



USHJA Zone 4 Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 27, 2020 - 4:00 p.m. ET

Zone 4 Members Participating: Page Tredennick (Chair), Janet McCarroll (Vice Chair), Susan Ashe, Carrie Buxton, Richard Cram, Kim Land, Kat Mulkey, David Pellegrini, Wendy Peralta, John Rush and Christina Schlusemeyer (11)

Zone 4 Members Not Present: Carolyn Tanner (Treasurer), Jack Flowers and Allison Sweetnam. (3)

Also Present: Morgan Thibodeaux (Sports Program Coordinator), Kristin Rover (Regional Communications Coordinator) and Lynn Johnson (Sports Program Office Aide (3)

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Ms. Tredennick called the meeting to order. Ms. Thibodeaux called roll, with 11 committee members present, a quorum was met.

II. Approve the minutes

Ms. Schlusemeyer motioned to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2019 meeting; Ms. McCarroll seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

III. Annual Meeting Review

Ms. Thibodeaux gave the following updates from the Annual Meeting:

- The Zone Council will be returning for 2020. The Chair and Vice Chair from each Zone will be members of the Council. The Council will have one seat on the BOD. The Zone Council was brought back in hopes of fixing the broken or problem areas in the Zones. Approvals for Zones will no longer go through a working group, it will come directly from the Board.
- For 2020, attendance requirements have been raised to 75%. Each Zone will have a set day and time which will be the same each month for their meeting call. This should help with planning for members.
- Zone elections have been postponed to 2021. Each Committee member is asked to extend their term one year through 2021. This is entirely voluntary. If you do not want to extend your term, please email Ms. Thibodeaux to let her know.

Ms. Tredennick (and others) provided the following additional information from the Zone 4 meeting at the Annual Meeting:

- Bob Bell mentioned he would like to do the Northern Championships at Aiken,

SC during October or November this year. He has hosted these the last several years. He has to get approval from USE as this would run up against the show in Raleigh, which he may not get.

- There is a lady near Brownland Farm in TN interested in hosting a clinic at Brownland. This would possibly be next fall. This would be the type of clinic where the Zone would give Brownland \$1500 to help with the clinic, but they would actually do the work of conducting it. Zone 4 doesn't really have many educational things in TN so this would be a great opportunity. Need to have more opportunities in TN, GA and SC. Ms. Mulkey stated she would be at the GHJA board meeting next week and would bring up the clinic idea there to gauge interest.
- CH/AA Hunter Championships are on hold for 2020. The format is being reworked in hopes of these championships making a return in 2021. Those involved with this mentioned various ideas that have been tossed around to increase numbers at these championships, such as the addition of Children's Pony and/or Intermediate Children's and Intermediate Adults. Adding Intermediate would certainly increase entry numbers, but it was mentioned that restrictions would be needed to keep this division from being a "step down" for those showing at higher than 2'6". Children's Pony is not very likely due to many variances across the country.
- It was discussed that there is the opportunity for each zone to have their own zone only CH/AA Hunter Championships for this year only.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm ET as phone reception for all attendees became very unstable.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Johnson
Sports Program Office Aide