



### **USHJA Zone 3 Committee Meeting Minutes**

Monday, January 13, 2020 - 3:00 p.m. ET

**Zone 3 Members Participating:** Oliver Kennedy (Chair), Streett Moore (Vice Chair), Rachel Howell, Brooke Kemper, Tracy Magness, Alden Moylan, Deloise Noble-Strong, Mike Rosser, Sandra Ruiz, Cathy Schlaeppli, Cricket Stone and Eric Straus (NV Advisor) (12)

**Zone 3 Members Not Present:** Diane Tate (Treasurer), Andrew Ellis, Alan Lohman, Gordon Reistrup). (4)

**Also Present:** Morgan Thibodeaux (Sports Program Coordinator) and Lynn Johnson (Sports Program Office Aide) (2)

#### **I. Welcome and Roll Call**

Mr. Kennedy called the meeting to order. Ms. Thibodeaux called roll, with 12 committee members present, a quorum was met.

#### **II. Approve the Minutes**

*Ms. Ruiz motioned to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2019 meeting; Mr. Rosser seconded and the motion was unanimously approved with the correction that Tracy Magness be listed as attending the meeting. (Ms. Magness is listed in the minutes as seconding a motion while she was on this call.) Ms. Kemper made a motion to approve the Annual Meeting Notes, Ms. Schlaeppli seconded. The motion passed with the full vote of the committee and the abstentions of those who were not at the Annual Meeting.*

#### **III. Annual Meeting Review**

Ms. Thibodeaux provided updates from the Annual Meeting as follows:

- The Zone Council will be brought back for 2020. The Chair and Vice Chair from each Zone will be on the Council. The Zone Council will have a seat on the BOD.
- Elections for the Zone Committee will be postponed for one year. Current Zone Committee members are being asked to extend their current term one year. This is voluntary. If you do not wish to extend your term, please send an email indicating this to Ms. Thibodeaux.
- The new attendance requirement for Zone Committee members for 2020 is 75% attendance. Monthly meetings will be set for the same time and day each month. Ms. Thibodeaux has sent out a survey to all Zone 3 Committee

members asking for their preference as to a set time when to schedule Zone 3 monthly meeting calls. This should make it easier for members to plan to attend meetings. If there is no business to discuss, the meeting for that month can be cancelled. Ms. Howell added the survey only let her pick one time although she may be available at other times that say. This may be the case for other members.

- Mr. Kennedy stated Ms. Howell and Mr. Moore had compiled a survey for Amateur riders in Zone 3. This is to provide feedback regarding a request from Amateur Owner 3'6" riders to cross enter into Adult Amateurs for 2021. Present Zone 3 specs. do not allow this cross entry. Mr. Kennedy stated most Zones allow this in one way or another, at least for one horse. Mr. Kennedy asked members to read over the questions and provide any edits they would suggest. Members agreed the questions were good. Survey will be sent to all Zone 3 Amateur riders first, then possibly professionals.
- All Committee members need to make sure they submit their completed Conflict of Interest forms to Ms. Thibodeaux. If a member is on multiple committees, they only need to submit one form.

#### **IV. 2020 Elections**

This item was discussed under Annual Meeting review.

#### **V. 2020 Planning**

- The 2020 Committee meetings will be on a set schedule.
- Mr. Kennedy stated now is the time to start recruiting riders for the Zone events in 2020.
- Since the CH/AA Hunter Championships are on hiatus for 2020 (per USHJA), Zones may hold their own Zone events for this in a similar format for this year only. Several Zones are doing this as a smaller scale event. No budget was approved for these Championships by USHJA as they are on hiatus for 2020. USHJA has been helping Zones come up with a usable format in collaboration with Zone 6.
- There has been a new section added for the Young Riders event at Harrisburg. This is a Pre-Junior section which will jump at the 1.3 – 1.35m height. Since this is a Platinum event, riders can pay two entry fees and receive two sets of prize money, Open and Platinum (concurrent). Formats are being reviewed.
- Mr. Kennedy stated there will be a rider fitness session conducted at the Gold Star Clinic East event, instructed by Beezie Madden and other professionals. Not sure if anyone from Zone 3 is attending this.
- Ms. Ruiz suggested that the Zone Equitation Finals be moved to later in the day, instead of the first class of the day.

#### **VI. Old Business**

No new business was discussed.

#### **VII. New Business**

- Zone Jumper Championships – a 3 day (presently) vs. 4 day schedule was discussed. The 4 day would allow for a day off before Finals. This would benefit the older horses in the event, of which there are many. This may help

with staggering the rest of the horse show too.

- Mr. Kennedy mentioned there were a couple places in VA interested in hosting some Regional rated shows in Zone 3. It was mentioned that date availability may be an issue since there are National/Premiere shows almost every weekend in Zone 3. This would possibly help the Stirrup Cup program. Several members inquired as to the status of the Stirrup Cup program, since there are not many Zones which have Regional I or II shows. Ms. Thibodeaux stated the Stirrup Cup program is currently being reviewed for updating.

#### **VIII. Adjourn**

Ms. Thibodeaux stated she will be taking roll at the end of meetings. As soon as the committee member's name has been called, they may leave the call and meeting is adjourned. Roll call was taken and meeting adjourned at 3:50pm ET.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Johnson  
Sports Program Office Aide