



### **USHJA Zone 9 Committee Meeting Minutes**

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

**Committee Members Present:** Clare Warren (Chair), Max Von Zimmermann (Vice Chair), Nicole Bourgeois, Kathy Hall, Jessie Lang, Gayl Russell, Corey Smith, Nora Thomas, Mary Von Zimmerman, and Katherine Wade-Easley (10)

**Committee Members Not Present:** Megan Jordan (Treasurer), Quinn Partridge, and Martha Price (3)

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

#### **I. Welcome and Roll Call**

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

#### **II. Approve the minutes**

*Mr. Von Zimmermann motioned to approve the February 4, 2019 meeting minutes. Ms. Von Zimmermann seconded and with the abstention of Ms. Smith, the committee voted unanimously to approve.*

#### **III. Chef d'Equipe Information**

Ms. Warren 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 12<sup>th</sup> and the first deadline for applications will be April 8<sup>th</sup>. 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.

The committee discussed having Ms. Von Zimmermann take on the role of being the Zone Coordinator. *Ms. Russell moved to award Ms. Von Zimmermann the role of Zone Coordinator. Ms. Smith seconded and the committee voted in approval.*

#### **IV. 2020 ChAA Hunter & Zone Jumper Team Championships**

Ms. Thibodeaux informed the Zone 9 Committee that Zone 9 has the numbers to host a standalone championship for the jumpers but not the hunters. She then opened the floor for discussion on the topic. Mr. Von Zimmermann stated that it is difficult for Zone 9 riders when the championships are combined because they have to travel a long distance. The committee agreed that they would like to host a standalone jumper championship.

The committee questioned if there was a competition in Zone 9 that could host that scale of a championship. One of the questions the committee discussed was at what time of year could the championship be held. Ms. Von ZimmermannThe last competition of the year is Northwest Spectacular.

Ms. Russell noted that going to California brings about a whole new competition. Zone 9 people compete against Zone 9 people all year at competitions throughout the zone. It would be nice to give people a different group of competitors. Ms. Wade-Easley stated that the Zone 10 competition is too big. There was not enough time in the day and riders kept getting moved from ring to ring. The committee would like to table this discussion for the time being and encourage competition managers in the zone to apply to host the championship.

#### **V. Zone Specifications**

Ms. Warren reminded the committee of the memo sent forward from the Pony Task Force requesting that the Zone Committees list required distances for the Children's Hunter Pony sections. Zone 9 specifications list suggested distances but does not require them. Ms. Thomas felt that this rule was very important. *For this reason, Ms. Thomas made a motion to require the distances for the Children's Hunter Pony sections. Ms. Smith seconded and with the abstention of Mr. Von Zimmermann, the committee voted in approval.*

*Ms. Von Zimmermann motioned to approve of the following changes to the Adult Amateur Hunter Specifications:*

Cross Entry:

##### **Riders:**

~~Adult Amateur riders entered in Adult Amateur Hunter sections may not compete in the Amateur Owner Hunter sections at the same competition.~~ *Amateur Owner riders may compete on a maximum of one (1) Adult Amateur Hunter horse that they own at the same competition.*

##### **Horse and Rider Combination:**

*Horse and rider combinations may not cross enter into the Amateur Owners section.*

*Ms. Thomas seconded the changes to the specifications and with the abstention of Mr. Von Zimmermann, the remaining committee members voted to approve.*

**VI. 2020 NAYC Selection Procedures**

*Mr. Von Zimmermann motioned to approve of the NAYC Selection Procedures. Ms. Smith seconded and the committee voted to approve.*

**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 the meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m. PT.

Respectfully Submitted,

Morgan Thibodeaux  
Sports Program Assistant