



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

Wednesday, December 2, 2020 - 3:00 p.m. PT/ 6:00 p.m. ET

**Committee Members Present:** Clare Warren (Chair), Max Von Zimmermann (Vice Chair), Nicole Bourgeois, Kathy Hall, Jessie Lang, Quinn Partridge, Gayl Russell, Corene Smith, and Mary Von Zimmerman. (9)

**Committee Members Not Present:** Megan Jordan (Treasurer), Martha Price, Nora Thomas and Katherine Wade-Easley (EXC) (4)

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

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

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

#### **II. 2020 Zone Communications Report**

Ms. Rover presented the 2020 Zone 9 Communications Report. Analytics have determined the best way to communicate with Zone members is through the Zone ENews. The Communications Department will be increasing engagement with the Zone members using the Zone Facebook page.

#### **III. 2020 Zone Programs Review**

Ms. Pearson stated a new program for 2021 is the Hunter Team Challenge. There will be a West, East and Central Team Challenge. More information can be found on the USHJA webpage or by attending the Hunter Team Challenge presentation later this week. The IHD now has a mandatory enrollment requirement. This was created to fund the six new Regional Championships. EAP and Clinic grants are available through Zone 9. MHJA held a clinic which was a recipient of a Zone 9 clinic grant. It was very successful. Committee members will try to be more visible at competitions.

#### **IV. Zone 9 Equitation Championships**

The Zone 9 Equitation Championships were held in Wilsonville, OR this year. This is a 3'6" Championship that winning a Hunter Seat Medal class qualifies you to compete at. There is a rule that states only the exhibitor may ride the horse during the 24 hours

preceding the start of the class. The Committee is looking at modifying this rule to encourage greater participation. This Championship will be held at Wilsonville for 2021 and 2022. The winner of this year's Championship was featured in a Q & A session by the Communications Department.

**V. Zone 9 Specifications**

The Committee went over changes to the Zone 9 Specifications for 2021. Ms. Pearson stated the discussions for Zone Specifications begin in February. Any suggested changes can be submitted as member comments at that time.

**VI. 2021 Zone Planning**

The Hunter Team Challenge was discussed. This is a new program for 2021. The link to the webpage for this program was shared with attendees.

**VII. Q & A with Attendees**

Questions were submitted by attendees and answered by Committee members and/or other panelists from the Annual Meeting.

**VIII. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at the end of the scheduled session.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Johnson  
Sports Program Assistant