



USHJA Zone 2 Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 30, 2018 - 10:00 a.m. ET

Zone 2 Members Participating: Mark Leone (Chair), Troy Hendricks (Vice Chair), Wendy Chapot Nunn (Treasurer), James Benedetto, Katie Benson, Naomi Blumenthal, Mary Drueding, Karin Immerman, Kerry Kocher, Claudine Liberatore, Tobey McWilliams, and Cynthia Williams (12)

Zone 2 Members Not Present: Michael Dowling, Judy Garofalo Torres, and Andrew Philbrick (3)

Also Present: April Hammond (Assistant Managing Director of Zones & Affiliates), Erin Keating (Managing Director of Sport Programs), and Kristin Rover (Regional Communications Coordinator) (3).

I. Welcome and Roll Call

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

II. Approve the minutes

Ms. Chapot Nunn motioned to approve the minutes from the March 26, 2018 Meeting; Ms. McWilliams seconded and the motion was approved.

III. Horsemanship Tests

Ms. Immerman has spoken with Skip Bailey at Swan Lake about offering a horsemanship tests at the Mason Dixon Horse Show in July, because she will be in attendance. The committee talked about having another Horsemanship Quiz at Sussex, NJ with both Mr. Leone and Ms. Immerman being there to cover. Mr. Kocher mentioned having another horsemanship test during his show at the end of June but the internet quality is a concern. The committee also discussed having the quiz available at Sagrates, Syracuse, and Sagaponic but are waiting to confirm dates of horse shows. Ms. Immerman will be in contact with Patty from Goucher to gain more knowledge of the testing system.

IV. 2019/2020 Zone 2 HOTY and Stirrup Cup Championships Information

Ms. Hammond reviewed the new online host application system.
Ms. McWilliams reviewed potential venues and dates for Zone 2 Championships,

however there were no dates available that did not have a conflict with other horse shows. Ms. McWilliams and Ms. Hammond went through the show calendar and found nothing available.

The committee discussed staying with Harrisburg, and meeting with Ryegate and the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex crew to discuss improvements. Another idea was that horse shows could apply and make a day for finals at their show.

Exhibitors have complained that they don't like the vendors moving out on top of the show leaving to get to Washington. Ms. Immerman also mentioned that the food available for the trainers the day before is not good. Ms. Blumenthal mentioned there being new food service this year.

V. 2019 Zone 2 Specifications Comments

The committee members reviewed the idea to change the age group equitation model. They pointed out that changing the current model would be duplicating other existing equitation medals.

The committee decided to remove the following from the Zone 2 Specifications:

- *In any under saddle class the cross entry restrictions do not apply, but a junior must ride in a junior division and an Adult Amateur must ride in an Adult Amateur division.*

Instead the following edit was made to the Cross Entry Specifications for Adult Amateur Hunter Riders:

- In the under saddle class the cross entry restrictions do not apply, but an **Amateur Adult** must ride in the **Adult Amateur Hunter under saddle**.

The committee made the following change to the Cross Entry Specifications for Adult Amateur Jumper Horse and Rider Combination:

- Horse and rider combinations can only compete in **one low or high Children's or Adult Amateur** classic, stake or highest prize money class at the horse show.

The following changes were made to the Children's Hunter Horse Cross Entry Specifications for the Rider:

- Rider may not cross enter into any other class at the same competition where the fences exceed 3'0" (exception: Children's Jumper, Pony Jumpers, USHJA National Hunter Derby and Equitation Classes where the fences do not exceed 3'6"). A rider on a Children's Hunter Horse may cross enter into the Pony Hunter section or the Green Pony Hunter section at the same competition. In the under saddle ~~the cross entry restrictions do not apply, but the age restrictions do apply.~~ *if a rider has two or more horses entered, at least one horse is ridden by the original rider, and the additional horse(s) entered may be ridden by another junior rider, provided the additional junior rider(s) do(es) not compete over 3'6" at the same competition.*

VI. 2018 Zone 2 Equitation Championship Applications

A. Ms. Blumenthal recused herself from the call.

B. The committee discussed the locations, dates, and host management.

Ms. Chapot Nunn motioned to approve the Zone 2 Equitation Championship Class to be held at Princeton on August 23-24. Mr. Hendricks seconded and the remaining committee members voted unanimously to approve.

VII. Old Business

An email vote will be submitted by all committee members present on the call for EAP Grants later next month.

VIII. New Business

No new business was discussed.

IX. Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m. ET.

Respectfully Submitted,

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