



Zone 8 Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 4, 2019 - 12:00 p.m. PT / 1:00 p.m. MT

Zone 8 Committee Members Participating: Tracye Ferguson (Chair), Laurie Grayson (Vice Chair), Jenny Paisley (Treasurer), Betty Beran, Betsy Checchia, Chris Collman, Michael Dennehy, Jill Pelzel, and Danine Summers (9)

Zone 8 Committee Members Not Present: Lisa Hooper, Marion Maybank, Beth Nielsen, and Allison Wicks (4)

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

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Ms. Ferguson called the meeting to order and Ms. Thibodeaux called roll. A quorum was met with 11 committee members present.

II. Approve the minutes

Ms. Paisley motioned to approve the minutes for the February 4, 2019 meeting. Ms. Pelzel seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote from the committee.

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 we 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. Pelzel motioned to approve of the 2019 Chef d'Equipe Program. Ms. Grayson seconded and the committee voted unanimously to approve.*

IV. 2020 ChAA Hunter & Zone Jumper Team Championships

Ms. Thibodeaux informed the committee that they had the horse numbers to host a standalone Children's & Adult Amateur Hunter Championship as well as a standalone Zone Jumper Team Championship. Ms. Ferguson stated that with the approval of the standalone championships in 2020 it was felt that going forward with the program proposal would not be necessary.

Mr. Collman echoed that it would no longer be necessary to go forward with the program proposal due to the fact that the proposal would also have to go through the approval process. He noted that the zone could hold a fun class geared towards Zone 8 Hunter riders but it would not be to the degree that the program proposal was intending.

Ms. Grayson motioned to not move forward with the Zone 8 program proposal. Mr. Dennehy seconded with Mr. Collman abstaining. The rest of the committee voted in favor of not moving forward with the proposal. Ms. Beran noted that going forward, host dates need to be looked at. 2019 Zone Jumper Team Championships are being held at the same time as Hunterdon.

Ms. Thibodeaux informed the committee that she would like to get communication out about the 2020 championships and push riders to compete in the hunter sections to qualify for 2020. She will make sure to start adding that into Zone eNews and other zone communication and marketing materials. Mr. Collman would like to have standalone championships for 2020. He states that even if the shows are small they could build it over the years. Ms. Checchia would like to not upset Zone 7 and thinks that Zone 8 should talk to them. She would like to do this in case Zone 8 does not have any host location bids.

Mr. Collman motioned to have a Zone 8 only Children's & Adult Hunter Championship as well as a Zone 8 only Zone Jumper Team Championship. Ms. Grayson seconded and the committee voted unanimously in favor.

V. Specifications

Ms. Thibodeaux informed the committee that she has made the changes discussed and that if there are any other changes, the committee can discuss those now. The committee noted that there were no further changes to be made. *Mr. Collman motioned to approve of the 2020 Zone 8 Specifications draft. Ms. Pelzel seconded and the committee voted to agree.*

Ms. Thibodeaux 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. Summers noted that the height that the riders are asked to jump seems excessive and excludes a lot of talented riders. She stated that the riders already competing at this level are not wanting to go and compete at NAYC for no prize money. Ms. Thibodeaux noted that she would take this information to the Task Force liaison to pass along down the chain of command.

VII. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

VIII. New Business

Ms. Ferguson discussed Zone sponsorship for Annual Meeting. She would like participation from each state in the Zone. Colorado Hunter Jumper has already approved of sponsoring a lunch. Ms. Grayson feels that it is very important for advertising but would like to redirect funds to membership instead of the Annual Meeting. The committee will look at the budget and see if they are able to sponsor anything for Annual Meeting.

IX. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m. PT.

Respectfully Submitted,

Morgan Thibodeaux
Sports Program Assistant