



USHJA TCP Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 11th, 2018 2:30-4pm ET
2019 Annual Meeting Tampa, Florida

Members Present: Colleen Brombach, Shelley Campf, Connie Hunt, and Troy Hendricks (4)

Members Not Present: Claudia Cojocar, Jay Duke, Karen Healey, Kip Rosenthal and Bernie Traurig (5)

Also Present: Whitney Barnard (Committee Liaison)

I. Welcome and Roll Call

- Shelley Campf called the meeting to order at 2:30pm ET and Whitney Barnard performed roll call. A quorum was met with 3 voting members present.

II. Oddball Scenarios

The committee reviewed a request from a potential TCP applicant asking the committee to allow her to apply even though she currently resides in the Netherlands. Ms. Campf was familiar with the applicant and confirmed that she had grown up in the United States and was familiar with the American Forward Riding System. *Mr. Hendricks motioned to approve the applicant and expand criteria for US trainers outside of the United States. Ms. Hunt seconded and the motion passed.*

Ms. Campf indicated that there are issues with some trainers completing the online course too quickly (they never watched the videos), as confirmed by Equestrian Coach. The purpose of the TCP program and the online course is to offer educational development for the trainers. The committee talked about creating a couple of questions that would force viewers to watch the full videos in order to answer them. Ms. Barnard offered to send an email to Equestrian Coach to see if they could adjust the quiz so that it wouldn't be available unless the video played in full. Another suggestion was to create more questions and have them rotate through similar to the exam. This topic will be furthered discussed on the next call.

III. USPC and TCP program alignment

Ms. Campf shared with the audience that the TCP Committee was contacted by USPC about an educational forum to be hosted during their Annual meeting in January 2019. USPC invited a representatives from TCP to help educate them on how to better align their jumper program with TCP training theories and techniques. The committee felt this project was too large to undertake during their Annual Meeting and suggested working with USPC to schedule a separate meeting or clinic to work with their National Examiners and educate them on the fundamentals of TCP.

IV. Program presentation

Ms. Campf did not show the PowerPoint presentation but rather opened the floor for discussion with the audience to help gauge positions on the program. The comments varied wildly and no real consensus could be made:

- There are a lot of bad trainers at big shows; this certification should be mandatory

- If Levels were to be incorporated, they should not solely be based on results as winning is not always equal to good teaching
- TCP doesn't teach people how to teach, it provides trainers with education
- Some feel that there is no value in the program without the Levels
- If there are Levels, some are concerned that a Regional trainer couldn't compete with a Premier trainer down the road even if the Regional trainer is better for the needs of a specific client
- Grandfathering should not be allowed
- TCP should be education-based and not include results
- Is there a liability concern if someone is certified at a specific level but they cannot truly train well at that level?
- If the certification is mandatory, should it be free? Safe Sport is free
- Clinics should be more available; get the zones to help sponsor clinics, identify additional clinicians, mimic the LO clinics
- Bad test takers may be afraid to take the final exam even though they may be great trainers

Ms. Campf indicated that she is okay with not moving forward with the Levels if that is what the membership wants. However, in 2016, a survey done indicated that the trainers wanted to add levels to the program. Ms. Campf is happy follow the desires of the trainers and simply wants the program to move forward for the betterment of the sport.

V. Old Business

- There was no old business to discuss

VI. New Business

- There was no new business to discuss

VII. Adjourn

- *The meeting adjourned at 4pm ET.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Whitney Barnard
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