Members Participating: Mary Babick, John Bahret, Katie Benson, Robin Rost Brown, Joe Dotoli, Margie Engle, Dianne Johnson, Britt McCormick, Cheryl Rubenstein

Members Absent: David Distler, Charlotte Skinner-Robson

Others Present: Marianne Kutner, Kevin Price

I. Roll Call
   Roll call was conducted and a quorum was met.

II. Adoption of Agenda
   A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda, and the motion was unanimously approved.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes
   A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2019 Executive Committee meeting, as presented. Those present unanimously approved the motion.

IV. Consideration of Mileage Exemption Requests

   A motion was made and seconded to place consideration of Mileage Exemption Requests on the floor for discussion and vote. Those present unanimously approved the motion.

   Mary Babick asked if there were any conflicts to the materials presented on exemptions, Britt McCormick stated he did with KY National and left the call.

   Tryon Fall I (“Applicant Competition”) vs. Chattahoochee Classic & The Kentucky National (“Priority Competitions”)

   The committee considered the following in its review:
   • The Committee noted the radial mileage between the Applicant and the Priority Competitions is 187.97 miles (Chattahoochee Classic) and 240.34 miles (Kentucky National) with a mileage boundary of 250 miles.
   • The Committee noted that the Applicant applied for mileage exemptions in 2015, 2016, and 2017 to operate at the Premier Hunter and Jumper Level 5 ratings, and were denied such in each year. Subsequently, the Applicant ran for those three years at the Hunter Regional I Hunter and Jumper Level 3 ratings with no conflict.
   • The Committee gave consideration to all the information provided by the Applicant, existing Priority Competitions and the Federation regarding this application specific to the 2019 application, but determined that the reasons for recommending disapproval in prior years have not changed and all are applicable to this current request.
• The Committee’s opinion is that approval of this request would negatively impact the Priority Competitions which are meeting the needs of the sport by providing a range of competitive opportunities for the exhibitors in this geographic area.

• The Priority Competition (Kentucky National) offers regional equitation championships (including the Region 4 NHSAA ASPCA Maclay Regional Championship and the USHJA Zone 5 Horsemanship Class) and is a traditional calendar stop and important event as competitors prepare and migrate to the fall indoor competitions which host the national championship equitation finals.

• The Committee’s opinion is that the density of available competitors in this geographic area does not warrant the addition of another competition in the same area at the same rating.

• The Applicant has not demonstrated that this geographic area is lacking in quality competitions, nor has it demonstrated that the needs of available competitors and the sport are not being met. The Applicant has not indicated that it would be providing a competition different from what currently exists.

• The Committee recommends that the Applicant Competition consider running in 2019 as it has in prior years at the Regional I Hunter and Jumper Level 3 ratings, which would alleviate any mileage conflicts.

At the end of discussion, the Executive Committee members present voted unanimously disapproval of Tryon Fall I’s request for a mileage exemption to host a Regular Premier Level 6 Jumper Competition in 2019 and recommends that the Applicant Competition consider running in 2019 as it has in prior years at the Regional I Hunter and Jumper Level 3 ratings, which would alleviate any mileage conflicts.

Britt McCormick rejoined the call.

V. Consideration of Mandatory Fee Collection, Special Competition & Heritage Competition Requests

A motion was made and seconded to place consideration of Mandatory Fee Collection, Special Competition & Heritage Competition Requests on the floor for discussion and vote. Those present unanimously approved the motion.

• Mandatory Fee Collection Request – Los Angeles Hunter Jumper Association
The committee reviewed the materials provided and noted that this is a repeat request to collect $3 per competing horse at the Association-sanctioned events held in Los Angeles County. It was also noted that USHJA has historically recommended approval of this request in prior years.

At the end of discussion, the Executive Committee members present voted unanimously to recommend disapproval of LAHJA’s request to collect fee of $3 per competing horse at LAHJA-sanctioned competitions in 2019.

• Mandatory Fee Collection Request – NorCal Hunter Jumper Association
The committee reviewed the materials provided and noted that this is a repeat request to collect $3 per horse and $2 per Nor-Cal medal rider at Association-sanctioned competitions in 2019. It was also noted that USHJA has historically recommended approval of this request in prior years.
At the end of discussion, the Executive Committee members present voted unanimously to recommend disapproval of NorCal’s request to collect a fee of $3 per horse and $2 per Medal rider at NorCal-sanctioned competitions in 2019.

- **Mandatory Fee Collection Request – Arizona Hunter Jumper Association**
The committee reviewed the mandatory fee collection request submitted by the Arizona Hunter Jumper Association for 2019. This was a new request from the AHJA, based on previous discussion the request went direct to vote.

