



### **USHJA Zone 7 Committee Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, May 28, 2019 - 10:00 a.m. ET

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

**Zone 7 Committee Members Not Present:** Jennifer Cleere, Val Garza, Kelly McCabe-Cyphert, John McQueen, and Frank Owens (5)

**Also Present:** Morgan Thibodeaux (Sports Program Coordinator) (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**

*Mr. Cyphert motioned to approve the April 22, 2019 meeting minutes. Mr. Whisenant seconded and the committee voted unanimously and the minutes were approved.*

#### **III. Zone Specifications**

The committee discussed the member comment brought to the Zones during the comment period for the 2020 Specifications. The following proposed by a Zone 7 member for the Adult Amateur Jumpers:

**I propose that the restrictions be extended to the entire division - i.e. if a rider has jumped above a certain height at that show, they cannot compete in the division. This is similar to the specifications in many other Zones, and would really only restrict 1-2 riders per show.**

**Additionally, I propose changing the wording from "above 1.30m" to "at or above 1.30m". This would allow riders to show in the Low Jr./AO Jumpers, but not the Mediums.**

Mr. Cyphert asked what if a rider competing gets a new horse and wants to bring that horse along? Unless there is abuse of the system, he does not believe in restricting classes further. Mr. Whisenant and Ms. Connaway both agreed with this comment.

*Ms. Connaway motioned to keep the specifications the way they are currently written. Mr. Cyphert seconded and the committee voted unanimously to approve.*

#### **IV. Clinic Host Grant**

Ms. Jones opened discussion on the clinic host grant brought forward by Le Bocage Stables. *Mr. Whisenant motioned to approve of the grant request but reduce the funding to \$1,000 instead of the \$2,000 they were asking for. Mr. Hansen seconded and the committee unanimously approved.*

The committee discussed the Zone 7 clinic host grant online application. They would like to add the question “How will the funds be used to benefit Zone 7 members?” Ms. Thibodeaux noted that she will edit the application and send to the committee for approval. Mr. Hansen motioned to table this until the question is sent to committee for approval. Mr. Brumbaugh seconded and the committee agreed.

The question was brought up on whether the committee should restrict grants to “up to \$1,000”. Ms. Connaway stated that she is against it, because she does not want the committee to pigeonhole themselves. The committee agreed and decided not to add that restriction into the application.

#### **V. Zone 8 Eligibility Waiver**

Ms. Jones overviewed the waiver brought forward by a Zone 8 hunter rider asking to compete at a Children’s & Adult Amateur Hunter Championship in another Zone. Ms. Thibodeaux informed the committee that the rider requested approval to compete at either the Zone 7 Championship or the Zone 9 & 10 Championship to improve her chances of approval.

Ms. Thibodeaux stated that Zones 8, 7, 9 and 10 must approve of the waiver. This information will then be sent to the liaison for the ChAA task force and it will ultimately be their decision to approve or deny. Ms. Thibodeaux noted that the committees can choose to only accept the individual if there are vacancies on any of the teams.

Ms. Connaway explained that she likes the rider’s enthusiasm and that she enjoys the championship. Mr. Whisenant sees no problem with accepting her if she qualifies. Ms. Connaway also noted that the championships are new so enthusiasm and feedback are good. She pointed out that this rider could be beneficial to the success and growth of the program and the championships. Mr. Brumbaugh noted that as the chef he feels that the more riders, the better.

*Ms. Connaway motioned to approve of the waiver request. Mr. Kahn seconded and the remainder of the committee voted unanimously to approve.*

**VI. Old Business**

There was no old business discussed.

**VII. New Business**

There was no new business discussed.

**VIII. Adjourn**

*There being no further business to discuss Mr. Brumbaugh motioned to adjourn. Mr. Whisenant seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m. ET.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Morgan Thibodeaux  
Sports Program Coordinator