



**USHJA Competition Standards Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, July 23rd, 2018 1:00pm ET**  
**Teleconference: 888-392-4560 Access Code: 31510**

**Members Present:** Katie Benson, Patrick Boyle, David Burton, Chris Collman, Ned Glynn, Frank Madden (Chair), Kenneth Okken, Charlotte Skinner-Robson, Skip Thornbury, and Lynn Walsh (Vice) (10)

**Members Not Present:** Naomi Blumenthal, Karen Golding, Michael Morrissey, John Rush, and (4)

**Also Present:** Whitney Barnard (Committee Liaison), Katie Patrick (USHJA Sports Director), Rachel Causey (USHJA Sport Assistant), Katlynn Sacco (USEF Competition Licensing, Evaluation and Safety), Meredith Monti (USEF Compliance Manager), Britt McCormick, Mary Babick, Laurie Birnbach, Stephanie Wheeler, Kim Aldrich-Farrell, Bill Moroney, and Dianne Johnson

**I. Welcome and Roll Call**

- Frank Madden called the meeting to order at 1pm and Whitney Barnard performed roll call. A quorum was met with 10 voting members present.

**II. Approval of meeting minutes from 7/16/2018**

- *Mr. Boyle moved to approve the minutes July 17th, 2018. Ms. Skinner-Robson seconded and the motion passed.*

**III. Review updated definitions document**

Mr. Madden opened the meeting thanking everyone for their hard work and support with this ongoing project. Mr. Boyle agreed and stated that this committee has worked very hard to get to this point and he felt they were headed in the right direction. He urged the group to be confident in their research and discussions and to press onward with the work they have accomplished thus far.

Mr. Madden's suggestion was to review the updated definitions document by section and identify the areas that are ready for approval and table the items that require additional discussion. Ms. Barnard read through the updated document and the committee noted the following changes:

- Potable water: edit the document to allow management 4hrs to provide alternate water source or the competition will be halted until water is available
- Footing: language will remain as in the current rulebook and can be discussed further
- Sun/rain shelter: adjusted to remove "mounted" riders and change 10'x40' to 400 square feet
- Parking: remove "10ft away" specification
- Drainage system: to be required at National competitions
- Rename Section 4 (Competition Experience) as it may get confusing when the Star System is implemented
- Ring sizes: to be discussed at a future date
- Awards ceremonies: to be defined in more detail
- Photographer: remove altogether but offer in the Star System

To confirm from previous calls:

- No changes to prize money
- No changes to Junior/Amateur Hunter one-ring competitions
- Do not combine Regional I and II
- Remove horse count requirement and replace with rated sections filled:
  - Premier: 15 AA rated sections filled
  - National: 5 A rated sections filled
  - Regional: 3 rated sections filled

*Ms. Skinner-Robson motioned to approve the document as amended. Mr. Boyle seconded and the motion passed.*

**V. Old Business**

- There was no old business to discuss

**VI. New Business**

- There was no new business to discuss

**VII. Adjourn**

- *There was a motion to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Whitney Barnard  
USHJA Assistant Managing Director of Education/Committee Liaison