



USHJA Zone 7 Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday January 28, 2019 - 10:00 a.m. ET

Zone 7 Committee Members Participating: Nancy Jones (Chair), Carl Hansen (Vice Chair), Joey Brumbaugh (Treasurer), Jennifer Cleere, Janis Collette, Laura Connaway, Matt Cyphert, Genie Harper, John McQueen, Kalea Maxwell, Kelly McCabe-Cyphert, and Bill Whisenant (12)

Zone 7 Committee Members Not Present: Frank Owens, (1)

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

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Ms. Jones called the meeting to order. Ms. Hammond called roll, with 12 committee members present, a quorum was met.

II. Approve the minutes

Mr. Brumbaugh motioned to approve the August 6, 2018 meeting minutes. Mr. Hansen seconded and the committee voted unanimously and the minutes were approved.

III. Annual Meeting Review

Ms. Thibodeaux overviewed the topics discussed by the committee at Annual Meeting. These included potential replacement committee members for 2019 as well as the 2019 programs and budget. The committee reflected on the 2018 competition year and how the programs went.

IV. 2019 Zone Representatives at USHJA Events

A. HOTY Championships

The committee will see if anyone can make it to the championships.

B. Zone 7 Equitation Championship

The committee will see if anyone can make it to the championships.

C. Children's & Adult Amateur Hunter Championships

Mr. McQueen will be in attendance but will be in a competition management role.

D. Zone Jumper Team Championships

Ms. McCabe-Cyphert will continue as the Jumper Coordinator for this year. Mr. McQueen noted that he could potentially get a sponsorship for new coolers/scrims for team members. Robin Collins said that she would be interested in helping to raise some money for the teams.

E. Other USHJA Events

V. Specifications

The committee discussed the memorandum brought to them by the Pony Task Force identifying pony distances. The memorandum asked the committees to list the distances for small, medium, and large ponies in their specifications. Mr. McQueen and Mr. Brumbaugh both stated that they would like to make this change to the specifications. *Mr. Brumbaugh motioned to have the Children's Hunter Pony distances listed in the specifications and require show management to change the distances for small, medium, and large ponies. Mr. Whisenant seconded and the committee voted to approve.*

Ms. Jones noted that in the section "Judging for All Hunter Sections" there is a bullet point that reads "Horses and ponies are not required to jog for soundness." *Mr. McQueen motioned to add the hunter sections that do not require a jog to determine soundness. Mr. Whisenant seconded and the committee voted to approve.*

VI. Grants & Scholarships

Ms. Hammond informed the committee of the change to an 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 discussed.

VIII. New Business

There was no new business discussed.

IX. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m. ET.

Respectfully Submitted,

Morgan Thibodeaux
Sports Program Assistant