



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

Monday January 14, 2019 - 4:00 p.m. ET

**Zone Members Participating:** Fran Dotoli (Chair), Jay Mullen (Vice Chair), Meg Black, Cynsie Broda, Amy Eidson, Lisa Foster, Sally Hinkle Russell, Charlie Jacobs, Kristi Smith, and David Wilbur (10)

**Zone Members Not Present:** John Bahret (Treasurer), C.J. Law, and Carla Sharp (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 April Hammond called roll. A quorum was met with ten committee members present.

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

*Ms. Eidson motioned to approve the minutes from the March 26, 2018 meeting; Ms. Broda seconded and the minutes were approved.*

#### **III. Annual Meeting Review**

##### **A. 2020 Zone Election**

Ms. Dotoli overviewed the upcoming election and the projects that the committee needs to tackle this year. For the election, Ms. Dotoli would like for Ms. Eidson and Mr. Bahret to look into the details for what needs to be done. She would like this transition to be smooth and effective. Ms. Dotoli also informed the committee that she does not plan to run again for Committee Chair.

Ms. Dotoli updated the committee with the information that Ms. Broda has moved from a non-voting advisor to a voting member. Ms. Dotoli asked the committee for recommendations of people to add as non-voting advisors. She noted that Monica Hunt, Annie Dotoli, and Sheila Murphy were names discussed at Annual Meeting.

**B. TCP Clinic**

The committee is looking to host another TCP Clinic. Ms. Dotoli stated that she has reached out to Mount Holyoke about having the clinic there. If the committee agrees on this location then she will continue conversation with them on dates and other details. She would like to replicate the clinic from 2017 because of its success. Monica Hunt expressed interest at the USHJA Annual Meeting with helping with the TCP Clinic. The committee is looking at November 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> for the date of the clinic. Ms. Hinkle Russell and Ms. Broda stated that they would be willing to help in whatever way they can.

**C. Educational Forums**

The committee would like to have an educational forum at a horse show. There would be a jumper course designer and those interested would help build the course, ask questions, listen to the course designer, and then the next day they can ride the course they set. Ms. Dotoli is discussing the implementation of this with a couple of competition managers. The forum would be free to members and not limited to zone 1. The committee would like to give some payment to the person funning the forum for their time. Ms. Dotoli would like to ask the host location provide some small refreshments.

**D. Hunter Forums**

Ms. Dotoli requested the assistance of Ms. Foster and Ms. Eidson with the hunter forums. The committee would like to look into hosting at least one hunter forum. Ms. Dotoli mentioned discussing this further in the future but would like to start looking at potential locations.

**E. Affiliates**

Ms. Dotoli noted that the topic of identifying affiliates was brought up at Annual Meeting. She would like to identify the smaller organizations (mostly in New England) and invite them to things like the forums and TCP clinic. She would like to bring them along and show them what the zone has to offer to the USHJA members. Ms. Dotoli requested that the committee members look into the associations in their states that aren't very big or well known. She requested the help of Mr. Bahret and Ms. Black with researching these organizations.

**F. Grants and Scholarships**

The committee discussed the lack of interest in the Academic Grant and may potentially reallocate those funds to ensure more educational opportunities in the zone. Ms. Foster will spearhead the grants and scholarships. Ms. Hammond informed the committee of change to online review system.

**IV. 2019 Zone Representatives at USHJA Events**

**A. HOTY Championships**

Ms. Dotoli has requested assistance from Ms. Foster, Mr. Wilbur, and Mr. Fred Schauder with this event.

**B. Children's & Adult Amateur Hunter Championships**

Ms. Dotoli has requested assistance from Mr. Mullen and Mr. Jacobs with this event.

**C. Zone Jumper Team Championships**

**V. 2020 Budget**

The committee asked when the year-end budget would be available. Ms. Hammond noted that the accounting department is looking to have them done by the middle of February. Once complete, it will be sent to the committee for review.

**VI. Old Business**

There was no old business discussed.

**VII. New Business**

Ms. Hammond overviewed the request from the Big E to change the Zone 1 HOTY format from classic to section format. She noted that section format gives riders more points because more of the classes count. This format also gives hunter and equitation riders the opportunity to be champion and reserve. *Ms. Eidson made a motion to approve of the change from classic format to section format. Ms. Foster seconded and the committee voted unanimously in approval.*

**VIII. Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m. E.T.

Respectfully submitted,

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