**USHJA Hunter Working Group**

**Meeting Minutes**

Monday, May 11, 2020, 4:00 PM ET, Teleconference

**Members Participating:** Robin Rost Brown, Chair, Linda Andrisani, Carleton Brooks, Richard Cram, Ron Danta, Jim Hagman, Troy Hendricks, Dianne Johnson, Jessie Lang, Britt McCormick, Tobey McWilliams, Betty Oare, Cheryl Rubenstein, Mike Rosser, Debbie Sands, Louise Serio, Carl Weeden, Terri Young (18)

**Members Not Present:** Liza Boyd (1)

**Also Present:** Katie Patrick (USHJA Sport Director), Kelsey Shanley (USEF National Breeds and Disciplines Program Manager)

I. Welcome and Roll Call
   Ms. Rost Brown called the meeting to order and Ms. Patrick called roll. A quorum was met.

II. Adoption of Agenda
   A. Ms. Johnson moved to adopt the agenda; Ms. McWilliams seconded the motion and the agenda was adopted.

III. Conflict of Interest Language
   A. Ms. Rost Brown reminded the members to notify the group if they have a conflict of interest.

IV. Approval of Minutes from April 13, 2020
   A. Ms. Oare moved to approve the minutes; Mr. Danta seconded the motion and the minutes were approved with those not present on the April call abstaining.

V. COVID-19 updates
   A. Ms. Rost Brown brought up the following issues for discussion that are currently under consideration: extra/ reinstatement of a green year, young hunter extension, green pony reinstatement, extra year for junior riders. Presidential modifications will likely be released next week and include substitution method for the jogs.
   B. Mr. Brooks noted the Young Hunter ad hoc is looking at ways to bring the young hunters to more regional shows and encourage breeders to show in these classes more.
   C. Mr. Danta reported he is meeting with the Green Hunter Incentive Championship managers on Wednesday and then the International Hunter derby & Incentive Task Force will meet Friday to review any updates as well as discuss the 24 hour rule, the derby jog, arrangement of judges for the championship, etc. The Kentucky Horse Park won’t have events through June but we are still hoping to have the national championships in August. The board approved an exception allowing the Int. Hunter Derby class to be judged by two judges sitting separately instead of two panels of
two judges.

D. Ms. Weeden noted the WCHR task force is meeting to evaluate replacement events and changes to the West Coast Spectacular. A group is meeting to look at the Capital Challenge challenge classes. The number of shows used to calculate points goes down to 3 in May and 2 in June. Members can now make a change to their region until Aug. 31.

E. The Equitation task Force will meet this Friday and is looking at the Gladstone Cup and the possibility of a regional format.

F. HOTY points were briefly discussed. USEF is looking at the program comprehensively along with the implications to qualifying for various events and getting input from the affiliates.

VI. Old Business
   A. No old business was discussed.

VII. New Business
   A. No new business was discussed.

VIII. Adjourn
   A. The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm ET.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Patrick
Director of Sport Programs