



USHJA Zone 10 Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 13, 2020 - 1:00 p.m. PT/ 4:00 p.m. ET

Zone 10 Committee Members Participating: Ned Glynn (Co-Chair), Kathy Hobstetter (Co-Chair), Denise Finch (Treasurer), Kay Altheuser, Michael Curtis, Sally Hudson, Robert Leckie, Stephanie Lightner, Gry McFarlane, Lynn Mullins and James Waldman. (11).

Zone 10 Committee Members Not Present: Melissa Kalember (EXC). (1).

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

I. Welcome and Roll Call

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

II. Approve the minutes

Mr. Waldman made a motion to approve the minutes from March 30, 2020. Ms. Altheuser seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Glynn abstaining.

III. 2021 Zone 10 Specifications

Ms. Thibodeaux presented a copy of the 2020 Zone 10 Specifications to the Committee for their discussion. Ms. Hudson stated Adult Amateur Hunters and Childrens Hunters are able to show jumpers in classes exceeding 1.20m. Ms. Hudson believes this is too high and should be changed to 1.15m. Currently, this would allow exhibitors showing in the Hunters at 3 foot to then show in the Jumpers at almost 4 foot, which Ms. Hudson did not think was fair. Ms. Hobstetter stated some exhibitors have jumpers and hunters and the Childrens Jumper is 1.25m now. Current restrictions for Childrens Jumpers do not allow cross entry in classes exceeding 1.25m. Mr. Glynn stated the current Childrens Hunters specifications do not allow rider cross entry in classes exceeding 3'3" with the exception of jumper classes exceeding 1.20m. He stated this should be changed to "NOT exceeding". Ms. Hobstetter added the "not exceeding height" should be changed to 1.25m to keep everything consistent (with Childrens Jumper specifications). The Committee agreed with the height increase for Childrens and Adult Amateur Hunters and Jumpers. Ms. Hobstetter asked Ms. Thibodeaux make sure this change was consistent throughout the list of Zone 10 specifications and make the edit where necessary.

Ms. Hudson stated the current USEF rules state that when an Adult Amateur Hunter Classic and Childrens Hunter Classic are combined, there must be six or more entries to be held. She would like to add in the Zone 10 specifications that the number be changed from six to four. This would help with some of the smaller shows. The Committee agreed with this. Ms. Hobstetter added this change should be added for the jumpers also for consistency. Mr. Glynn mentioned the related Jumper Classics currently allow the combined Classic to be held with three or more entries. The Committee agreed to make no additional specification for the Jumpers and to change the Hunter specification to three instead of six to allow consistency between the Hunters and Jumpers. The Committee agreed. Ms. Thibodeaux stated USEF encourages Zone to add this type of change to their specifications if desired. Ms. Thibodeaux will formulate the wording for all Zone Specification changes discussed and forward those to the Committee for review.

Mr. Glynn advised the Committee to be aware of the differences in height for the national Childrens Jumper Championships and the Zone Childrens Jumper Championships. No changes needed, just be aware as they have the same name.

Mr. Leckie brought up a change for the cross entry restrictions for Adult Amateur Hunter specifications. Currently, the same horse cannot compete in the Adult Amateur Hunter and also in any Amateur Owner classes, even with a different rider. He knows of a situation where a parent would compete in the AA Hunters and the child would like to go in the Low A/O Jumpers. That is currently prohibited. The Committee held discussion regarding this. There was some agreement to allowing the horse to do this but not the rider, however the Committee would like to get some quick feedback before making changes. Ms. Thibodeaux advised the Committee could make changes to the horse cross entry specifications to allow it and after the member comment period has ended, any additional edits could be made as indicated by the member comments. It was decided to allow the Committee members to gather input from some Zone members and then share in email before making this change. Mr. Leckie stated he would get more data as to the change and report back to the Committee by email. Ms. Thibodeaux advised the Committee could have another call after the member comment period ends to make any changes before the 2021 Zone 10 Specifications are submitted for approval.

Mr. Leckie made a motion to approve the changes discussed regarding the minimum number for combined AA/CH Hunter Classics and the height changes for CH/AA Hunter and Jumper Cross Entry - Rider exceptions. Ms. Finch seconded the motion. The motion passed without abstentions. Ms. Thibodeaux will formulate the correct wording for these changes and make sure they are consistent throughout the specifications.

IV. Funding Request

Ms. Thibodeaux presented a funding request from Blenheim. (NOTE- At this time, Ms. Lightner recused herself and left the call.) This is for the West Coast Pony Hunter Challenge Championships (6/17-21/2020) and the West Coast Amateur Owner Challenge Championship (7/15-19/2020) to cover ribbons, scrim and prizes. The request is for \$1,500 for each Championship for a total amount requested of \$3,000. Ms. Hobstetter asked what the previous amounts were. Ms. Thibodeaux stated those amounts were \$1,000 - \$1,500 per event. Mr. Waldman stated he has judged this event and it is very well run. *Ms. McFarlane made a*

motion to approve the funding request in the amount of \$3,000 (\$1,500 for each event). Mr. Leckie seconded the motion. The motion passed with no abstentions.

V. New Business

Ms. Hobstetter had a question regarding two line items on the Zone 10 budget. She stated there is a line item for Pony Jumper and a line item for Zone Jumper Team, each with separate amounts. Does the Zone Jumper Team line item include Pony Jumper? Ms. Thibodeaux stated the Pony Jumper line item is for those competing at Pony Finals. The Zone Jumper Team line item is for those competing at Thermal, CA. Ms. Thibodeaux stated as updates become available regarding the current competition suspension, she will advise the Committee. Ms. Hobstetter thanked Ms. Thibodeaux for all of her work regarding the NAYC changes and the Committee in general.

VI. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50p.m. ET

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Johnson
Sports Program Office Aide