Members Present: Kimberly Aldrich-Farrell, John Ammerman, Bob Bell (Chair), Patrick Boyle, Shelley Campf, Chris Collman, Rick Cram, Tim Hott, Oliver Kennedy, John McQueen, Glenn Petty, Dan Urban, and Kristen Vale-Mosack. (13)

Members Not Present: Larry Langer, Stephanie Lightner, Andrew Philbrick, and Michael Stone. (4)

Also Present: Leigh Anne Claywell (Committee Liaison), and Danae Fryman (USHJA Staff).

I. Welcome and Roll Call
Bob Bell called the meeting to order at 1:01pm and Leigh Anne Claywell performed a roll call. A quorum was established with thirteen members present.

II. Unreported Infectious Diseases - Protocols
Mr. Bell noted that he has recently spoken with Dr. Stephen Schumacher regarding common infectious equine diseases such as influenza, strangles, etc; the effectiveness of vaccines, and whether USEF/USHJA should be involved in mandating reporting procedures when those illnesses are present on the show grounds. Mr. Kennedy commented that owners and trainers need to be educated and encouraged to be transparent about infections, and to use proper bio-security protocols. Further discussion centered on how various show managers handle the issue. Mr. Bell was encouraged to invite Dr. Schumacher on a future conference call for discussion on proper protocols. Mr. Petty said he would bring up at the American Horse Council Show Committee meeting in June to get further input.

III. Workmen’s Compensation Requirements
Mr. Ammerman related the story of a crew worker, injured during a show, who ended up suing the show a year later. The State of Vermont is now involved, telling the show that they are required to have Workmen’s Compensation insurance on their contract workers. Discussion followed on the requirements in various other states and how other competition managers handle this issue. Mr. Ammerman noted that his lawyer commented that the regulations on the amount of time hunter judges and stewards can work affects whether they can be considered full-time employees or must be considered contract employees. Further restrictions and state regulations were also discussed. The committee brought up whether or not USEF could help with the issue. Mr. Kennedy commented that the auditor backed off when showed the Licensed Officials roster, but that could depend on your location and the auditor. Other possible solutions were discussed.
IV. Competition Standards Update
Ms. Claywell provided an update on changes that the Competition Standards Committee would like to put forward. These include adding levels of competition rankings, which currently would be Gold, Silver and Bronze. Criteria for this ranking levels are still being discussed, with Members Choice, NARG and other criteria being reviewed for possible ideas. Another possible change is implementing a mandatory minimum rated sections for Premier competitions. Currently the committee feels this number should only apply to Premier competitions and that 10 mandatory A-rated sections should be required to be filled.

Mr. Ammerman brought up the requirement for paramedics at Premier competitions, noting that it was not as easy a requirement to fulfill as the committee had led managers to believe. The committee discussed this problem and further issues with this rule. Mr. Bell stated that he has a meeting with Mr. Moroney next month and is planning to discuss this problem with him.

V. Old Business
There was no old business to discuss.

VI. New Business
Mr. Bell noted that USEF is currently working on a new Non-Member form and that is should be available for review within the next several weeks.

VII. Adjourn
There being no further business, Mr. Petty moved to adjourn, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:42PM.