

USHJA Zone 9 Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 9, 2020 - 11:00 a.m. PT/ 2:00 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, Nora Thomas and Mary Von Zimmerman. (10)

Committee Members Not Present: Megan Jordan (Treasurer), Martha Price (EXC) and Katherine Wade-Easley (EXC) (3)

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 ten committee members present.

II. Approve the minutes

Ms. Von Zimmerman made a motion to approve the July 27, 2020 meeting minutes. Ms. Russell seconded the motion. The motion passed with no abstentions.

III. 2020 Annual Meeting

Ms. Pearson advised the 2020 Annual Meeting will be a virtual meeting via Zoom Webinars. Each Zone meeting will be one hour in length with the last fifteen minutes being a member Q & A session. Meetings are limited to one hour due to scheduling. Each registered member can attend any Zone meeting. The agenda for this meeting will be sent out to all Committee members for approval. Ideas for the agenda can be emailed to Ms. Pearson.

IV. Zone Elections

Ms. Pearson stated due to the creation of the Zone Council, all Zone Committee terms were extended for one year. The Zone Committee will be re-seated in November 2021. There will be a Zone Committee meeting scheduled for December after the Annual Meeting. At this meeting, Zone Committee members will submit names for the Zone Nominating Committee. There must be three Jumper and three Hunter representatives on the Nominating Committee. They cannot be anyone who will be up for election or re-election. They must be Senior members. Those seated in 2021 will have a three-year term, which will realign the elections to the Presidential election. Ms. Pearson will email Zone election policies and procedures, along with a timeline, to each Committee member.

V. Communications Update

Ms. Rover stated the Communications Department is currently planning for 2021. She has created a survey she would like the Committee to complete to provide feedback for planning purposes. Ms. Pearson will email the link to all Committee members after the meeting. Any questions/ideas/comments can be sent to Ms. Rover.

VI. Old Business

Ms. Warren mentioned an issue with the Equitation Finals held this year in Wilsonville. The specifications for the class say no one except the exhibitor may ride the horse twenty fours hours before the Finals. While trying to get people to enter the class, some entered the class late, which resulted in the trainer having ridden the horse less than twenty fours before the class. Ms. Warren stated they had to get Ms. Babick to change that specification for 2020 to the morning of the class to allow those late entries. Ms. Warren wanted the Committee to consider revising the specifications in the future. Better promotion for the class to avoid this was discussed as well as not revising the specifications. The Committee will look at this during next year.

VII. New Business

The Zone Committee received a thank you letter from the Montana Hunter Jumper Association for the financial contribution to support their clinic. The clinic was well attended.

VIII. Adjourn

Mr. Von Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Partridge seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:29p.m. ET.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Johnson Sports Program Assistant