At the end of discussion, the Executive Committee members present voted unanimously to recommend disapproval of AHJA’s request to collect a fee of $3 per competing horse at AHJA-sanctioned competitions in 2019.

- **Special Competition Request – Le Bocage Lake Area Charity Horse Show**
The committee reviewed the materials provided and discussion took place regarding the Le Bocage Lake Are Charity Horse Show and that it did submit an application for an Competition in 2018 and was denied by the committee, however, was later allowed to host a competition and was successful. Concerns of the Executive Committee regarding the proximity to other competitions in the region were deemed invalid.

At the end of discussion, the Executive Committee members present voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Special Competition Request for the 2019 Le Bocage Lake Area Charity Horse Show, October 26-27, 2019.

- **Heritage Competition Status Request – Lake Placid Horse Show**
The committee reviewed the application and request contained within the meeting packet. Discussion ensued and the committee felt the competition adequately met the requisite criteria. The committee feels USEF Heritage Designation should represent a significant honor bestowed by the Federation, and one that is reserved for those select few, uniquely exceptional competitions that stand out over time and that meet or exceed a very rigorous set of criteria. The process should not allow long-running competitions that meet the minimum criteria the ability to simply submit an application, pay a fee, and essentially “purchase” the designation.

At the end of discussion, the Executive Committee members present voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Heritage Competition Status Request for the Lake Placid Horse Show.

### VI. Approval of Extraordinary Rule Change Proposal

A motion was made and seconded to place consideration of Extraordinary Rule Change Proposal on the floor for discussion and vote. Those present unanimously approved the motion.

The committee reviewed an Extraordinary Rule Change proposals(EO) drafted to address conflicts between the current USEF Rule Book and the USHJA program specifications for the USHJA Jumping Seat Medal This EO was drafted at the request of the Federation as a next step to the Presidential Modification to this rule submitted in early December.

- **EQ110.12 USHJA Jumping Seat Medal**
The current USEF Rule Book is in conflict with the 2020 Jumping Seat Medal specifications, specifically regarding the number of points required to qualify for the Finals as well as mention of the flat phase. The purpose of this EO is to insert the corrected information into the Rule Book by August 2, 2019 to coincide with the beginning of the 2020 qualification period.

At the conclusion of brief discussion, the Executive Committee members present voted unanimously to approve the Extraordinary Rule Change to EQ110.12 USHJA Jumping Seat Medal, as presented.

VII. Old Business

National Championship Horse Show—Mary Babick provided an update on the National Championship Horse Show status.

VIII. New Business

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn, and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. EST.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Dianne Johnson, Secretary
Members Participating: Mary Babick, Katie Benson, Robin Rost Brown, Margie Engle, Dianne Johnson, Britt McCormick, Cheryl Rubenstein

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Kevin Price, Leigh Anne Claywell, Marianne Kutner, Leslie Mangan

I. Roll Call
This was a special Executive Committee meeting only those who participated on the February 4, 2019 call were asked to reconvene. Roll call was conducted and a quorum of those present on February 4 was met.

II. Consideration of Mandatory Fee Collection

- Mandatory Fee Collection Request – Los Angeles Hunter Jumper Association; NorCal Hunter Jumper Association & the Arizona Hunter Jumper Association
  Mary Babick asked the member present to review and reconsider the committee’s decision regarding the Mandatory Fee Collection requests for the Los Angeles Hunter Jumper Association; NorCal Hunter Jumper Association & the Arizona Hunter Jumper Association. At the January 7, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting the committee voted to approve the Pacific Coast Horse Shows Association request, the committee is being asked to review in order to be consistent in the review/approval process.

  A motion was made and seconded to rescind the votes taken February 4, 2019 concerning the disapproval recommendations regarding the Mandatory Fee Collection requests submitted by the Los Angeles Hunter Jumper Association (LAHJA), NorCal Hunter Jumper Association (NorCal) and the Arizona Hunter Jumper Association (AHJA). The motion was unanimously approved by those present.

  Mandatory Fee Collection Request for the Los Angeles Hunter Jumper Association; NorCal Hunter Jumper Association & the Arizona Hunter Jumper Association were then brought back to the floor for review.

  At the end of discussion a motion was made and seconded to recommend approval for the 2019 Mandatory Fee Collection requests submitted by the Los Angeles Hunter Jumper Association (LAHJA), NorCal Hunter Jumper Association (NorCal) and the Arizona Hunter Jumper Association (AHJA). The motion was approved by majority vote, with one abstention recorded.

IX. Adjournment
There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Dianne Johnson, Secretary

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