



USHJA Zone 9 Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 21, 2020 - 10:00 a.m. PT/ 1:00 p.m. ET

Committee Members Present: Clare Warren (Chair), Max Von Zimmermann (Vice Chair), Megan Jordan (Treasurer), Nicole Bourgeois, Kathy Hall, Jessie Lang, Quinn Partridge, Martha Price, Gayl Russell, Corey Smith, Nora Thomas, Mary Von Zimmerman, and Katherine Wade-Easley (13)

Committee Members Not Present: None

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

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Ms. Warren called the meeting to order and Ms. Thibodeaux called roll. A quorum was met with thirteen committee members present.

II. Approve the minutes

Ms. Hall motioned to approve the September 30, 2019 meeting minutes. Ms. Lang seconded and the committee voted unanimously to approve.

III. Annual Meeting Review

Ms. Warren stated there were lots of Zone 9 folks at the Annual Meeting. Much of the discussion regarded communication and ways to improve it. Committee members were reminded to make sure Zone 9 members were well aware of deadlines for various applications. This would include scholarships, grants, championships, etc. Ms. Warren stated it would be awful to miss an award because the application was late. Just keep reminding members of the deadlines.

Ms. Warren would like to see Annual Meeting updates/news shared with the Zone 9 members. Suggestions were to use Facebook/ Social Media and/or E-mail blasts. This would also share Zone 9 Committee Members names and contact information along with when and where committee members would be at horse shows. This would give members a chance to actually meet their Zone 9 Committee Members. Ms. Thibodeaux stated USHJA can also do this on E-News.

Ms. Warren stated since the 2021 USHJA Annual Meeting will be held in Bellevue, Washington (Zone 9) next year, the Committee would like to know what opportunities there are for Zone 9 for some sort of sponsoring at the Annual Meeting 2021. Ms. Thibodeaux stated she would obtain a Sponsor Package for the 2021 Annual Meeting and distribute it to Zone 9 Committee Members for their information.

Ms. Warren stated the Zone 3 and 4 along with the Zone 9 and 10 combined Championships were two of the biggest Jumper Championships in the country. Ms. Warren asked about the items purchased for the Jumpers and where it was. Ms. Von Zimmerman stated they did not purchase the ear bonnets, they did purchase saddle pads which were returned to the Zone after Championships. The Zone also purchased belts and shirts which were meant to be retained by each rider. Ms. Von Zimmerman stated the saddle pads and other Zone items are in the possession of Debbie Long, who is putting her application in to be Chef d' Equipe for Zone 9 2020. If Ms. Long does not put an application in, Ms. Von Zimmerman will retain the items.

Ms. Von Zimmerman stated the Committee would be provided with full 2020 Zone 9 budget information/documents in time for the February Committee call. At this call, the budget would be discussed in full.

IV. 2020 Planning

Ms. Warren asked if there was anyone interested in researching possible clinics that Zone 9 could host. Ms. Russell mentioned possibly hosting one at Rebecca Farm in Kalispell before, during or after a scheduled show. She could check with the owner to see if number of entries could be ascertained to pick best optional dates, possibly Memorial Day weekend. It does not have to be a riding clinic, could be a forum with no riding, such as course design. Agreed it would be nice to offer something to Montana members. Online possibilities were mentioned (webinars). Ms. Thibodeaux stated she would check with USHJA to see if they could help with a webinar.

V. New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

VI. Old Business

Ms. Hall asked if the Zone had any plans to hold their own (or combined with Zone 10) CH/AA Hunter Championships, since USHJA had temporarily postponed these championships for 2020. Ms. Wells stated she had talked about it with Ms. Hobstetter from Zone 10. There would be no extra points awarded for these championships and there would be no financial or physical support from USHJA if they did decide to host their own. They would need to obtain sponsorships/donors for all awards and expenses for this event. The Zone Committee would also have to supply all the manpower to run the event as there would be no one from USHJA. Ms. Hall stated everyone from Oregon really enjoyed these championships. She would like to find a way to do something. Ms. Warren stated she thought they may be a little behind as it is soon February and may be a little too late to execute this event now. Ms. Warren stated she was also concerned that if the Zone put together something this year for just Zone 9

then next year the revamped program could be totally different. What would that effect be? Ms. Thibodeaux stated Zone 6 is holding one and she could send copies of the format (specs) to committee members for their review. Ms. Hall stated she would like to have an idea of expenses associated with this. Ms. Thibodeaux stated she could easily get awards information from the USHJA Awards Manager. Ms. Warren stated the Zone Committee would table this for discussion until February 2020 call. She suggested members reach out to Ms. Thibodeaux and other sources for any additional information needed to help the rest of the committee decide.

At this point, there were two funding requests to be discussed. Anyone that could have a possible conflict of interest were politely asked to exit the call. The funding requests were from OHJA and WSHJA. Those committee members with membership in those organizations exited the call at this time.

Ms. Thibodeaux presented the first Funding Request from OHJA for Banquet Expenses in the amount of \$1,500.00. Ms. Russell stated she believed the Zone had discussed this last year and decided to cap banquet requests at \$1,000 to remain consistent with all affiliate banquet requests. Ms. Thibodeaux stated the OHJA had been approved last year for a \$1,000 banquet expense and Zone 9 had allocated \$4,000 for 2020 for affiliate banquet expense. *Ms. Russell made a motion to pay the Funding Request for Banquet Expenses from OHJA in the amount of \$1,000, not the requested \$1,500. Mr. Von Zimmerman seconded the motion. The motion passed with the full vote of the committee present.*

Ms. Thibodeaux presented the second Funding Request from WSHJA in the amount of \$1,500 for Banquet Expense. *Ms. Thomas made a motion to pay the Funding Request for Banquet Expenses from WSHJA in the amount of \$1,000, not the requested \$1,500. Mr. Von Zimmerman seconded, the motion passed with the full vote of the committee.* Mr. Von Zimmerman stated this would keep consistency.

Mr. Von Zimmerman ask Ms. Thibodeaux to email the Committee Members all deadlines for applications that would be available to Zone 9 members.

VII. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m. ET.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Johnson
Sports Program Office Aide