



**USHJA Zone 5 Committee Meeting Minutes**

Monday, February 4, 2019 - 11:00 a.m. ET via Teleconference

**Zone 5 Committee Members Participating:** Patrick Boyle (Chair), Diane Carney (Vice Chair), Sara Ballinger, Otis Brown, Lisa Goldman, Myron Leff, Heather Pinnick, Patty Rogers, Ryan Sassmannshausen, and Elaine Schott (10)

**Zone 5 Committee Members Not Present:** Joleen DeWitt and Skip Thornbury (2)

**Also Present:** April Hammond (Sport Program Assistant) Morgan Thibodeaux (Sports Program Assistant) (2)

**I. Welcome and Roll Call**

Mr. Boyle called the meeting to order and Ms. Thibodeaux called roll. With ten committee members present, a quorum was met.

**II. Approve the minutes**

*Ms. Carney motioned to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2018 meeting; Ms. Ballinger seconded and the minutes were approved.*

**III. Annual Meeting Review**

The committee discussed potentially looking into moving the Zone Jumper Team Championships to a different area of the zone. The committee also mentioned doing more sponsorships to get Zone 5 members to different championships. Ms. Carney mentioned that the Zone 5 committee members could use something to identify themselves at horse shows. Zone 5 armbands, pins, or hats were some ideas brought up.

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

**A. HOTY Championships**

The committee discussed having as many committee members present at events as possible.

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

Committee members will try to attend the event.

**C. Zone Jumper Team Championships**

Committee members will try to attend the event.

**V. Specifications**

The committee would like to hold off on discussing the specifications until the next set of committee calls.

**VI. Grants & Scholarships**

Ms. Thibodeaux informed the committee of change to online review system. The new system is meant to cut down on the potential for a conflict of interest. The committee is not given any personal information of the applicant, only the answers to the application questions.

**VII. Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

**VIII. New Business**

Mr. Brown stated that he would like to involve more Grassroots into the zone. He mentioned potentially having Zone day be free at Annual Meeting. The idea was brought up to take roll call at the end of the call to make sure there is still a quorum. Ms. Carney agrees with Mr. Brown and likes the idea to talk to people and let them know of their obligation and gauge their interest of the committee. She would also like everyone to remember that it's hard to get volunteers and there are people on the committee that are busy running horse shows and helping at competitions.

Ms. Thibodeaux brought up Zone 5 Horsemanship written test and changing the questions for 2019. She noted that for this year she would like to pull the questions from the Horsemanship Quiz Challenge Study Guide. This would give a broader range of material to make questions out of. Ms. Schott motioned to approve of updating the specifications to pull questions from the HQC study guide. Ms. Ballinger seconded and the motion passed with a vote from the committee.

**IX. Adjourn**

*There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m. ET.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Morgan Thibodeaux  
Sports Program Assistant