



USHJA Recognized Riding Academy

Wednesday, May 12th, 2021 12pm ET

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88620892491?pwd=Y2VpVElOU0xraG85cWRJR2hzckE0Zz09>

Members Present: Jill McGrady (Chair), Roxane Durant, Suzanne Flaig, Leslie Terry, and Kay Altheuser (5)

Members Not Present: Leighanne Brocki, Sondra Makowski, Stephanie Cook, and Allie Zorn (4)

Also Present: Whitney Barnard (Committee Liaison)

I. Welcome and Roll Call

- Ms. McGrady called the meeting to order at 12:04pm ET and Ms. Barnard performed roll call. A quorum was met with five voting members present.

II. Approval of the Minutes

- *Ms. Altheuser motioned to approve the minutes from April 14, 2021. Ms. Flaig seconded and the motion passed.*

III. Lesson Horse of the Year Award

The committee met via Zoom to discuss the most recent draft of the Lesson Horse of the Year award proposal following the Awards Committee's recommendations. They confirmed the following:

- One nomination per RRA
- Modify the nomination essay to a questionnaire format and no longer accept video submissions
- Approved 10 to the Honor Roll (one from each zone) with the top scoring remaining horse to fill any missing spots in the event a zone has no nominations
- Agreed for committee members to not submit rubric scores on their own RRA nominations and then average the other scores to avoid penalizing nominators who employ an RRA committee member
- Voters may only vote once and must be a USHJA member at least at the Outreach level
- Annual Meeting award- create a table for RRA in a prominent location at Annual Meeting to showcase the Honor Roll and awards; identify a time to announce the winner and present; ideally a sponsor can be identified to help pay for the winner's travel to be in attendance
- Approved no second win for any winner and approved editorial in *In Stride*

- The winner will be awarded a saddle pad with the logo and horse's name as well as a coolerette in lieu of a cooler

The committee wanted to brainstorm questions for the nomination form and rubric. They agreed to send interview-like questions to Ms. Barnard by 9am ET on May 13. She will compile all the questions and send out a voting card for each committee member to vote on final questions which will be due by 9am on May 14. The goal will be to choose 5-8 questions for use on the nomination form. Once chosen, Ms. Barnard will send the questions, rubric, budget, and proposal to the Awards Committee by end-of-business on Friday, May 14 for consideration and hopeful approval by the Executive Committee in June. *Ms. Altheuser motioned to approve the above listed changes. Ms. Terry seconded and the motion passed.*

IV. Old Business

- Please email Ms. Barnard with your completed videos and/or topic requests
- If applicable, have video participants complete a video release/waiver and submit forms to Ms. Barnard

V. New Business

- The Jane Marshall Dillon award is an excellent opportunity for grassroots-level members to recognize someone who helps develop riders and build the foundation of our sport. Be sure to nominate someone and encourage others to do so too.

VI. Adjourn

- Ms. Flaig motioned to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 12:47pm ET.

Respectfully Submitted,

Whitney Barnard
USHJA Assistant Managing Director of Education/Committee Liaison