



**USHJA Horse and Rider Advocates Committee**

**Monday, April 26, 2021      3pm ET**

**Zoom:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82792423221?pwd=RVNURU1lOZHI1THNvT0hzLOYraU45dz09>

**Members Present:** Ali Barros, Jean Bonsall, Dr. Sarah Cohen, Dayle Eldredge, Gay Talmey, Susan Lyman, Dr. Sheila Murphy, Jo-Ann Schaudies, Eric Straus (9)

**Members Not Present:** Dr. Richard Mitchell (1)

**Also Present:** Whitney Barnard (Committee Liaison)

**I. Welcome and Roll Call**

- Sue Lyman called the Zoom meeting to order at 3:00pm ET. Whitney Barnard performed roll call and a quorum was met with 9 voting members present.

**II. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- *Mr. Straus moved to approve the minutes from February 22, 2021. Ms. Schaudies seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.*

**III. Educational Topics Request Update**

Ms. Lyman began the meeting asking if the committee had received any feedback from the questionnaires about educational topics. Two submitted forms requested education about longeing, schooling ring etiquette, and shoe pulling before the hack classes. Ms. Barnard suggested repurposing the old longeing videos in social media and enewsletters. A suggestion for creating a webinar was also proposed. Ms. Barnard offered to take the webinar topics relating to welfare to the Education Department for approval (longeing, proper use of schooling equipment, shoe pulling, over showing, etc.). A point was made that the purpose of addressing these topics via webinar is to inform the membership that these topics are commonly referred to this committee but a rule change is not appropriate; instead, the committee wants to educate members on best practices, point out the positive outcomes that can come from proper training techniques, and avoid talking down to members. Ms. Barnard shared an [archived webinar](#) from January about [schooling etiquette](#) and asked the committee to review and determine if a “part 2” was necessary or should they should simply ask Communications to share the archive later in the year. Ms. Barnard offered to write up an outline for a welfare best-practices webinar and share with the committee for the next call. The committee agreed to continue to ask for educational topic

ideas for 2021. Finally, the committee offered to review the 2007 *In Stride* article about shoe pulling and offer recommendations for whether or not it should be rewritten.

**IV. Rule Proposals- shoe pulling and measurement (Dr. Murphy)**

Dr. Murphy requested that this committee consider a rule proposal that would allow stewards to bypass drawing a pony if it already had a card and the vet could find and confirm its microchip. She offered to send language to Ms. Barnard to share with the committee. Ms. Barnard reminded everyone that GR rule proposals are due to USEF by June 1 and discipline proposals are due by the end of the summer.

**V. Old Business**

- There was no old business to discuss

**VI. New Business**

- There was no new business to discuss

**VII. Adjourn**

- *Dr. Murphy motioned to adjourn, and the meeting adjourned at 4:08pm ET.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Whitney Barnard  
USHJA Assistant Managing Director of Education/Committee Liaison