



USHJA Competition Management Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 7, 2017 3pm ET

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Members Present: Kim Aldrich-Farrell, John Ammerman, Bob Bell (Chair), Patrick Boyle, Shelley Campf, Chris Collman, Rick Cram, Oliver Kennedy, Larry Langer, Dan Urban, and Stephanie Wheeler (11)

Members Not Present: Tim Hott, John McQueen, Andrew Philbrick, Patrick Rodes, Michael Stone, Kristen and Vale-Mosack (6)

Also Present: Whitney Barnard (Committee Liaison)

I. Welcome and Roll Call

- Bob Bell called the meeting to order at noon and Whitney Barnard performed roll call. A quorum was met with 11 members present.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 6/6/17

- *Mr. Kennedy moved to approve the minutes from June 6th, 2017. Mr. Langer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*

III. Approval of updated language for committee description

Ms. Barnard shared the updated committee description. It included some recommended edits from Mr. Langer. The committee agreed that the intent was correct but needed some grammatical updates. *Mr. Langer moved to approve the intent with grammatical edits. Mr. Cram seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*

IV. Review and take action on language for an RCP for HU133 and GR1113

Mr. Cram reviewed the intent of the two proposed rule changes that will update the definition of “compete” for hunters. The purpose is to update the word “compete” to require riders to “complete” a class in order to receive a score on the judge’s card and count toward filling a class. The goal is to discourage riders from manipulating the splits to receive full points despite entering the ring and leaving without making an attempt to show the horse. Ms. Barnard confirmed that Mary Babick and the Executive Committee had seen the proposed language and approved it to move forward. *Mr. Cram made a motion to approve the language for the RCPs HU133 and GR1113 as written. Mr. Collman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*

V. Old Business

- Mr. Ammerman inquired about the status of jogging hunters. Ms. Campf confirmed that at this time, the hunter committees do not want to eliminate the jog. She indicated that it will be largely discussed at Annual Meeting. This committee agreed that it was worth discussing updating the practice if eliminating it was not preferred.
- The committee discussed their disapproval for the California split required at 12 riders. The committee agreed that the splits are creating too many divided sections, are watering down the

significance of competition, and that many riders are no longer participating in these classes. They agreed that there may be a better number (18 vs 12, for example) which would fill a class at 6 instead of 3. Mr. Bell offered to start researching the topic and suggested a joint meeting with various committee chairs to discuss a solution and/or compromise.

VI. New Business

- Mr. Bell informed the committee that Frank Madden is the new chair for the Competition Standards committee. Mr. Madden has been talking with Murray Kessler about making changes regarding show standards and how competitions will achieve their rating. Mr. Bell promised to keep this committee informed of any related discussions regarding standards.
- Mr. Bell commented on the USEF letter indicating an increase in fees. He expects there to be additional fee increases down the road and will work to keep show managers informed regarding upcoming changes.

VII. Adjourn

- There was a motion to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 3:31pm EST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Whitney Barnard
USHJA Special Projects/Committee Liaison