



### **USHJA Zone 1 Committee Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, March 5, 2019 - 4:00 p.m. ET

**Zone Members Participating:** Fran Dotoli (Chair), Jay Mullen (Vice Chair), John Bahret (Treasurer), Cynsie Broda, Amy Eidson, Lisa Foster, Felicia Knowles, Fred Schauder, Kristi Smith, Ann Dotoli (NV Advisor), and Sheila Murphy (NV Advisor) (10)

**Zone Members Not Present:** Meg Black, Sally Hinkle Russell, Charlie Jacobs, C.J. Law, Carla Sharp, David Wilbur, and Monica Hunt (NV Advisor) (3)

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

#### **I. Welcome and Roll Call**

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

#### **II. Approve the minutes**

*Ms. Eidson motioned to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2019 meeting; Mr. Mullen seconded and with Mr. Bahret abstaining the minutes were approved.*

#### **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. Ann Dotoli noted that she will be attending the Pony Jumper Championships and may be able to assist. Ms. Smith also noted that she will be attending Zone Jumper Team Championships. The committee would like to reach out to Tom Brennan to be a chef for North American Youth Championships.

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

Ms. Dotoli overviewed the Zone Jumper Team and Children's & Adult Amateur Hunter Championships. She stated that Ms. Foster, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Schauder, and Ms. Broda will spearhead these. Ms. Smith noted that she should be able to attend the championships.

**V. Zone Specifications**

The committee discussed changing the language for the Age Group Equitation: Children's/Junior Section. Ms. Thibodeaux noted that she can look into the language used in other Zones and send that forward to Ms. Eidson. She noted that she will make any changes decided on by the committee and send the updated specifications to the committee members for an email vote.

Ms. Thibodeaux also overviewed the memorandum sent forward by the Pony Task Force requesting the Zone Committees to require competition management to adjust distances for small, medium, and large ponies in the Children's Hunter Pony division. Ms. Smith noted that it's a lot of work for management to constantly change distances. Ms. Foster feels that it would be beneficial for the riders but also agrees that it would be a lot of work.

*Mr. Mullen made a motion to disapprove of adding the required distances to the Zone Specifications. Ms. Smith seconded with an abstention from Ms. Foster. The committee voted in favor of not adding the required distances to the Zone 1 Specifications.*

**VI. 2020 NAJYRC Selection Procedures**

Ms. Thibodeaux opened the floor for any discussion on the draft of the 2020 North American Youth Championships selection procedures. *Mr. Bahret motioned to approve of the 2020 NAYC Selection Procedures. Ms. Knowles seconded and the committee voted unanimously to approve.*

**VII. 2019 Committee Member Responsibilities**

Ms. Eidson was able to get April Hammond to send the timeline and procedures for the election process. The first item is not due until December 2019.

Ms. Broda stated that the TCP clinic will be November 11-12 and the clinician will be Julie Winkle. The clinic will be at Mt. Holyoke and John Manning will be a guest speaker. Ms. Dotoli also noted that an equine masseuse is interested in giving a demo as well at the TCP clinic. Ms. Broda noted that marketing materials are in the works and should be finished by mid-April.

Ms. Dotoli discussed the educational forum at Fairfield Hunt Club in June. She informed the committee that some final details are getting ironed out. For example, which day at the show the forum will take place and who the speaker will be. Ms. Foster will be helping Ms. Dotoli

with organizing and finalizing the details for the forum. Ms. Dotoli then informed the committee of the details regarding the jumper forum. This forum will be held at the Manchester Horse Show on July 6<sup>th</sup> and the speaker will be course designer Manuel Esparsa. The next forum will be given by Timmy Lee on July 27 at Grazing Fields Farm. Silver Oak show will host the last forum in August and the speaker will be Anthony D'Ambrosio. He will set the course and while doing so, explain what he is doing. The following day the riders will have the ability to ride the course.

Ms. Dotoli asked the committee members if anyone would be able to attend the forum at Grazing Fields to be a representative of the committee. Mr. Mullen noted that he will be in attendance for that forum and would be happy to help.

### **VIII. New England Equitation Championship Sponsorship**

Ms. Dotoli noted that in 2018 the committee donated funds to the New England Equitation Championship. She then opened the floor for discussion on sponsoring the championship again for 2019. Mr. Bahret noted that from the perspective of the budget, the committee has the funds to donate.

Ms. Eidson noted that the Championships would appreciate the sponsorship and the program helps to increase education. She also informed the committee that two previous participants went on to become veterinarians eventually. Ms. Foster noted that this program fosters something that is lacking nowadays. Ms. Knowles stated that she believes it is a terrific program.

Ms. Thibodeaux noted that the committee had previously donated \$1,500 to the championship. She also noted that if the committee wanted to lower the amount allocated for the academic grant, the committee is able to do that. Ms. Dotoli noted that she had wanted to put aside \$500 for each of the forums. She stated that the funds would be used for refreshments.

*Ms. Foster motioned to approve of the \$1,500 donation to the New England Equitation Championship. Ms. Knowles seconded and Ms. Eidson abstained from voting. The remainder of the committee voted to approve of the donation.*

*Ms. Eidson motioned to allocate \$2,000 for the educational forums in 2019. Mr. Bahret seconded and the committee voted unanimously in approval.*

### **IX. Old Business**

There was no old business discussed.

### **X. New Business**

Mr. Mullen noted that Harmony Allers is the new Horse Show Coordinator for Eastern States. He stated that this will help everything in regards to the horse show run much smoother.

### **XI. Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. E.T.

Respectfully submitted,

Morgan Thibodeaux  
Sports Program Assistant