



USHJA Zone 10 Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 21, 2018 - 10:00 a.m. PT/ 11:00 a.m. MT

Zone 10 Committee Members Participating: Ned Glynn (Co Chair), Kathy Hobstetter (Co Chair), Denise Finch (Treasurer), Kay Altheuser, Vanessa Bartsch, Michael Curtis, Melissa Kalember, Kelly Maddox, Lynn Mullins, James Waldman, and Stephanie Wheeler (11)

Zone 10 Committee Members Not Present: Katie Gardner, Jenni McAllister, and Kelly McKnight (3)

Also Present: April Hammond (Assistant Managing Director of Zones & Affiliates), Erin Keating (Managing Director of Sport Programs), Kristin Rover (Regional Communications Coordinator), DiAnn Langer, Sally Hudson, Jennifer Hayden, Michael Endicott, Charlotte Skinner-Robson, and Darren Roberts (9)

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Ms. Hobstetter called the meeting to order and Ms. Hammond called roll; with eleven committee members present, a quorum was met.

II. NAJYRC Selection Procedures

Mr. Endicott detailed the Selection Trial process and stated it was a success. He noted the improvement of the trials as they continued.

Mr. Roberts echoed Mr. Endicott's comments about the trials. Mr. Glynn agreed that there was significant improvement from the first trial to the last.

Ms. Skinner-Robson detailed that the point system worked well.

Ms. Keating detailed that the qualifying period beginning date will be announced when approved by USEF. She also stated that the April 15th date is due to results submissions and the lag time it takes for USEF to receive and process results. Ms. Keating mentioned that the only difference is that the traveling reserve alternate will be selected from the standings list.

Mr. Glynn mentioned that the rider meeting was very contentious regarding a real

division and what people wanted. People competing in the trials believe in trial system and don't like the money won system. Upset parents, trainers, and riders in the meeting were questioning why there is not only a trial system.

Mr. Endicott stated that he sees the benefits of both sides. The trials are set at a controllable standard currently. He also mentioned that the jog in thermal was a catastrophe and detailed that the selection trial system really prepares riders.

Ms. Langer detailed that the trial system works when there is a Chef and Technical Delegate involved with over sight. She stated that the last trial should occur sooner and there should be even ground found between the Standings Selection process and the Trial Selection Process.

Ms. Skinner-Robson agreed that, with Mr. Endicott and Dagwood taking charge, it has improved the Selection Trials. She also stated that to require juniors and young riders could only qualify by the selection trials does a disservice and could eliminate riders that are competing at the top of the sport (because of their travel schedule) trials should continue as they are along with the standings list.

Ms. Hobstetter agreed that both systems are needed even though some changes could be made.

Mr. Glynn detailed that there were several riders, trainers, and parents that want a full trial system or they will not come back again next year. Mr. Glynn agreed with Mr. Roberts' idea that the junior team could come off the trial system and the Young Riders could come off the money won system.

Ms. Hudson stated that the zone is bigger than the people in the meeting and the riders are getting hurt by everyone not thinking of the bigger picture. Ms. Langer believes that there needs to be fair and equal opportunity.

Ms. Skinner-Robson agreed that forcing individuals to qualify by only doing the selection trials could do a disservice.

Mr. Glynn has heard from several individuals that they feel very strongly that they want to use only the Selection Trials however, he will support the decision that is made by the committee. Mr. Glynn wanted to make sure that the people were represented to the committee.

Ms. Hudson detailed that both times and the sport have changed and keeping up with that is important. She also stated that we don't even do Olympic Trials.

Ms. Keating detailed that instead of 3 out of 4 trials it would be 3 classes out of 5 classes for selection.

Ms. Skinner-Robson stated that the new format does not weigh the final trial as heavily.

It takes the three best scores and not one final trial.

Ms. Haydon detailed that standards could be adjusted for the Zone 10 Selection Trial, but cannot be adjusted for National Specifications. The national standings list qualifications have been approved already for 2019.

Erin detailed the procedures need to go to the Jumper Working Group by June 4th for their June 11th meeting.

Ms. Hobstetter asked if the prize money could be increased for the junior trials. She then detailed that there have been problems with stallions at the jog and in the future they could be jogged last.

Ms. Finch motioned to approve the procedures with the possible change being an increase in the minimum prize money. Ms. Kalember seconded the motion and the committee voted unanimously in approval.

III. Approve the minutes

Ms. Wheeler motioned to approve the meeting minutes from March 19, 2019. Mr. Curtis seconded and Mr. Glynn abstained. The committee voted unanimously to approve of the minutes.

IV. EAP Grant Applications

The committee discussed the Zone 10 EAP Grant Applications. They have decided to email their votes and send in a ranked list of the applications.

V. Zone 10 Funding Request

The committee discussed the received funding requests. They have decided to reach back out and ask for details or statistics and discuss further on another call.

A. Kathy Hobstetter travel request- Mr. Glynn detailed that Ms. Hobstetter would be helpful with points and declarations at the championship.

B. Ms. Kalember felt as though Ms. Hobstetter being there first hand would be invaluable with information going forward with this process.

C. *Ms. Kalember motioned to approve of Ms. Hobstetter's funding request. Mr. Curtis seconded and the committee voted unanimously to approve.*

VI. Old Business

There was no old business discussed.

VII. New Business

Mr. Curtis is working closely to stay in budget on clothing.

Melissa Kalember, Kathy hobstetter, Lucy Wertin are also assisting Mr. Curtis.

VIII. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m. PT.

Respectfully Submitted,

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