



USHJA Zone 6 Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 19, 2019 - 10:00 a.m. CT / 11:00 a.m. ET

Committee Members Participating: Mark Aplin (Chair), Amy Aplin, Rae Doerring, Betsy Kieffer, Greg Novak, Sue Novak, Stacy Oppermann, and Patrice Urban (8)

Committee Members Not Present: Dan Urban (Vice Chair), Amy Bender, Elizabeth Conyers, Courtney Hayden-Fromm, Heather Parish, and Danielle Urban (6)

Also Present: Morgan Thibodeaux (Sports Program Coordinator) (1).

I. Welcome and Roll Call

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

II. Approve the minutes

Mr. Novak motioned to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2019 meeting; Ms. Conyers seconded and 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.

Mr. Urban asked if USHJA Communications could do an email blast about the applications when they open. Ms. Thibodeaux noted that email blasts will be sent out along with social media posts to inform people and encourage applicants. Ms. Urban noted that she may be able to serve as a chef for the Children's & Adult Amateur

Hunter Championship as well as the Zone Jumper Team Championships.

IV. 2020 ChAA Hunter & Zone Jumper Team Championships

Ms. Thibodeaux informed the committee that they had the horse numbers to host a standalone hunter championship but must combine for the jumper championship. *Ms. Novak motioned to approve of hosting a standalone Children's & Adult Amateur Hunter Championship in 2020. Ms. Parish seconded and the committee voted unanimously in approval.*

The committee would like to see where Zone 5, Zone 7, and Zone 8 will be holding their jumper championships before deciding which zone they would like to combine with.

V. Zone Specifications

Mr. Aplin overviewed the drafts that Ms. Thibodeaux had sent to the committee of the Specifications for 2020. Mr. Urban asked what the other zones decided upon for the Children's Hunter Pony distances regarding a memo sent to the Zones by the Pony Task Force. Ms. Thibodeaux noted that each Zone decided upon different language and that some zones voted in favor of adding the required distances and some were not in favor.

Ms. Kieffer noted that in her edits that were sent to Ms. Thibodeaux to be added to the specifications, she included suggested distances but did not make them required. She stated that if the committee does not like the suggested distances, they could easily be removed. Ms. Kieffer informed the committee that she sent forward edits for the Age Group Equitation classes based on the specifications for other zones. This way the committee could see what language other zones are using and they can edit as needed to fit what Zone 6 would need.

Ms. Thibodeaux informed the committee that she will make the changes discussed and then send the specifications to the committee members for an email vote. She also noted that the specifications will open on April 15th for 30 days for a member comment period. The specifications will be listed on the website and then comments will be sent to the zones email. The committee will then look at the specifications one more time after the comment period closes to make any final changes before the specifications are sent forward to the Working Groups.

VI. 2020 NAYC Selection Procedures

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

VII. Old Business

There was no old business discussed.

VIII. New Business

There was no new business discussed.

IX. Adjourn

There being no further business; *Ms. Kieffer moved to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 11:48 p.m. ET.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Morgan Thibodeaux
Sports Program Coordinator