



### **USHJA Zone 2 Committee Meeting Minutes**

Monday, January 25, 2021 - 10:00 a.m. ET

**Zone 2 Members Participating:** Mark Leone (Chair), Troy Hendricks (Vice Chair), Wendy Chapot Nunn (Treasurer), James Benedetto, Katie Benson, Mary Drueding, Kerry Kocher, Claudine Liberatore, Linda Mancini, Tobey McWilliams, Andrew Philbrick and Cynthia Williams. (12)

**Zone 2 Members Not Present:** Michael Dowling and Karin Immerman. (2)

**Also Present:** Morgan Pearson (Sports Program Coordinator), Kristin Rover (Regional Communications Coordinator) and Lynn Johnson (Sports Program Assistant). (3)

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

Mr. Leone called the meeting to order. Ms. Pearson called roll. A quorum was met with twelve committee members present.

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

*Ms. McWilliams motioned to approve the minutes from the December 1, 2020 and December 14, 2020 meetings. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the committee.*

#### **III. Annual Meeting Review**

There was no Annual Meeting Review.

#### **IV. 2021 Zone Elections**

Ms. Pearson stated the Nominating Committee has been seated and will meet February 10, 2021. They will continue to meet weekly to review all nominations. Nominations close March 1, 2021. If you have not self-nominated, please do so. All nominees will receive a nominee packet. If someone is not elected by ballot, please remember Ms. Babick does appoint members to each Committee. The term that is up for election is for three years.

**IV. 2021 Planning**

Ms. Pearson stated the budget will be discussed at the next meeting in March. The Zone 2 Equitation Championships will be held at Brandywine for 2021. Ms. Pearson stated the Stirrup Cup has been discontinued. The CH/AA Championships have been revamped to the Hunter Team Challenge. One event will be held at Saugerties in August 2021. Mr. Leone requested a sheet or card with a brief synopsis of programs offered for Zone 2 containing dates, location and brief description. Ms. Pearson stated she would relay this to the USHJA Design Department for compilation and distribution. The Committee discussed current show atmosphere which appears to be good.

**V. Funding Request**

Ms. Pearson excused Ms. Libertore from the call. Ms. Pearson explained the funding request has been received from Ms. Libertore, requesting reimbursement for her cost to change the dates she applied for which conflicts with Zone 2 Finals. She has requested \$100 which is the cost of the date change, which she will do to allow Zone 2 to have their show on those dates.

*Mr. Philbrick made a motion to approve the funding request from Ms. Libertore for her cost of the date change to allow Zone 2 to have their Zone Finals. Mr. Benedetto seconded the motion. The motion passed with no objections or abstentions.*

**VII. Old Business**

Mr. Leone asked if there were some thoughts as to an award in memory of Ms. Blumenthal. It was previously decided that the Zone 2 Finals would be dedicated to Ms. Blumenthal. The Committee would like to get a perpetual award/trophy in memory of Ms. Blumenthal. Ms. Pearson stated she would talk to the Awards Department to see what they could order. The Zone Committee will pay for this. Ms. Pearson will let the Committee know what is available. Mr. Leone asked the Committee to think about what the requirements for consideration for the award should be for discussion at the next meeting.

The Committee asked about the extra Zone HOTY awards this year. Ms. Benson stated they will receive the regular awards all Zones receive which are ribbons, with Champions receiving picture frames. Zone 2 is also providing coolerettes for champions that they can request. All information will be in the Zone 2 ENews which goes out this weekend. This is in place so the coolerettes go to those who really want them. Due to current pandemic conditions, there will be no awards party this year. Ms. Pearson stated all year end awards are in process.

**VIII. New Business**

There was no New Business to discuss.

**IX. Adjourn**

*Ms. Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30am ET.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Johnson  
Sports Program Assistant