



USHJA Zone 3 Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 25, 2020 - 4:00 p.m. ET

Zone 3 Members Participating: Oliver Kennedy (Chair), Streett Moore (Vice Chair), Andrew Ellis, Rachel Howell, Brooke Kemper, Alan Lohman, Tracy Magness, Alden Moylan, Deloise Noble-Strong, Gordon Resitrup, Mike Rosser, Cathy Schlaeppli, Cricket Stone and Eric Straus (NV Advisor) (14)

Zone 3 Members Not Present: Diane Tate (Treasurer) –EXC and Sandra Ruiz-EXC. (2)

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

I. Welcome and Roll Call

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

II. Approve the Minutes

Mr. Ellis motioned to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2020 meeting. Ms. Stone seconded and the motion was approved.

III. 2021 USEF Zone 3 Specifications

Mr. Kennedy presented the Specifications as currently written. The Committee had been emailed a copy of the member comments received on the 2021 Zone 3 Specifications. Mr. Kennedy stated the Committee will do an email vote on this. Ms. Thibodeaux stated she will try to send out a survey link for this vote. She believes it will only allow one vote per Committee member email. If not, it will be done by email. Only those members on the call will be allowed to vote. Mr. Kennedy stated the Childrens Pony specs have already been corrected. Much discussion was held regarding the Adult Amateur Section and how many horses can be shown in the section by each exhibitor as well as height restrictions.

Ms. Thibodeaux advised the Hunter Working Group had requested each Zone add the Low Adult and Low Childrens Hunter Sections to the Zone 3 2021 Specifications for HOTY Awards. This is due to the Stirrup Cup Program ending in 2020. The Low Hunter Sections have been consistently large. The Committee can choose to adopt the Stirrup Cup specifications as written or they can change them to fit the needs of their Zone. The Committee discussed adding this and was in agreement to keep the Stirrup

Cup specs as written.

Ms. Kemper advised the Low Adult /High Adult Jumper Sections Cross Entry –Rider needs to state “may not cross enter into any classes held above 1.15m except equitation at the same competition”. Also, the Low Childrens Jumper Section Cross Entry-Rider needs to state “may not cross enter into any classes held above 1.15m except equitation or Pony Jumper at the same competition”. Ms. Thibodeaux will make these changes to the specs.

Ms. Thibodeaux will send out a copy of the draft 2021 Zone Specifications to every Committee member who was on this call. She will let everyone know if the specs were passed as a result of the email vote. If it does not get approved, she will get the Committee together to formulate the wording for the Adult Amateur Section to be approved. This will include the addition of the Low Adult and Childrens Hunter Sections and the Jumper Cross Entry changes. The Committee will then approve the 2021 Specs in their entirety.

IV. 2020 Zone 3 Equitation Championships

Ms. Thibodeaux spoke to Terri who asked that riders in the 3’3” sections (Talent Search, Hamel and Medals) can also qualify for the Championships. *Mr. Ellis made a motion to add this. Ms. Magness seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

Ms. Thibodeaux stated Terri had also asked that due to the current show conditions (USEF suspensions and lack of horse shows) qualifying should be opened up for this year only to allow riders who have completed course at their height be allowed to compete in the Championships. *Mr. Ellis made a motion to allow riders who have placed in an equitation class at their respective height to be considered qualified for the Championships for the 2020 year only. Ms. Schlaeppli seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

V. Letter from Sissy Wickes

Mr. Kennedy presented the letter for discussion. The Committee was asked to think about what to do to promote to the grassroots to get involved in this sport. Much discussion was held on various thoughts and ideas.

VI. Old Business

There was no Old Business to discuss.

VII. New Business

There was no New Business to discuss.

VIII. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05p.m. ET.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Johnson
Sports Program Assistant