



USHJA Zone 1 Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday January 13, 2020 - 5:00 p.m. ET

Zone Members Participating: Fran Dotoli (Chair), Meg Black, Cynsie Broda, Amy Eidson, Lisa Foster, Felicia Knowles, C. J. Law, Sally Hinkle Russell, Frederick Schauder, Kristi Smith, Ann Dotoli (NV Advisor), and Monica Hunt (NV Advisor) (11)

Zone Members Not Present: Jay Mullen (Vice Chair), John Bahret (Treasurer), Charles Jacobs, Carla Sharp, David Wilbur, and Sheila Murphy (NV Advisor) (7)

Also Present: Morgan Thibodeaux (Sports Program Coordinator), and Kristin Rover (Regional Communications Coordinator) (3).

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Ms. Dotoli called the meeting to order and Morgan Thibodeaux called roll. A quorum was met with eleven committee members present.

II. Approve the minutes

Ms. Eidson motioned to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2020 meeting; Ms. Knowles seconded and the minutes were approved.

III. 2021 USEF NAYC Selection Procedures

Ms. Thibodeaux informed the committee that USEF had made no changes to the Selection Procedures and they believe the program is running well. *Ms. Eidson made a motion to approve the 2021 USEF NAYC Selection Procedures as presented. Ms. Knowles seconded the motion. The motion passed with no abstentions.*

IV. 2021 USEF National Junior Jumper Selection Procedures

Ms. Thibodeaux informed the committee that USEF had made no changes to the Selection Procedures and they believe the program is running well. *Ms. Eidson made a motion to approve the 2021 USEF National Junior Jumper Selection Procedures as presented. Ms. Hinkle Russel seconded the motion. The motion passed with no abstentions.*

V. 2020 Budget

Ms. Dotoli requested that Ms. Thibodeaux detail the budget and explain the allocation and the difference from allocation. Ms. Thibodeaux informed the committee that there is close to \$45,000 for the committee to spend in 2020. Ms. Thibodeaux also noted that amounts have been proposed for 2020 based off of what was spent in 2019. With these amounts pre-allocated, there is still around \$6,000 to add additional funding to a program or the committee can leave the budget the way it is to allow for some flexibility.

Ms. Dotoli asked about what happens to funds that are not used by the committee. Ms. Thibodeaux stated that funds which are not used by the Zone committees get reabsorbed into USHJA. Therefore if the committee does not use the funds, they do not roll over to the next year and at the beginning of the year, each Zone Committee starts fresh.

Ms. Eidson noted that there were very minimal funds spent for team funding in 2019. She asked if promotion should be done for those programs to have more riders and therefore put those funds to use for entries. Ms. Edison noted that Zone 1 went over the proposed funding in 2019 for the Prix des States entries. Ms. Thibodeaux stated that she had allocated more funds for 2020 since Zone 1 did go over budget.

VI. Annual Meeting Funding

Ms. Dotoli stated that her personal mission is to get more attendees from Zone 1 for Annual Meeting. She informed the committee that she would like to emulate some of the other Zones and provide a stipend to the Zone committee members to alleviate a little bit of the financial burden of traveling to Annual Meeting.

Ms. Thibodeaux stated that she did allocate \$1,500 for travel as was previously allocated. She stated that those funds could be used for Annual Meeting travel and that allocation could also be increased. Ms. Thibodeaux also informed the committee that she is working on moving the meeting times for the Zones to later in the evening on Sunday through Monday. This would allow individuals that are competition managers, judges, trainers, etc., to attend. It was noted that with the excess funds in the budget, the amount allocated toward Annual Meeting travel could be increased.

VII. Old Business

No business to discuss.

VIII. New Business

Ms. Dotoli spoke about the Zone Council and how some Zones are utilizing Handy Hunter Challenges as a program for riders to compete in. Ms. Dotoli informed the committee that Zone 4 has been utilizing this program and has discovered a format that works for them. She stated that the classes are geared toward the 3' Children's Hunter and Adult Amateur Hunter horses and riders. Ms. Dotoli overviewed the Zone 4 Handy Hunter Challenge layout and specifications. She asked the committee for their input on adding this program to Zone 1 and reformatting it to work for the Zone. Ms. Thibodeaux noted that she would send the

specifications from Zone 4 around to the committee to review and start discussion about putting together a program proposal.

IX. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Morgan Thibodeaux
Sport Program Assistant