



USHJA Horse and Rider Advocates Committee
Wednesday, December 11, 2019 10:30am-12pm MT
USHJA Annual Meeting Denver, Colorado

Members Present: Dr. Sarah Cohen, Dayle Eldredge, Sheila Murphy, Gay Talmey, and Katie Young (Chair) (5)

Members Not Present: Dr. Mark Baus, Maria Biancone, Arly Golombek (Vice), Susan Lyman, Dr. Richard Mitchell, Jo-Ann Schaudies, Dr. Stephen Soule, Eric Straus, and Leslie Terry (9)

Also Present: Whitney Barnard (Committee Liaison), Kelsey Shanley (USEF)

I. Welcome and Roll Call

- Katie Young called the meeting to order at 10:37am MT. Whitney Barnard performed roll call and a quorum was met with 5 voting members present.

II. Approval of the meeting minutes from 11/18/19 and 12/6/19

- *Ms. Murphy moved to approve the minutes from November 18 and December 6, 2019. Ms. Eldredge seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*

III. RCPs

Initially the Hunter Working Group approved the jogging RCP language but later met and had recommendations for edits. They suggested that 3'3" horses should not have to jog even if combined with classes jumping at a higher height. They also recommended removing HU133 referencing Young Hunters. *Ms. Murphy motioned to approve the edits for a second draft of the RCP tracking 165-19. Ms. Eldredge seconded and the motion passed.*

The committee then discussed recommendations to include dimensions for privacy screens as well as identify a number of required screens per ring in RCP tracking 164-19. There were concerns about who would measure the screens, whether or not management would be able to store multiple screens, and if more than one screen at a facility is necessary. In the end, no additional edits were made to the proposal.

IV. Factoids

Ms. Young stated that in 2020 the committee would not be putting out educational articles but suggested coming up with short, one-line "factoids" that were easily digestible and interesting to the membership. They could be included in sidebars of the newsletters that go out to the membership. Ideas are welcome and can include information such as "did you know that a horse's average temperature should range between 99-101 degrees?" Send ideas to Ms. Barnard or Ms. Young and be sure to site your sources using qualified, reliable reference material.

V. Limiting Classes

Data was requested from USEF and reviewed to determine if over showing seems to be a significant issue. According to the data, it does not appear that over showing is as much of an issue as we think. The facts are helpful to look into as legislating class limits is challenging as everyone's interpretation of "too many classes" differ and can also depend on factors related to the horse (age, experience, ability of the rider, ambient temperature, etc). No steps for submitting a class-limiting RCP are planned at this time. There was a recommendation for an article on "signs of a tired horse."

VI. Regulating weighted boots

Ms. Young noticed there may be some inconsistencies regarding weighted boots. She proposed considering an RCP for next year that addressed the issue.

VII. Old Business

- There was no old business to discuss

VII. New Business

- Tricia Booker, the Managing Editor for *In Stride*, informed the committee that the magazine will be doing a "caring for horses" series throughout 2020. Topics include:
 - Keeping horses healthy in cold weather
 - Bio security for traveling show horses
 - In the stable with EAP
 - Grooming
 - Road to recovery with Rood & Riddle
 - Planning a show schedule
- There was a recommendation to create cards with a link to the Spanish videos to help get the lunging videos to the grooms and staff who could benefit from it
- There was an added suggestion to develop a groom certification. Ms. Barnard offered to bring this up in development meetings for the new TCP program

V. Adjourn

- *Ms. Eldredge motioned to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 11:40pm MT.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Whitney Barnard
 USHJA Assistant Managing Director of Education/Committee Liaison