



Committee: USHJA Joint Owners Task Force

Meeting Date: Monday, April 1, 2019

Meeting Time: 12:15 pm (EST)/9:15 am (PST)

Call In Number: 800-944-8766 or 888-392-4560

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Members Present: Elaine Fresch (Chair), Debbie Bass, Erica Moe, Lisa Lourie, Chuck Mayer, Ernest Oare, Susan Moriconi (7)

Also Present: Melanie Mader (USHJA Sport Program Coordinator, Liaison) (1)

Agenda

I. Welcome and roll call

Ms. Fresch called the meeting to order. Ms. Mader took roll call. With all members present, a quorum was met.

II. Approval of meeting minutes from March 4, 2019

Mr. Mayer made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 4 2019; Ms. Lourie seconded and the motion was passed without further discussion.

III. Review Drugs and Medication Guideline edits

Ms. Mader updated the Owners Task Force regarding the Drugs & Medication Proposal and memo to the USEF. Dr. Schumacher and the USEF Veterinary Committee are preparing to do a revision of the D&M Handbook and welcome feedback or suggestions from the Owners Task Force but are not amenable to the OTF creating their own materials. The Owners had further discussion on the need to make technical information more easily digestible for owners and members who are often laypersons. After discussion, the Task Force would like to develop verbiage to be included in the FAQ's of the Drugs & Medications Handbook to educate owners about their responsibility of becoming familiar with the D&M Handbook. Ms. Fresch volunteered to draft language for presentation to USEF. This will be reviewed by the Task Force and discussed on the next call.

IV. Review of memo regarding steward identification

Ms. Bass made a motion to accept the memo as drafted and to move forward with submission to the Competitions Standards committee. Mr. Oare seconded and the

motion passed without further discussion

V. Old business

No old business was discussed.

VI. New business – educational initiative regarding guidelines owners can take to protect themselves

The discussion regarding Drugs and Medications carried over into a discussion of the responsibilities and liabilities of owners. Mr. Oare spoke about owners doing due diligence in the owner/trainer relationship. Ms. Bass, Ms. Lourie, and Ms. Fresch highlighted this as an opportunity for an educational project. They would like to develop a list of directives/suggestions that owners can use to protect themselves. Ms. Fresch suggested that Ad-Hocs be created to develop and draft ideas. Ms. Moe volunteered to coordinate this effort. All Task Force members have been asked to submit 2-3 ideas of liability issues that owners may face to be included on the educational initiative and email them to Ms. Moe. Ms. Bass suggested that a Google Doc would be ideal to keep the entire task force up to date on these items. Once the Task Force develops their drafts, they will forward items to Ms. Mader who will organize them and create a Google Doc for review. Ideas should be submitted before the end of April so they may be reviewed on a committee call in early May.

VII. Adjournment

*Ms. Fresch made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Oare seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 1:17pm ET*

Committee actions resulting in a recommendation for program changes are subject to additional review in accordance with Board of Directors approved policy.