



USHJA National Hunter Derby Task Force Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2019 – 5 p.m. ET via Teleconference

Committee Members Participating: Louise Serio (Chair), Jenny Karazissis, Traci Barmen Brooks, Jane Ehrhart, Christopher Gilman, Kimberly Brunson, Kalea Maxwell (7)

Committee Members Not Present: Heather Irvine, Debbie Sands, Kara Austin (3)

Also Present: Eva Van Heeke, USHJA Sport Programs Coordinator (1)

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Ms. Van Heeke performed the roll call; with 7 members present, a quorum was met.

II. Approve Minutes from April 8, 2019

Mr. Gilman made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 13, 2019; Ms. Ehrhart seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

III. 2021 Regional Championships Program Proposal Discussion

The Task Force reviewed their National Hunter Derby Regional Championship Proposal, which has now been postponed for further review as a 2021 program proposal. Since the last call, additional data has been pulled and added to the proposal, using Horse ID#, and competition address to get a better idea of unique participants in each zone, in comparison to a previous data pull which used entry numbers in each zone. Additionally the task force reviewed the prize money and budget portion of the proposal as this was an area that had questions from the board. They discussed the implementation of an ‘Add back’ fee for each horse in addition to their entry fee to help supplement prize money. The task force then moved onto finding a solution for additional prize money in the event either section exceeds forty (40) entries. Ms. Van Heeke agreed to get the additional language written and distributed to the task force for email vote or for further review on their next call. *Ms. Karazissis made a motion to approve editing the language in the 2021 National Hunter Derby Regional Championship Proposal; Mr. Gilman seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.*

IV. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

V. New Business

No new business was discussed.

VI. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m. ET. *Mr. Gilman made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Brooks seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Eva Van Heeke, USHJA Sport Programs Coordinator and Task Force Liaison