Committee: USHJA Joint Equitation Task Force

Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 28th, 2019

Meeting Time: 1:00 pm (EST)

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

Code: 63350#

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Robin Rost Brown (chair), Ann Dotoli (vice chair), Susan Baginski, Missy Clark, James Hagman, Karen Healey, Elizabeth Pandich, Caitlin Venezia (8)

Members Not Present: Cindy Cruciotti, Andre Dignelli, Stacia Madden, Ken Smith (4)

Also Present: Julia Hess (USHJA Sport Program Coordinator)

I. Welcome and roll call
Ms. Brown called the meeting to order; Ms. Hess took roll; with 8 members present a quorum was met

II. Approval of meeting minutes from February 25th, 2019
Ms. Healey made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 25th call; Ms. Baginski seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously

III. Conflict of Interest
Ms. Brown asked if any members had a conflict of interest to please let the task force know and they can be excused for the portion of the meeting in which the conflict exists.

IV. 2020 USHJA 3’3” Hunter Seat Medal Finals host application review
This topic was tabled until after the Host applications close June 1st. A Task Force call will be scheduled for June to review the submitted applications.

V. Education opportunities at Medal Final 2019
The Task Force members discussed the viability of providing educational opportunities at Medal Finals. Many felt it was difficult to have adequate attendance due to the varying and full schedules of competitors. It would be challenging for them to focus on the educational materials like they would during a standalone clinic.
VI. Rule Change Proposal review and approval
The Task force discussed the pros and cons of the Rule Change Proposal regarding numbering obstacles at Premier Rated competitions in classes that require a test. Ms. Brown called for a roll call vote. Ms. Dotoli made a motion to vote on accepting the Rule Change Proposal as written; Ms. Venezia seconded the motion; Ms. Hess conducted the roll call vote. With 6 members voting to approve as written and 1 member voting in disapproval, the Rule Change will move forward as written.

VII. Old business
Ms. Healey opened a discussion regarding the Jumping Seat Medal. Ms Brown reviewed the changes to rider eligibility requirements and return numbers in the flat phase in the 2020 specifications. These specifications will take effect August 1, 2019.

WIHS Hunter Phase: a discussion was had about combining and dividing numbers for the WHIS Hunter Phase. WHIS would have purview over any specification changes to their program. The Task Force recommends that the number should be limited to 15 entries

Mr. Hagman opened a discussion regarding jump cup depth. He suggested revising the language in EQ109.15 to change inches to millimeters and that the cups should be present on all rails not just the back rail on oxers. Mr. Hagman will draft language and forward to Ms. Hess prior to June 1st

A brief discussion regarding weight of poles ensued.

VIII. New business
The Task Force discussed the new Safe Sport recommendations regarding electronic communication with minors.

IX. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 4:02pm ET

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