Members Present: Katie Benson, Naomi Blumenthal, Patrick Boyle, Chris Collman, Ned Glynn, Karen Golding, Frank Madden (Chair), John Rush, Charlotte Skinner-Robson, and Katlynn Sacco (10)

Members Not Present: David Burton, Michael Morrissey, Kenneth Okken, Skip Thornbury, and Lynn Walsh (5)

Also Present: Leigh-Anne Claywell (Committee Liaison) and Danae Fryman (USHJA) (2)

I. Welcome and Roll Call
   • Frank Madden called the meeting to order and Leigh Anne Claywell performed roll call. A quorum was met with 10 voting members present.

II. Approval of meeting minutes from March 25, 2019
   • Mr. Boyle moved to approve the minutes from both meetings. Ms. Golding seconded and the motion passed.

III. Terminology for Ranking System
   Mr. Madden asked if the committee was happy with the three levels of Gold, Silver and Bronze, or if another level should be added. After a brief discussion, the committee determined that four levels would be best, adding Platinum as the highest level.
   • Ms. Skinner-Robson moved that the levels be called Platinum, Gold, Silver & Bronze, from highest to lowest. Mr. Boyle seconded and the motion passed.

IV. Mandatory Rated Sections for Premier & National Competitions
   Mr. Madden commented that it seemed the committee leaned toward requiring Premier competitions to fill 15 A rated sections, and for National to fill 5 A rated sections. Mr. Boyle and Ms. Robson agreed that was correct. Mr. Madden stressed that committee members need to be spreading the word on this to remind show managers it was coming forward.
   The committee asked if there needed to be an exception for Junior/Amateur shows. After discussion, the committee determined that the current rule may be sufficient.

V. Draft of Ranking System Criteria
   The committee discussed how best to implement and enforce the ranking criteria, and stated that there must be a clear line between standards and subjectivity. Both the USEA Rider Representative program and the FEI system of obtaining reports from the grooms were discussed as models to base the ranking system on. Mr. Madden asked about enforcement of the criteria. Ms. Robson commented that enforcement can’t begin right away. There needs to be considerable interaction with
management. Mr. Collman asked if a competition would be required to include their ranking in their prize list and advertising. The committee felt it should not be mandatory, but is meant to incentivize managers to enhance the experience for exhibitors. Further discussion followed.

IV. Old Business
   • There was no old business to discuss

V. New Business
   • There was no new business to discuss.

VI. Adjourn
   • Mr. Boyle moved to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 2:41pm ET.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leigh Anne Claywell
USHJA Director of Operations/Committee Liaison