



USHJA Zone 7 Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 1, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. CT/10:00 a.m. ET

Zone 7 Members Participating: Nancy Jones (Chair), Carl Hansen (Vice Chair), Joey Brumbaugh (Treasurer), Janis Collette, Matt Cyphert, Valerie Garza, Genie Harper, Fred Kahn, Kalea Maxwell, Kelly McCabe-Cyphert, John McQueen and Sandra Tabio (12)

Zone 7 Members Not Present: Patty Roberts EXC and Bill Whisenant (2)

Also Present: Morgan Thibodeaux (Sports Program Coordinator), Kristin Rover (Regional Communications Coordinator) and Lynn Johnson (Sports Program Office Aide) (3)

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Ms. Jones called the meeting to order. Ms. Thibodeaux called roll, with twelve committee members present, a quorum was met.

II. Approve the Minutes

Mr. Hansen motioned to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2020 and December 16, 2020 meetings. Mr. McQueen seconded the motion. The motion was approved with no abstentions.

III. Annual Meeting Review

Ms. Pearson stated the Annual Meeting was very well attended by members and Committee members. The 2021 Annual Meeting will be held in Charlotte, NC hopefully in person. USHJA is looking at a possible hybrid version which would include virtual and in-person sessions. Most agreed the in-person aspect was really missed this year. More people were able to attend this year due to it being virtual. The Committee felt two weeks was too long. A suggestion was to have Zone Meetings scheduled during the week to allow for more participation. Ms. Pearson stated most Zones like the idea of a hybrid version and that two weeks was too long. Also, on-demand was a great feature many liked.

IV. 2021 Zone Planning

Ms. Pearson stated the Zone budget will be presented and discussed at the next meeting in March. The budget will be very similar to the 2020 budget. The Feed Aid Program will be open for applications on February 15, 2021. Past recipients can apply for this. Any questions can be sent to Ms. Pearson.

Ms. McCabe-Cyphert has inventoried the Zone Jumper Team equipment and has

prepared a list of items which will need to be ordered. Ms. Pearson read off the list to the Committee (8-10 scrims, 10-12 bonnets, 5 wool dress sheets and a banner). Ms. Cyphert-McCabe estimated the cost could be approximately \$1,500. They will get estimates locally and Ms. Pearson can get an estimate from the USHJA Awards Department. The Committee will discuss the estimates at the next budget meeting and vote on this. Mr. Cyphert mentioned possibly getting hats, polos and saddle pads for the Zone Jumper Team. Ms. McCabe-Cyphert mentioned these have been provided by a sponsor in the past. Ms. Pearson will get an estimate on this also for the Committee. Ms. Pearson stated the Committee can try to get sponsorship for these items if it does not conflict with USHJA Official Sponsors. Ms. Pearson will check with the USHJA Sponsorship Department to clarify the conflict of interest if the donation is financial. Ms. Pearson will get with the Financial Depart to see if scholarship funds that were not used in 2020 will be able to be used for 2021.

Ms. Jones asked the Committee for ideas for other competitions that might want to host Handy Hunter Challenges for Zone 7.

Ms. Pearson stated the former CH/AA Championships have been revamped for 2021 and is now the Hunter Team Challenge. There are three locations in 2021 which are Thermal (West), Lamplight (Central) and Saugerties (East). There is a possibility to get more venues added (one in each Zone), depending on attendance. Ms. Jones has talked with Zone 4 regarding their idea to have a modified Hunter Team Challenge at their Zone Finals as East Hunter Team Challenge is very far travel wise.

Ms. Jones stated she would contact competition managers in Zone 7 regarding educational event possibilities.

V. 2021 Zone Elections

Ms. Pearson advised the Zone Nominating Committee has been seated. They will have their initial meeting the second week of February and continue to meet for the next couple months to review nominees. Members are encouraged to nominate themselves and/or other before the closing date of March 1, 2021. Individuals may submit unlimited nominations. Nominee packets will be sent out in the next couple weeks.

VI. Old Business

Ms. Jones mentioned Zone 7 and 4 will be having a clinic during Gulfport in February or March 2022. Zone 7 will budget some funds for this. Ms. Jones stated the clinic would be free for members of Zone 4 & 7. Members of other Zones would pay a fee (about \$150-\$175). They will hire a clinician to teach this. Gulfport is on board with this. John McQueen will work with Paige Tredennick from Zone 4 on this.

Ms. Jones addressed Zone 7 Committee attendance. Members need to keep track of their attendance. Ms. Pearson stated Committee members are required to attend 75% of the Committee meetings. Attendance records are supplied to the Nominating Committee for use in their review of nominees. Each member is allowed two excused absences. Ms. Laura Connaway has resigned her position on the Committee. Please send suggestions for people to fill this position to Ms. Jones and/or Ms. Babick. Conflict of Interest forms must be submitted each year by each Committee member. Ms. Pearson will resend those forms to the Committee members. If you are on another USHJA Committee and have submitted a form for that Committee, you do not need to submit another one. Please make sure those are submitted promptly.

VII. New Business

There was no New Business to discuss.

VIII. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:46am ET.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Johnson
Sports Program Office Aide