



**USHJA Zone 2 Committee Meeting Minutes**

Monday, March 11, 2019 - 9:00 a.m. ET

**Zone 2 Members Participating:** Mark Leone (Chair), Troy Hendricks (Vice Chair), Wendy Chapot Nunn (Treasurer), James Benedetto, Katie Benson, Naomi Blumenthal, Mary Drueding, Kerry Kocher, Linda Mancini, Tobey McWilliams, Andrew Philbrick and Cynthia Williams (12)

**Zone 2 Members Not Present:** Karin Immerman, Michael Dowling, and Claudine Liberatore (3)

**Also Present:** Morgan Thibodeaux (Sports Program Assistant) (1).

**I. Welcome and Roll Call**

Mr. Leone called the meeting to order and Ms. Thibodeaux called roll. A quorum was met with 12 committee members present.

**II. Approve the minutes**

*Ms. Chapot Nunn motioned to approve the minutes from January 14, 2019 meeting.  
Mr. Benedetto seconded and the minutes were approved by the rest of the committee.*

**III. Chef d'Equipe Information**

Ms. Thibodeaux outlined the Zone Championships Chef d'Equipe Program that was sent to all of the committee members. She noted that the document states the responsibilities that fall upon a chef and what the chef's agree to by applying. Ms. Thibodeaux informed the committee that USHJA and USEF would like to start getting names of individuals interested in serving as chefs for the 2019 Championships.

Applications will open March 12th and the first deadline for applications will be April 8th. Once that deadline closes Ms. Thibodeaux will inform the committees of the number of applications received and the committees can choose to reopen the application period. She did note that everyone will be required to submit applications this year to become a chef or chef assistant. This is the case even in an instance where the committee nominates a person on the call and vote to approve.

*Ms. McWilliams motioned to approve the 2019 Zone Chef d'Equipe program. Ms. Blumenthal seconded and the program was approved without further discussion.*

**I. 2020 ChAA Hunter & Zone Jumper Team Championships**

Ms. Thibodeaux opened the floor to discuss combining with other zones for team championships. The committee discussed combining with other zones make championships more meaningful for smaller zones.

Mr. Leone suggested that Zone 2 be open to combining with any other zones that would be interested. The committee discussed meeting with other zones to discuss concerns with participation.

*Ms. McWilliams motioned to approve an invitation to all zones to participate in Zone 2 championships. Ms. Blumenthal seconded the motioned and it was passed unanimously by the committee.*

**IV. 2020 Zone Specifications**

The committee reviewed a specification comment brought forward by a Zone member for the Adult Amateur Jumpers. Ms. Chapot Nunn offered some suggestions on what could be done when cross entry restrictions are violated. She suggested the language say "should the cross entry rules be violated. Points/All Awards are forfeited and the horse/rider and they are not permitted to drop back down at that specific competition." The committee was agreed and moved on to discuss the pros and cons of making some changes to cross entry restrictions specifically pertaining to moving back down once the rider has tried a higher division.

*The committee later submitted an email vote to approve of the following changes to the Adult Amateur and Children's Jumper Specifications:*

Horse and Rider Combination:

***If a horse and rider combination compete where fences exceed 1.15m the horse and rider cannot compete in a classic, stake, or highest prize money class at the horse show.***

***Should the cross entry rules be violated, points awarded in the lower height class are forfeited and the horse and rider combination are not permitted to compete below 1.15m in height at the show.***

***If a Low Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper horse and rider combination compete where fences exceed 1.00m, the horse and rider combination are not permitted to compete in a Low Jumper classic, stake, or highest prize money class at the same horse show.***

**V. Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

**VI. New Business**

Mr. Leone brought up to the committee the Zone 2 Jumper HOTY Championships. Ms. Chapot Nunn noted that she would like to limit Zone 2 HOTY Jumper to be strictly for Zone 2 members. The committee noted that they would prefer it to be a standalone event or have the bonus prize money for only Zone 2 members like Mr. Philbrick did in 2018. The committee agreed that they want to create a meaningful and successful championship. Ms. Thibodeaux stated that she would write a memo to send along with the application to competition managers.

**VII. Adjourn**

*With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m. E.T.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Morgan Thibodeaux  
Sports Program Assistant