



## **USHJA Zone 3 Committee Meeting Minutes**

Monday, September 24, 2018 - 4:00 p.m. ET

**Zone 3 Members Participating:** Oliver Kennedy (Chair), Andrew Ellis, Rachel Howell, Brooke Kemper, Alan Lohman, Tracy Magness, Alden Moylan, Deloise Noble-Strong, Sandra Ruiz, and Cricket Stone (10)

**Zone 3 Members Not Present:** Streett Moore (Vice Chair), Diane Tate (Treasurer), Gordon Reistrup, Mike Rosser, and Cathy Schlaeppli (5)

**Also Present:** April Hammond (Assistant Managing Director of Zones & Affiliates), Erin Keating (Managing Director of Sport Programs), Morgan Thibodeaux (Sports Program Assistant), and Kristin Rover (Regional Communications Coordinator) (4).

### **I. Welcome and Roll Call**

Mr. Kennedy called the meeting to order and Ms. Hammond called roll. With ten committee members present, a quorum was met.

### **II. Approve the minutes**

*Ms. Ruiz motioned to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2018 meeting; Mr. Ellis seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.*

### **III. Zone 3 Clinic Host Grant Application**

Mr. Kennedy opened the floor for discussion on the submitted application. *Mr. Ellis motioned to approve the grant. Ms. Noble-Strong seconded and the committee voted unanimously to approve.*

### **IV. Zone 3 Specifications**

Mr. Kennedy noted that the committee has been asked by the National Breeds & Disciplines Committee to review the Adult Hunter specifications. Specifically the rule that the Adult Hunter may not be combined with a Children's Pony.

Ms. Noble-Strong stated that at smaller shows there are fewer exhibitors. She mentioned that when this occurs and divisions do not fill. The Adult Hunter riders are left out if their division does not fill because the Children's Hunter and Children's Pony divisions combine.

The committee discussed the possibility of this instance happening and Mr. Kennedy was provided with division entry numbers. Previously this has not been an issue with the Adult Hunter division needing to combine with the Children's Pony division. Mr. Kennedy stated that a change in the specifications at this point would be extremely difficult because the specifications would then have to go back through the approval process.

Ms. Howell stated that it may not be fair for a Children's Pony rider to have to combine and compete with Adult Hunter riders because the difference in riding levels. Ms. Noble-Strong discussed that the change was mentioned so that no rider would be left out. The committee discussed reviewing the rule and potentially changing the specifications for 2020.

**V. Old Business**

There was no old business discussed.

**VI. New Business**

Mr. Kennedy stated that he made an offer to Washington International Horse Show that the committee would split the fee of a ringmaster to dress up the Zone 3 Horse of the Year Championships. The committee talked about ways to improve the Zone finals. This includes obtaining sponsors and trying to dress up the event a bit to make exhibitors feel important and make the championship special.

**VII. Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, *Ms. Ruiz motioned to adjourn; Mr. Rosser seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. ET.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Morgan Thibodeaux  
Sports Program Assistant