



### **USHJA Zone 10 Committee Meeting Minutes**

Monday, March 16, 2020 - 11:00 a.m. PT/ 2:00 p.m. ET

**Zone 10 Committee Members Participating:** Kathy Hobstetter (Co Chair), Denise Finch (Treasurer), Kay Altheuser, Sally Hudson, Melissa Kalember, Robert Leckie, Gry McFarlane, Lynn Mullins, James Waldman and Stephanie Wheeler (10).

**Zone 10 Committee Members Not Present:** Ned Glynn (Co Chair) and Michael Curtis, (2).

**Also Present:** Morgan Thibodeaux (Sports Program Coordinator) Charlotte Skinner-Robson, DiAnn Langer, and Lynn Johnson (Sports Program Office Aide). (4)

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

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Hobstetter and Ms. Thibodeaux called roll. A quorum was met with ten committee members present.

#### **II. Approve the minutes**

No minutes to approve at this time. The minutes from the March 2, 2020 call and this call (March 16, 2020) will be approved at the next meeting.

#### **III. 2020 USEF NAYC Update**

Ms. Thibodeaux informed the committee that she has invited DiAnn Langer as well as Charlotte Skinner-Robson onto the call to discuss the Zone 10 NAYC Selection Trials. She stated that unfortunately Desert Horse Park was forced to cancel due to weather and Blenheim had to cancel their Trial due to the 30 day suspension period put into place by USEF and USHJA. Ms. Hobstetter also mentioned that Del Mar has cancelled their horse show as well, which was set to host a Trial. Ms. Thibodeaux informed the committee that they could submit a recommendation or request to USEF about what the committee would like to do. She stated that USEF is actively meeting to discuss these championships as well as other various championships.

Charlotte Skinner-Robson stated that she and DiAnn Langer have been in contact with Lizzy Chesson from USEF and USEF is discussing all Championships across the board. Ms. Skinner-Robson informed the committee that they should not rush to try to reschedule the Trials due to the potential of the 30 day suspension being extended. Ms. Langer echoed that all championships are under a microscope and that any recommendations put forward from the

committee should be for the bigger picture. She encouraged the committee to not jump to recommending strictly going off of the money won list due to the lack of horse shows and the ability of riders to earn spots on that list. The committee agreed to table the discussion of the 2020 North American Youth Championships until there is further information provided from USEF.

Ms. Thibodeaux brought up the 2021 Zone 10 NAYC Selection Trial Procedures. She overviewed the timeline for approval of the Selection Procedures and noted that with such a quick turnaround time for the Selection Procedures to be written and approved with the addition of the Children's and Pre-Juniors, the committee may want to consider postponing adding those sections to the Trials until 2022. Ms. Hobstetter noted that with everything happening currently with the Coronavirus, that may be the best thing to do.

#### **IV. 2020 Budget**

Ms. Thibodeaux presented the 2020 Zone 10 Budget to the Committee. Ms. Hobstetter stated that a line item will need to be added for Team Funding for the Pre-Junior entry fees for the 2020 North American Youth Championships. Ms. Thibodeaux assured the committee that a line item will be added to all Zone budgets to account for entry fees for the Pre-Juniors. Next, Ms. Hobstetter proposed allocating \$300 per committee member to put toward the cost of Annual Meeting. Ms. Kalember noted that she is very in favor of allocating funds to help with expenses that it costs to get to Annual Meeting.

Ms. Thibodeaux informed the committee that she has sent forward a draft schedule to those in charge of planning Annual Meeting. This schedule would put the Zone 10 meeting in the late afternoon on Sunday instead of in the morning. This would allow individuals to come in Sunday morning instead of Saturday evening. This will alleviate the cost of a hotel room for at least one night. Ms. Thibodeaux stated that she had talked to Zone 9 about doing a combined Zone 9 & 10 dinner/reception. Zone 9 feels as though this would be a great idea and something they would like to do.

Ms. Hobstetter pointed out that there is typically \$10,000 allocated for clinics. Ms. Thibodeaux had reduced this amount to \$5,000 for 2020 to represent what the Zone had been spending on clinics previously. Ms. Hobstetter proposed allocating some of the funds that were taken away from clinics, to go toward the Grassroots line item. Ms. Finch had an opposing view and stated that there used to be clinics held in Thermal that were very well attended. Ms. Hobstetter agreed that clinics targeted toward those riders are needed and that this is an area in which a small group from the committee is looking at for 2020. This group would like to increase education in the Zone in the form of clinics for all levels of riders.

Ms. Hobstetter informed the committee that there has been a request for sponsorship from Pennsylvania National for Prix des States. Ms. Thibodeaux requested a formal request from them to present to the committee so that everyone can be informed on where the funds are going and what they are being used for. Ms. Hobstetter requested an increase in funding to the Prix des States equipment to \$500.

Ms. Hobstetter requested an allocation of \$2,000 to Grants & Scholarships as this is an area she would like to grow. She noted that the small group put in charge of this area will meet and determine the format for these items as well as the specific types of grants and scholarships the Zone would like to provide. Ms. Hobstetter pointed out that there is \$1,500 allocated for Town Halls. She asked if this was a set number or if later in the year, more money could be requested in this area if more funds are required. Ms. Thibodeaux informed the committee that funds within the budget are able to be reallocated throughout the year if needed.

Last, Ms. Hobstetter pointed out that previously \$3,000 had been allocated for WCHR tack trunks and that for 2020, there was no allocation. Ms. Thibodeaux stated that there had not been a bill received for the 2019 tack trunks. This is why the funds were not allocated for 2020 as it did not seem that they were needed. Ms. Thibodeaux reassured the committee that those funds would indeed be allocated for 2020 for the two tack trunks.

**V. Old Business**

No Old Business to discuss.

**VI. New Business**

No New Business to discuss.

**VII. Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m. ET

Respectfully Submitted,

Morgan Thibodeaux  
Sport Program Coordinator, Zones