5) and the Showpark Summer Classic (August 21-25) represented the best dates for the East and West Championships respectively.

  A motion was made and seconded to approve the Kentucky Summer Classic (July 31-August 5) as the host venue for the 2019 USHJA Pony Hunter Derby Championship – East and the Showpark Summer Classic (August 21-25) as the host venue for the 2019 USHJA Pony Hunter Derby Championship – West. The motion was unanimously approved.

VI. Old Business
None

VII. New Business
None

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VIII. Adjournment
There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn, and the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. EDT.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Larry Langer, Secretary