



**USHJA Zone 2 Committee Meeting Minutes**

Monday, July 20, 2020 - 10:00 a.m. ET

**Zone 2 Members Participating:** Troy Hendricks (Vice Chair), Wendy Chapot Nunn (Treasurer), James Benedetto, Katie Benson, Naomi Blumenthal, Mary Drueding, Claudine Liberatore, Linda Mancini, Tobey McWilliams and Cynthia Williams. (10)

**Zone 2 Members Not Present:** Mark Leone (Chair) - EXC, Michael Dowling, Karen Immerman, Kerry Kocher and Andrew Philbrick. (5)

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

**I. Welcome and Roll Call**

Ms. McWilliams called the meeting to order. Ms. Thibodeaux called roll. A quorum was met with nine committee members present.

**II. Approve the minutes**

*Ms. Chapot Nunn motioned to approve the minutes from the June 1, 2020 meeting. Mr. Benedetto seconded and the minutes were approved by the rest of the committee with no abstentions.*

**III. 2020 Zone 2 Hunter & Jumper HOTY Championships**

Ms. Thibodeaux stated Devon had cancelled for the year, which is where the 2020 Zone 2 Jumper HOTY was to be held. Penn National is moving their show to Tampa, FL for this year only. The Hunter Subcommittee is working on a plan, contacting show managers to find a new show/location. Ms. Thibodeaux stated the Jumper HOTY can either be cancelled (as the show was) or new bids can be solicited. Ms. Thibodeaux stated she did not think the Hunter and Jumper HOTY can be combined as a separate show as USHJA is the licensee for the Zone 2 Hunter HOTY and Jumper classes may not be able to be added to this. She will check with USHJA regarding the logistics of this tomorrow during a meeting.

Ms. Thibodeaux stated this year, Devon applied for 1.20m and 1.40m Jr. A/O, Low and High Ch/Adult, Young Jumper and Pony Jumper for Zone 2 HOTY Jumper. Discussion was held regarding the Jumper HOTY. It was suggested to send out a survey to Zone 2 Jumper riders to gauge interest in trying to hold the Jumper HOTY. Ms. Thibodeaux stated she would draft a short survey, obtain emails for Zone 2 Jumper riders and find out if the Jumper HOTY classes could be added to the license for the Hunter HOTY. She will send out the survey once she knows if the classes can be added to the license. She will email the Committee with the results to assist them in deciding how to proceed. If they have interest and cannot add to Hunter license then the Committee can put it out for Host Applications.

#### **IV. 2021/2022 Zone 2 Host Applications**

##### **A. 2021/2022 Zone 2 Horse of the Year Championship**

Zone 2 received one Host Application from Harrisburg Classic for the Zone 2 Hunter HOTY only: one Host Application from Princeton for the Jumper HOTY only and one Host Application from HITS for both Hunter and Jumper HOTY. The Committee has always hosted the Hunter HOTY in the past but they can vote to accept a Host Application if they want. Ms. Thibodeaux responded to the Committee that these need to be finalized by the week of August 3, 2020. Ms. Thibodeaux stated the HITS show has a Hunter rating but not a Jumper rating. She can contact them to see if they made a mistake or want to add Jumper rating. She will verify this information. Ms. Benson asked if there is a budget from USHJA for these. Ms. Thibodeaux stated USHJA will order ribbons and awards for the horse show for HOTY. Zone 2 has budgeted prize money for the Jumper HOTY in the past.

The Committee would like to be able to ask applicants questions and/or receive more information. Ms. Thibodeaux will ask USHJA if they can have the Host Applicants on a call to ask any questions for further information. The Committee decided to try to have applicants on a call (separately) to ask for more information. They would then vote on the applications received. Ms. Thibodeaux will reach out to USEF regarding the HITS application ratings and reach out to USHJA regarding competition manager call. Once the HITS rating is clarified, Ms. Thibodeaux will email the Committee so they can assemble questions for the call. The managers will be on the call separately due to the confidentiality of the applications. May possibly do a Zoom call so access can be managed.

##### **B. 2021/2022 Zone 2 Equitation Championship**

Zone 2 received one Host Application for the 2021/2022 Equitation Championship which was from Brandywine. *Ms. Williams made a motion to accept the Host Application from Brandywine for the 2021/2022 Zone 2 Equitation Championships. Ms. Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed with no abstentions.*

**V. Old Business**

Ms. Thibodeaux asked the Committee if they would like to sponsor any part of the 2020 Hunter Breeding Championships East. The options are: \$500/class, \$250/ribbons and trophies and \$125/grooming tote. Zone 2 would be recognized with announcements throughout the day and their name/logo on the Sponsor banner and program. Discussion was held. *Ms. McWilliams made a motion that Zone 2 sponsor a class at the 2020 Hunter Breeding Championships East for \$500. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed with no abstentions*

**VI. New Business**

There was no New Business to discover.

**VII. Adjourn**

*Ms. McWilliams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50a.m. ET.*

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**August 27-30, 2020 – Equitation Championships Swan Lake**

**September 26-27, 2020 – Stirrup Cup Championships Swan Lake**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Johnson  
Sports Program Assistant