



USHJA Zone 2 Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 14, 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, Michael Dowling, Mary Drueding, Kerry Kocher, Claudine Liberatore, Linda Mancini, Tobey McWilliams, and Cynthia Williams (13)

Zone 2 Members Not Present: Karin Immerman and Andrew Philbrick (2)

Also Present: April Hammond (Assistant Managing Director of Zones & Affiliates) and Morgan Thibodeaux (Sports Program Assistant) (2).

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Mr. Leone called the meeting to order and April Hammond called roll. A quorum was met with 13 committee members present.

II. Approve the minutes

Mr. Hendricks motioned to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2018 meeting and Mr. Benedetto seconded. Ms. McWilliams abstained and the minutes were approved by the rest of the committee.

III. Annual Meeting Review

Mr. Hendricks noted that there was discussion of the Hampton Classic submitting a bid to host the Zone 2 Equitation Championship in 2021. The class used to be at the Hampton Classic and they would like to get it back. The committee would like to increase communication and publicity on the Championship. Mr. Leone asked if it would be appropriate to move the championship to the Maclay Regional competition. The committee is going to focus their efforts in 2019 on making the championship as much of a success as possible.

IV. 2019 Zone Representatives at USHJA Events

a. HOTY Championships

The committee stated that they would like to open an application period for Zone 2 Jumper Horse of the Year Championship. They would like to clarify that the classes are for Zone 2 members only. *Ms. Chapot Nunn motioned to open a short application period. Mr. Benedetto seconded and the committee voted in approval.*

b. Stirrup Cup Championships

c. Zone 2 Equitation Championship

The committee noted that they need to better promote the championship this year. It was mentioned that trainers make their schedules early on so the earlier the word gets out, the better.

d. Children's & Adult Amateur Hunter Championships

The committee wants to make a better marketing effort to increase participation. Last year's championship was not well attended. Mr. Benedetto noted that the Zone 2 cards from Annual Meeting looked great and the committee would like to give those out. The idea was also mentioned to have them posted on the website or have a pdf made to be sent to competition managers so that they can print and post them.

e. Zone Jumper Team Championships

The committee would like communications to send out an early reminder in the Zone eNews for the Zone Jumper Team Championships as well as the Children's & Adult Amateur Championships. There have been a lot of members saying they didn't know about the championships.

f. Other USHJA Events

V. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

VI. New Business

Ms. Benson informed the committee of the successful banquet. She stated that it went well and was well attended with around 100 people. The ribbons were delivered timely and efficiently and all except five were given out. Ms. Benson and Ms. McWilliams noted that they use the banquet as a time to promote the Zone 2 programs as well as grants & scholarships. The committee talked about potentially recognizing outreach Bronze, Silver, and Gold level riders at the Zone 2 banquet as well.

The committee discussed clarifying the specifications and how to handle cross entry violations. The idea was brought up to maybe come up with a guide for stewards on how to handle the violations.

Ms. Hammond informed the committee members of the new scholarship system and they were on board with the online system as well as having the applications be anonymous.

VII. Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m. E.T.

Respectfully Submitted,

Morgan Thibodeaux
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