USHJA National Hunter Derby Task Force Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2019 – 5 p.m. ET via Teleconference

Committee Members Participating: Louise Serio (Chair), Heather Irvine, Jenny Karazissis, Kalea Maxwell, Traci Barmen Brooks, Jane Ehrhart, Christopher Gilman, Kara Austin, Kimberly Brunson, Debbie Sands (10)

Committee Members Not Present: (0)

Also Present: Danae Fryman, Eva Van Heeke, USHJA Sport Programs Coordinators (2)

I. Welcome and Roll Call
Ms. Fryman performed the roll call; with 10 members present, a quorum was met.

II. Approve Minutes from November 5, 2018
Mr. Gilman made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 5, 2018; Ms. Sands seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

III. Approve Minutes from December 12, 2018
Ms. Maxwell made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 12, 2018; Ms. Irvine seconded and the motion was approved. Ms. Serio, Ms. Brunson, Ms. Karazissis, Ms. Brooks, Ms. Ehrhart, Ms. Gilman, Ms. Austin, and Ms. Sands Abstained.

IV. 2020 National Hunter Derby Specifications
Mr. Gilman made a motion to approve the 2020 National Hunter Derby Specifications; Ms. Sands seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

a. Tie-Breaking Procedures
The Task Force discussed new concepts on tie-breaking procedures. Ms. Serio mentioned the potential for a new procedure where the prize money from 2 placings would be combined and then equally divided between the tying competitors. Mr. Gilman acknowledged that this was an interesting point, and potentially worth further discussion. However, it was decided that no changes needed to be made to the current tie-breaking procedure.
V. **National Hunter Derby Judges’ Cards**  
The Task Force discussed the formatting of the National Hunter Derby Judges’ cards, particularly if they needed to be able to hold a larger number of horses per card. Mr. Gilman stated he has not had an issue with the amount of horses on the judge’s cards, a further handful of Task Force members agreed. It was decided that no changes needed to be made to the current format of the Judges’ cards.

VI. **2020 Regional Championships**  
The Task Force discussed the proposal for the development of a Regional Championship in 2020, it was agreed that more discussions needed to be had. Furthermore, Mrs. Fryman and Ms. Serio will work to collect more data to help facilitate further discussions and development of the proposed 2020 Regional Championships.

VII. **Old Business**  
The Task Force discussed Handy Rounds, and new ways to acquire bonus points. It had been brought to Ms. Irvine’s attention that for some the handy was very hard to follow, and a suggestion was made in a later discussion to maybe have several different course options with varying track difficulty. Following this, in order to get the highest score competitors had to do the more difficult or ‘handy’ track. The Task Force agreed they found the suggestion interesting and liked aspects of the idea. However, it was agreed that from judge’s perspective, implementing such an idea could become quite problematic. Mr. Gilman further suggested including a single bonus line. This was well received, however, the Task Force decided any changes needed further discussion, and thought.

VIII. **New Business**  
No new business was discussed.

IX. **Adjourn**  
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m. ET.  
*Ms. Barmen Brooks made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 p.m. ET; Ms. Sands seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Danae Fryman, USHJA Sport Programs Coordinator and Task Force Liaison