



Zone 8 Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 4, 2019 - 10:00 a.m. PT / 11:00 a.m. MT

Zone 8 Committee Members Participating: Tracye Ferguson (Chair), Laurie Grayson (Vice Chair), Betty Beran, Betsy Checchia, Chris Collman, Michael Dennehy, Marion Maybank, Beth Nielsen, Jill Pelzel, Danine Summers, and Allison Wicks (11)

Zone 8 Committee Members Not Present: Jenny Paisley (Treasurer) and Lisa Hooper (2)

Also Present: April Hammond (Sport Program Assistant) and Morgan Thibodeaux (Sports Program Assistant) (2)

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. Nielsen motioned to approve the minutes for the August 27, 2018 meeting. Mr. Dennehy seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote from the committee.

III. Annual Meeting Review

The committee would like to look into a sponsorship for Annual Meeting seeing as the conference is in Denver for 2019.

IV. 2019 Zone Representatives at USHJA Events

A. HOTY Championships

Ms. Wicks noted that there would be a good possibility that she would be at the championship and could serve as a representative.

B. Zone Jumper Team Championships

Ms. Pelzel and Ms. Checchia will be in attendance of the Zone Jumper Team Championships.

C. Stirrup Cup Championships

V. Specifications

Ms. Checchia noted that the Zone has difficulty meeting all of the requirements of the Stirrup Cup Specifications. She would like to look into sending a request forward to edit the 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. Collman noted that he liked the concept, however he stated that it is difficult to specify the exact distances due to all of the factors that go into course designing. *Ms. Beran motioned to approve of the concept and change the specifications without listing the exact distances. Ms. Grayson seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.*

VI. Grants & Scholarships

Ms. Thibodeaux overviewed the new online system for grants and scholarships.

VII. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

VIII. New Business

Mr. Collman has come up with a program proposal for a Zone 8 Children's and Adult Amateur Hunter Spectacular. He has submitted the proposal to Ms. Hammond and Ms. Thibodeaux to format before moving forward to the Hunter Working Group. Ms. Nielsen motioned to move the program proposal forward in the approval process. Ms. Grayson seconded and with a unanimous vote from the committee, Ms. Thibodeaux will start working on the proposal for the Hunter Working Group.

IX. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m. PT.

Respectfully Submitted,

Morgan Thibodeaux
Sports Program Assistant