



USHJA Zone 3 Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 4, 2019 - 4:00 p.m. ET

Zone 3 Members Participating: Oliver Kennedy (Chair), Streett Moore (Vice Chair), Diane Tate (Treasurer), Andrew Ellis, Rachel Howell, Brooke Kemper, Alan Lohman, Tracy Magness, Alden Moylan, Deloise Noble-Strong, Mike Rosser, Sandra Ruiz, Cathy Schlaepfi, Cricket Stone, and Eric Straus (NV Advisor) (15)

Zone 3 Members Not Present: Gordon Reistrup (1)

Also Present: Morgan Thibodeaux (Sports Program Assistant) (1)

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Mr. Kennedy called the meeting to order. Ms. Thibodeaux called roll, with 15 committee members present, a quorum was met.

II. Approve the minutes

Ms. Ruiz motioned to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2019 meeting; Ms. Kemper seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

III. Chef d'Equipe Information

Ms. Thibodeaux overviewed the Chef d'Equipe responsibilities document that was sent to the committee. She noted that USHJA and USEF would like to start confirming Chefs for the upcoming Championships. She also noted that all of those looking to serve as Chefs again this year will need to submit completed applications to USHJA.

Ms. Noble-Strong stated that she would like to continue serving as the Chef d'Equipe for the Children's and Adult Amateur Hunter Championship.

Ms. Magness, Ms. Ruiz, and Ms. Kemper will be in attendance and would like to serve as Chefs for the Zone Jumper Team and Platinum Jumper Championships.

Ms. Ruiz would also like to serve as the Chef d'Equipe for the North American Youth Championships, the National Junior Jumper Championships, and the Pony Jumper Championships.

IV. 2020 ChAA Hunter & Zone Jumper Team Championships

Ms. Thibodeaux stated that she would like the committee to start thinking about and discussing whether they would like to combine with other zones for the 2020 Children's and Adult Amateur Hunter and Zone Jumper Team Championships.

Ms. Kemper motioned to combine with another zone for the 2020 Children's and Adult Amateur Hunter Championships. Ms. Magness seconded the motion with Mr. Moore being opposed. The committee voted to approve of combining with another zone for the 2020 Championship. The committee would like to send a memo to the Child/Adult Task Force to request adding Children's Hunter Pony to the Hunter Championships.

Ms. Ruiz motioned to combine with another zone for the 2020/2021 Zone Jumper Team Championships. Ms. Magness seconded and the committee voted unanimously to approve.

V. Zone Specifications

Mr. Kennedy noted that for the jumper sections in the specifications there is no such thing as a Table I so that should be removed. He also stated that Table 2 (d) is getting more popular and should be added.

Ms. Ruiz motioned to make the following changes to the Adult Amateur Jumper and Children's Jumper sections of the specifications:

Classes to be scored under ~~Table I~~; Table II, Section 1, Sections 2(a), 2(b), 2(c), 2(d) or 3; or Table IV Optimum Time

****If competition management would like to run a class under a table not listed, they may request permission from the committee by submitting a written request at least 60 days in advance of the competition.***

Ms. Magness seconded and the committee voted in approval.

Mr. Kennedy overviewed a discussion brought up in the fall of 2018 about allowing the Children's Hunter Horse and Adult Amateur Hunter sections to combine with the Children's Hunter Pony division. Ms. Howell noted that having a pony in an under saddle class with multiple horses could be a safety issue. Ms. Kemper agreed and asked how a Children's Pony would be judged against an Adult Amateur Hunter.

Mr. Kennedy opened the floor for discussion over the memo brought to the committee by the Pony task force. The memo asked Zone committees to require competition management to change distances for small, medium, and large ponies. The memo listed the distances that would be required for each. Mr. Kennedy noted that multiple course designers have approached him and stated that the distances listed do not work. Course designers do not want to be restricted to certain heights due to the fact that ring sizes vary which may cause distances to vary from competition to competition.

The committee noted that the Children's Hunter Pony division is for older ponies or less experienced riders. *Mr. Moore motioned to table this discussion until the next call. Ms. Kemper seconded and the committee voted in agreeance.*

VI. NAYC Selection Procedures

Mr. Kennedy noted that the selection procedures are being finalized by USEF and will be discussed once they are. *The committee later voted to approve the selection procedures through an email vote.*

VII. Old Business

There was no old business discussed.

VIII. New Business

Mr. Kennedy discussed the Pony Jumper Championships. He noted that concerns need to be taken to the Jumper Working Group. From there the committee can work downward. Mr. Kennedy stated that the Pony Jumpers in Zone 3 are broken and need to be fixed. Numbers are dropping and last year there were only three for the championship.

IX. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Ruiz motioned to adjourn. Ms. Kemper seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m. ET.

Respectfully Submitted,

Morgan Thibodeaux
Sports Program Assistant