



**USHJA Recognized Riding Academy Committee**  
**Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018      3:10-4:10pm ET**  
**USHJA Annual Meeting      Tampa, Florida**

**Members Present:** Roxane Durant, Marnye Langer (Chair), and Jill McGrady (3)

**Members Not Present:** Ruthanna Bridges, Jessica Daenen, Suzanne Flaig, Chrissy Hannon, and Colleen Seely (5)

**Also Present:** Whitney Barnard (Committee Liaison), Allie Zorn (Stables at Frederica), Dayle Eldredge (Driftwood Stable), Rita Timpanero, Leslie Terry (Cornerstone Farm South), Mary Babick (USHJA President), Marianne Kutner (The Red Barn), Katie Benson, John Bahret, Sandy Olynyk, Kevin Price, Larry Langer, and Stephanie Cook (Hill Country Riding Academy)

**I. Welcome and Roll Call**

- Marnye Langer called the meeting to order at 3:10pm ET and Whitney Barnard performed roll call. A quorum was met with 3 members present.

**II. Program Overview**

Ms. Langer opened the meeting with introductions from all attendees. Three committee members were present as well as representatives from IEA, interested trainers, and recognized academies.

Mr. Langer gave a summary of the history of the program and committee: stemming from a sport growth initiative. Its first goals should be to identify the potential academies throughout the country, get them involved with USHJA, and then standardize the curriculum to help raise the bar of education. If entry into the program is too hard, we lose the ability to grow the sport through the program.

Ms. Langer asked the group to suggest items for a “wish list” for the committee and/or things they would like to see for the program:

- Be more than just a plaque on the wall; bring value to recognition
- Offer tools and resources for business management education
- Reach out to local barns and provide education to them, not only about the program but about entry level access to the industry
- The committee members should be liaisons to their zone or area to help recruit new RRAs as well as educate about the opportunities available to them
- Reach out to other resources such as CHA, USPC, and 4H to learn what works for them and model their successes
- Create an online forum for open communications between RRAs to share ideas
- Create a universal curriculum for academies to help new trainers get started and help standardize the education overall

Ms. Langer's initial plan for this committee are to gather data about the RRAs currently in the program to see where our resources are and then set goals for the committee and its members to help grow and develop the program further.

**III. Old Business**

- There was no old business to discuss.

**IV. New Business**

- There was no new business to discuss.

**V. Adjourn**

- *There was a motion to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm ET.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Whitney Barnard  
USHJA Assistant Managing Director of Education/Committee Liaison