

USHJA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. ET via Teleconference

Members Participating: Mary Babick, John Bahret, Katie Benson, David Distler, Joe Dotoli, Margie Engle, Dianne Johnson, Britt McCormick, Robin Rost Brown, Cheryl Rubenstein, Charlotte Skinner-Robson

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Marianne Kutner, Kevin Price, Leigh Anne Claywell, Mary Hope Kramer

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

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2019 Executive Committee meeting, as presented. Those present unanimously approved the motion.

IV. Consideration of Heritage Competition Status & Limited Entry Requests

A motion was made and seconded to place consideration of Heritage Competition Status & Limited Entry Requests on the floor for discussion and vote. The motion was unanimously approved by those present.

No conflicts of interest on the part of any Executive Committee members in attendance were identified with respect to these requests.

- **Heritage Competition Status Request – Ox Ridge Charity Horse Show**

The committee reviewed the application and request contained within the meeting packet. Discussion ensued and the committee felt the competition adequately met the requisite criteria. Ms. Babick and Ms. Skinner-Robson indicated that they plan to write a rule change involving Heritage Competition Status.

At the end of discussion, the members present unanimously approved the Heritage Competition Status Request for the Ox Ridge Charity Horse Show.

- **Limited Entry Request – Capital Challenge Horse Show**

The committee reviewed the materials provided within the meeting packet that outlined the Capital Challenge Horse Show's 2019 request to limit entries in its Green Hunter 3' and 3'3" sections. Ms. Babick noted that this request had been approved in previous years.

Hearing no discussion, the members present unanimously approved the Limited Entry Request for the 2019 Capital Challenge Horse Show.

V. Consideration of Sport Program Requests

A motion was made and seconded to place all Sport Program requests on the floor for discussion and vote. The motion was unanimously approved.

- **2020 Pony Hunter Derby & PHD Championship Specifications**

The committee reviewed the Hunter Working Group's 2020 Pony Hunter Derby and Pony Hunter Derby Championship Specifications. The Championship Specifications include different language for qualifying period, giving a 60 day window as opposed to specific dates, and also include the right to limit entries on first-come, first-served basis due to scheduling constraints. There was discussion about the disparity between the number of entries competing at Nationals (12) and Regionals (6), and about jogging requirements.

The request was tabled pending further discussion and review.

- **2020 USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Class & Final Specifications**

The committee reviewed the proposed specifications for the 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Class. The suggestion was made to strike the phrase in II A "**or any year thereafter,**" while adding a sentence at the end to read: "**Once a rider has competed in any of the aforementioned finals they remain ineligible to compete in the 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal.**"

A motion to amend the Class Specifications by striking "or any year thereafter" in section II A and adding the new language was made and seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. The Executive Committee then voted unanimously to approve the Class specifications, as amended.

The committee reviewed the proposed specifications for the 3'3" Hunter Seat Final. It was noted that the same change to II A, as listed above for the Medal Class, should be included. Additionally, the suggestion was made to strike IV D and IV E under Judging Procedures, regarding section division.

A motion to amend the Final Specifications by striking "or any year thereafter" in section II A and adding the new language, while also striking judging procedures IV-D and IV-E, was made and seconded. The Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve the Final Specifications, as amended.

- **2020 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Class & Finals Specifications**

The committee reviewed the proposed specifications. There was a brief discussion about why the Jumping Seat Medal Class was less restrictive than Hunter Seat Medal Class.

The Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve the 2020 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Class, as presented.

The committee amended the 2020 3'3" Jumping Seat Finals Specifications to remove an erroneous strikethrough of the Exception in section I C. There was also a brief discussion about the inclusion of a High Performance athlete for judging.

The Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve the 2020 3'3" Jumping Seat Finals Specifications, as amended to remove the erroneous strikethrough in I C.

- **2020 Zone Jumper Team & Platinum Jumper Championship Specifications**

The committee reviewed the Zone Jumper Team Specifications and made the following amendments:

- Section VIII. A Chef d'Equipe: language amended to read: "Individuals will be asked to apply to USHJA to serve as the **Recognized and/or** Assistant Zone Jumper Team Championship Chef d'Equipe" to align with sections below.
- Section VIII. B Chef d'Equipe: should read "Zone Committees will select individuals from the USHJA approved **list** to serve..."

The Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve the 2020 Zone Jumper Team Specifications, as amended.

The committee reviewed the Platinum Jumper Championship Specifications and made the following amendments:

- Section VIII. A Chef d'Equipe: language amended to read: "Individuals will be asked to apply to USHJA to serve as the **Recognized and/or** Assistant Platinum Championship Chef d'Equipe" to align with sections below.
- Section VIII. A 3. Agree to attend the designated Platinum Championship....
- Section VIII. A. 5. The Assistant Platinum Championship.....
- Section VIII. A. 6. A Recognized and/or Assistant Platinum Championship...
- Section VIII. B Chef d'Equipe: should read "Zone Committees will select individuals from the USHJA approved **list** to serve..."
- Section V. D: amended to read "Because the zone HOTY Championship points for this section are awarded to competitors based upon money won, **and because that amount offered can vary**, the USHJA will assign..."

The motion to amend to include the new language in section V. D. was made and seconded. It was then unanimously approved by the committee. The committee also noted that the language for section VIII. A. & B. as listed for the Zone Jumper Team would be applied to the Platinum Jumper Championship Specifications. The Executive Committee then voted unanimously to approve the 2020 Platinum Jumper Championship Specifications, as amended.

- **2020 NAYC Selection Procedures**

The Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve the 2020 NAYC Selection Procedures, noting the corrected qualifying period dates (September 1 through June 8, 2020 for all except Zone 10, which concludes on April 15, 2020).

- **2020 Hunterdon Cup Specifications**

The Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve the 2020 Hunterdon Cup Specifications, as presented.

- **2020 World Championship Hunter Rider Specifications**

The Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve the 2020 World Championship Hunter Rider Specifications, as presented.

- **2020 Sports Department Host Applications (ZJTC/PJC Update)**
 - **2020/2021 Zone Jumper Team & Platinum Jumper Championships Host Application Packet**

It was suggested that under Application Specifications and Notification Timeline section A, the language should be amended to read “completed **applications**” instead of “completed bids.”

The Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve the 2020 Gold Star Clinic Host Application Packet, as amended.
 - **2020 Gold Star Clinic Host Application Packet**

The Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve the 2020 Gold Star Clinic Host Application Packet, as presented.
 - **EJR Task Force request to hand select first Platinum Masters Training Session Host**

The Executive Committee voted unanimously to approve the EJRTask Force’s request to hand select the first Platinum Masters Training Session Host, as presented.

VI. Consideration of Education Program Requests

- The Future of the TCP Program

At the conclusion of discussion, a motion was made and seconded to defer this item to the Board of Directors for review at the May Board meeting. The Executive Committee members present unanimously approved the motion to defer.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

X. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn, and the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m. EST.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Dianne Johnson, Secretary

USHJA Executive Committee Email Vote

April 8, 2019

Members Voting: John Bahret, Katie Benson, David Distler, Joe Dotoli, Margie Engle, Dianne Johnson, Britt McCormick, Robin Rost Brown, Cheryl Rubenstein, Charlotte Skinner-Robson

Members Not Voting: Mary Babick

I. 2020 USHJA Pony Hunter Derby Specifications

During the April 2, 2019 Executive Committee meeting, the 2020 Pony Hunter Derby & PHD Championship Specifications were tabled with a question regarding the minimum number of ponies required to compete in the first round of the Pony Hunter Derby at Premier and National shows. It was proposed in a subsequent email vote that the minimum number of ponies that must compete in the first round at Premier and National rated competitions and competitions which have been approved for a Special Competition classification be changed from twelve (12) to six (6) ponies.

The Executive Committee approved the 2020 USHJA Pony Hunter Derby Specifications, as amended, by a unanimous email vote.

II. 2020 USHJA Pony Hunter Derby Championship

The 2020 USHJA Pony Hunter Derby Championship was approved as originally presented by a unanimous email vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Dianne Johnson, Secretary