



USHJA Zone 4 Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 18, 2020 - 3:00 p.m. ET

Zone 4 Members Participating: Page Tredennick (Chair), Janet McCarroll (Vice Chair), Susan Ashe, Carrie Buxton, Richard Cram, Kat Mulkey, David Pellegrini, Wendy Peralta, John Rush and Christina Schlusemeyer. (10).

Zone 4 Members Not Present: Kim Land and Allison Sweetnam. (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

Ms. Tredennick called the meeting to order. Ms. Thibodeaux called roll, with eleven committee members present, a quorum was met.

II. Approve the minutes

Ms. Ashe made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2020 meeting. Ms. Schlusemeyer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. 2021 Zone 4 Specifications

Ms. Tredennick opened discussion on this topic. Ms. Thibodeaux advised there were no member comments received for the Zone 4 2021 Specifications. Ms. Thibodeaux advised the HWG had voted to have the Zones add Low Adult and Low Childrens Hunter to their specifications for HOTY. This is due to the Stirrup Cup Program ending after the 2020 competition year. Ms. Thibodeaux stated the Zone can adopt the Stirrup Cup specifications as written or they can change them in any way they would like. Ms. Schlusemeyer stated she would like to leave them as unrestricted as possible due to the decreased number of competitions being held this year. Discussion ensued regarding various edits to the restrictions.

The Committee would like to know what contiguous Zones have done with this to try to be consistent and to allow points to be earned. Ms. Thibodeaux will meet next week with Zone 3 and 5 and let them know what Zone 4 has decided on. Ms. McCarroll will write up a draft proposal of specifications that are consistent with the specifications for the Adult Amateur and Children's Hunter Sections. She will send this to Ms. Thibodeaux who will

format it and email it to Committee members for comments, edits and/or changes. An approval vote will be done by email.

IV. Letter from Sissy Wickes

Ms. Tredennick advised the Committee the Zone Council has asked the letter be distributed to all Zone Committee members for discussion. The letter contains suggestions/ideas for reaching out to those not currently in the sport and help grow the sport. Ms. Tredennick opened this to discussion. Mr. Rush suggested the Zone could reach out to IEA and ISHA and possibly offer something to encourage those members to do more with USHJA. Additional discussion was held. The Committee decided to table this to the next meeting to give everyone time to think about this more in depth.

V. Old Business

There was no Old Business to discuss.

VI. New Business

Ms. Tredennick wanted to discuss the EAP grants for Zone 4. Since there have not been many competitions held and many events have been cancelled, she suggested that everyone who would like a grant for the EAP be given one. There are nine applicants currently. One has a possible discrepancy with residency. Ms. Thibodeaux verified that the applicant does live in Zone 4 and would be eligible for the grant. There have been some applicants that are currently jumping 1m or 1.10m – would they be eligible for EAP? Ms. Thibodeaux stated EAP has added a three foot division so they would be eligible. Mr. Rush asked what is currently allocated in the Zone budget for EAP grants. There is \$1,000 (\$500 per rider) allocated for EAP. Ms. Thibodeaux stated there is also funding from the cancelled Zone Jumper Teams and the NAYC available to be moved if needed. The Zone Jumper Team amount is \$4,800. Each of the nine applicants, if accepted by EAP, could get the \$500 grant with unused allocations moved to EAP. Mr. Rush asked what the cost is to the rider. Ms. Thibodeaux stated it is approximately \$550. *Ms. Ashe made a motion to award an EAP grant to all accepted applicants in the amount of \$600 for the 2020 year only. Ms. McCarroll seconded the motion. The motion passed with no abstentions.*

Ms. Rover advised the Committee she was currently working on member spotlight stories for each Zone. She asked Committee members to send her any ideas for those along with any suggestions for other types of interviews that could be included in the Zone 4 email. Ms. Thibodeaux will send a follow-up email with Ms. Rover's email address to all Committee members.

VII. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m. ET.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Johnson
Sports Program Assistant