



USHJA Zone 3 Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 7, 2020 - 2:00 p.m. ET

Zone 3 Members Participating: Oliver Kennedy (Chair), Streett Moore (Vice Chair), Diane Tate (Treasurer), Andrew Ellis, Rachel Howell, Brooke Kemper, Alan Lohman, Tracy Magness, Alden Moylan, Deloise Noble-Strong, Gordon Resitrup, Mike Rosser, Sandra Ruiz, Cathy Schlaeppli, Cricket Stone and Eric Straus (NV Advisor) (16)

Zone 3 Members Not Present: (0)

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

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

II. Approve the Minutes

Mr. Moore motioned to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2020 meeting with the correction to change Zone 10 to Zone 3 under Amateur Survey and Budget; Ms. Ruiz seconded and the motion was approved with two abstentions being Ms. Ruiz and Ms. Tate.

III. 2021 USEF Zone 3 Specifications

Mr. Kennedy presented the Specifications as currently written. Ms. Schlaeppli proposed a change to the Adult Amateur Hunters. The change would allow a 3'6" Amateur Owner rider to show one horse they own in the Adult Amateurs. Mr. Kennedy noted that Zone 3 and Zone 10 were the only Zones that do not allow this. All contiguous Zones to Zone 3 do allow it in one form or another. Discussion ensued. *Mr. Ellis made a motion to change the Zone 3 Specifications to allow a 3'6" Amateur Owner Hunter rider to also show one horse in the Adult Amateur Hunter that the rider owns. Ms. Schlaeppli seconded the motion. The motion passed with no abstentions.*

Ms. Thibodeaux stated she would get the proper wording compiled and send it to all Committee members to approve by email. The change would be posted for member comment. At the end of that comment period, the Committee would be able to edit the proposal during the May 2020 Zone 3 call, before the change is sent to the Hunter Working Group.

Ms. Ruiz presented a potential change to the jumper specifications for the Childrens and the Adult Amateur High Jumper. She would like to have a way for the kids to be able to test the waters at the next height. Currently, the specifications do not allow these riders to cross enter at the same competition above 1.15m except for Equitation and Pony Jumpers. Ms. Ruiz would propose to change that 1.15m to 1.20m to allow them to “test the water” at the next height at the same show and allow them to drop back down in height, at the same show, if it does not work out. Discussion was held with comments regarding entering lower height Classics, money classes, stakes etc.; allowing them to move up to non-prize money classes and other concerns. The specifications for contiguous Zones were briefly reviewed and discussed. The Committee agreed to table the proposal at this time, allowing for further information and feedback to be discussed at the May 2020 Zone Committee Call. It was agreed the proposal must be written concisely to deter any misinterpretation. Ms. Thibodeaux will pull together contiguous Zone specifications to distribute to the Committee members.

IV. Old Business

There was no Old Business to discuss.

V. New Business

Mr. Kennedy advised he participated in a call with Mary Babick and all Zone 3 competition managers. The plan is to have these calls every two weeks with the purpose of dealing with the transition from the current suspension to active showing and/or operating under an extended suspension. No decisions have been made but planning is ongoing. Ms. Thibodeaux emphasized meetings are being held with USEF and USHJA continuously. She will update the Committee members with any official information as soon as she receives it. Horse welfare and rider safety are being considered with every potential decision as well as individual state shutdowns.

VI. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m. ET.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Johnson
Sports Program Office Aide