



USHJA Zone 2 Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 17, 2018 - 10:00 a.m. ET

Zone 2 Members Participating: Mark Leone (Chair), Troy Hendricks (Vice Chair), Wendy Chapot Nunn (Treasurer), James Benedetto, Mary Drueding, Claudine Liberatore, and Tobey McWilliams (7)

Zone 2 Members Not Present: Katie Benson, Naomi Blumenthal, Michael Dowling, Judy Garofalo Torres, Karin Immerman, Kerry Kocher, Andrew Philbrick, and Cynthia Williams (8)

Also Present: April Hammond (Assistant Managing Director of Zones & Affiliates), Erin Keating (Managing Director of Sport Programs), Kristin Rover (Regional Communications Coordinator), and Morgan Thibodeaux (Sports Program Assistant) (4).

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Mr. Leone called the meeting to order and Morgan Thibodeaux called roll. A quorum was met with seven committee members present.

II. Approve the minutes

Ms. McWilliams motioned to approve the minutes from the July 30, 2018 meeting; Mr. Hendricks seconded and the minutes were approved.

III. 2018 Jim Rice Award

Mr. Leone opened the floor for discussion on the two nominees. *After looking at both applications Mr. Benedetto motioned to have Alicia be the recipient Ms. McWilliams seconded.*

IV. 2019/2020 Zone 2 Equitation Championship Specifications

Mr. Leone overviewed the Equitation Specifications for the new competition year and asked the committee for comment. It was noted that there were only two entries this year and the committee would like to have flyers made for 2019 to promote the Championship. *Ms. Liberatore motioned to approve of the Specifications. Mr.*

Hendricks seconded and the committee approved of keeping the specifications the way they are currently written.

V. 2019 Zone 2 HOTY Championships

The committee discussed the location for the HOTY Championship for 2019. They discussed hosting the horse show at Harrisburg again. Ms. McWilliams overviewed all other locations that have been named and the conflicts associated with them. She noted that Dream Park may be a good option to look at.

Mr. Hendricks noted that Syracuse may be a good option as well if the venue is up to par. Ms. McWilliams stated that a good idea may be to find a horse show that is already in place that may want to also hold the Championship. Mr. Hendricks wants to revisit a survey and trying to get opinions to see what the committee can do to make the HOTY Championships feel special.

Ms. McWilliams would like to see if there is a way to have Harrisburg clean up certain areas before people start arriving and have vendors extend their contract for one more day during the finals.

Ms. McWilliams mentioned that it may be a good idea to have volunteers help the clean up to make the transition from the prior show to the Championship a bit easier. The committee agreed that handing out a survey at the finals this year to get opinions is preferred

Ms. McWilliams motioned to keep the championships at Harrisburg for 2019. Ms. Liberatore seconded and the committee voted in approval.

VI. Old Business

There was no old business discussed.

VII. New Business

Ms. Chapot Nunn noted that the committee needs to be clearer on what they want for Jumper HOTY in the future. She stated that the Championship ran well but there is room in the future to make it better by requiring hosts to provide specific things.

VIII. Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m. ET.

Respectfully Submitted,

Morgan Thibodeaux
Sports Program Assistant