



USHJA HWG WCHR Task Force Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. ET via Teleconference

Committee Members Participating: Carl Weeden (Chair), Louise Serio (Vice Chair), Rachel Howell, Amanda Steege, Jeff Wirthman, Elizabeth Reilly, Jennifer Hannan, Susan Moriconi, Stephanie Wheeler, Linda Valetic (10)

Committee Members Not Present: Hope Glynn (1)

Also Present: Danae Fryman (USHJA Sport Program Coordinator), Eva Van Heeke (USHJA Sport Program Coordinator)

I. Welcome and Roll Call

A. *Ms. Weeden called the meeting to order and Ms. Fryman called roll. With 10 members present, a quorum was met.*

II. Adoption of Agenda

A. *Mr. Wirthman made a motion to adopt the agenda; Ms. Steege seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.*

III. Approval of Minutes from January 22, 2019

A. *Ms. Serio made a motion to approve the minutes from January 22, 2019; Ms. Hannan seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.*

IV. Palm Beach Spectacular Recap

- A. Ms. Serio discussed the process of selecting commentators and opened the floor up for discussion as to how to approve the process. To avoid any confusion in the future the Task Force will come up with a ranking list of riders to choose from and the WCHR liaison will submit the top two to Competition Management. If a commentator becomes unavailable, the WCHR liaison should contact the WCHR Chair and Vice-Chair for approval of the commentators.
- B. Ms. Weeden discussed with the group the schedule from Friday. The group felt as though if the Amateur Owner 3'3" classic was labeled a night class then there would be proper preparation for trainers. The group would also like to see if they could get rider lounge food donated Friday night. Ms. Weeden mentioned that this could possibly be worked into a mini-version of Saturday night.

- C. Ms. Weeden discussed with the group the in-gate food. This past year, Merryburn farm donated to supply snacks and drinks in the riders lounge all week. The group would like to see this continue and will approach barns to donate a day of catering for next year.
- V. **2020 WCHR Program Specifications**
- A. *Mr. Wirthman made a motion to put the Green 3'0" and 3'3" data in on the table for discussion; Ms. Steege seconded.* The group discussed the data that was presented and came to the conclusion that this doesn't accurately represent the outcome since Professionals would take rides they normally do not if those divisions counted for WCHR points. Ms. Serio made mention that this would also discourage Professionals from competing 3'6" or higher and those divisions need encourage. The group felt as though the program is operating well as is and would like to keep the Professional division fence heights at 3'6" or higher.
- B. *Mr. Wirthman made a motion to approve the 2020 WCHR Program specifications as presented; Ms. Steege seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.*
- VI. **New Business**
- A. Ms. Hannan brought forward to the group some concerns other riders had in regards to how long the Palm Beach Spectacular class runs. The attempts to make the class more entertaining is a constant goal of the Task Force. However, the group did feel as though the first round this year could have been a little more difficult.
- B. Ms. Weeden will work with Ms. Fryman in getting a list of Course Designers and suggest those individuals to Competition Management. The group would also like to explore the option of a Technical Delegate for the night class. This person would review the course and ensure the WCHR Task Forces concerns are addressed. Ms. Weeden will discuss this with Competition Management.
- VII. **Old Business**
- A. There was no old business discussed.
- VIII. **Adjournment**
- Ms. Serio made a motion to adjourn.* The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. ET.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danae Fryman

USHJA Sport Programs Coordinator