



USHJA Zone 7 Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday March 11, 2019 - 10:00 a.m. ET

Zone 7 Committee Members Participating: Nancy Jones (Chair), Joey Brumbaugh (Treasurer), Janis Collette, Laura Connaway, Matt Cyphert, Genie Harper, Fred Kahn, Kalea Maxwell, John McQueen, and Bill Whisenant (10)

Zone 7 Committee Members Not Present: Carl Hansen (Vice Chair), Jennifer Cleere, Kelly McCabe-Cyphert, and Frank Owens (4)

Also Present: Morgan Thibodeaux (Sports Program Assistant) (1)

I. Welcome and Roll Call

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

II. Approve the minutes

Ms. Collette motioned to approve the January 28, 2019 meeting minutes. Mr. Whisenant seconded and the committee voted unanimously 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.

Ms. Jones asked the committee if there was anyone that might be interested in serving as a chef for the 2019 Championships. Mr. Cyphert and Mr. Brumbaugh both stated that they have interest in continuing to serve as chefs and help as much as they can.

IV. 2020 ChAA Hunter & Zone Jumper Team Championships

Ms. Thibodeaux stated that she would like the committee to start thinking about and discussing whether they would like to combine with other zones for the 2020 Children's and Adult Amateur Hunter and Zone Jumper Team Championships.

Ms. Jones brought up a qualifying question for the Children's and Adult Amateur Hunter Championships. She asked if a rider trying to qualify for the championships could show at 3'3" during the year or if this knocked them out of qualifying. Ms. Thibodeaux noted that as long as the rider does not compete above 3'3" they are still eligible for the championship.

Mr. Cyphert stated that the fun part of the championships is to go and compete against other Zones instead of only competing against the riders in your Zone. He noted that if Zone 8 would like to have a standalone championship then Zone 7 would like to look into combining with Zone 6. The committee would also like to check back later with Zone 8 on if they have any interest in combining.

The committee would like to look into a zone 6,7,8 regional championships to include more zones and have a bigger championships. The committee thinks this would help improve participation at the championship. Ms. Connaway asked if the championship goes well in Santa Fe this year, could Zone 7 continue to have their championships there even if Zone 8 doesn't want to have theirs at Santa Fe.

V. Zone Specifications

After some discussion, the committee agreed to make the following change to the Rider Cross Entry section of the Adult Amateur Jumper Specifications:

If a High Adult Amateur Jumper classic is offered in the Children's or Adult Amateur Jumpers and the rider has jumped above 1.30m at that show then they are not eligible for any Classic in the Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper sections.

VI. 2020 NAYC Selection Procedures

Mr. McQueen motioned to approve of the 2020 NAYC Selection Procedures. Mr. Brumbaugh seconded and the committee voted to approve.

VII. Old Business

Ms. Jones noted that she and Kelly Cyphert made a list of items needed for the jumper teams for 2019 and sent them forward to Ms. Thibodeaux. Ms. Thibodeaux was able to get price estimates on all of the items to return to the committee. Mr. Cyphert noted that he has a meeting with Texas Hunter Jumper and will discuss with them the potential of getting a donation for the teams.

VIII. New Business

There was no new business discussed.

IX. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Brumbaugh motioned to adjourn. Mr.

Whisenant seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. ET.

Respectfully Submitted,

Morgan Thibodeaux
Sports Program Assistant