



USHJA Zone 5 Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 1, 2020 - 12:00 p.m. ET via Teleconference

Zone 5 Committee Members Participating: Patrick Boyle (Chair), George (Skip) Thornbury (Vice Chair), Sara Ballinger, Joleen Dewitt, Myron Leff, Heather Pinnick, Patty Rogers, Ryan Sassmannshausen and Elaine Schott (9)

Zone 5 Committee Members Not Present: Otis Brown and Lisa Goldman-Smolen. (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. Boyle called the meeting to order and Ms. Thibodeaux called roll. With nine committee members present, a quorum was met.

II. Approve the minutes

Mr. Thornbury made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2020 meeting. Ms. Schott seconded the motion. The motion passed with no abstentions.

III. 2021 Zone 5 Specifications

Ms. Thibodeaux stated there were no member comments received. The Hunter Working Group (HWG) requested the Zones add the Low Children's and the Low Adult Amateur Hunter Sections to their specifications for HOTY. This is due to the Stirrup Cup Program ending in 2020. These sections have been very strong and HWG would like to continue rewarding those sections. (A copy of the current Stirrup Cup specifications for those sections was provided to the Committee.) The Committee can adopt the specifications as written or they can change them to whatever would work for their Zone. The Committee held discussion regarding adding these sections.

The Committee asked if the name of the sections have to all be the same throughout the Zone. Ms. Thibodeaux stated she did not believe the exact name did not matter. Currently, it is called Pre, Intermediate, Low and/or Modified at various shows and the points still count for Lows for Stirrup Cup. Ms. Thibodeaux can double check with USEF. Most shows already offer a section at 2'6" so add them to Zone HOTY. *Mr. Sassmannshausen made a motion to add the Low Children's and Low Adult Amateur Sections specifications, as written in the current Stirrup Cup specifications to the 2021*

Zone 5 HOTY specifications as long as the actual names of the sections are flexible for points to count. Ms. Rogers seconded the motion. The motion passed with no abstentions.

Ms. Thibodeaux asked if there were any changes needed for the Zone 5 Horsemanship Class Specifications. The Committee did not have any specification changes. The Committee asked since there are currently two different times to take the test, could two different tests be given. Also, the test can be taken by siblings, parents etc. Can those people take it after all the riders in the class have taken it? Ms. Thibodeaux stated both of those requests can be done. She will coordinate this with the Education Department. Ms. Schott asked where the riders can go to study for the test (materials to study for the test). Ms. Thibodeaux stated the study materials are listed in the class specifications under Competition Format, Written Exam. Ms. Thibodeaux can send the link for some of these to the Committee. Mr. Boyle asked if this information could be sent out in July-August for Zone 5 to publicize this a little more. Ms. Thibodeaux stated she will make sure the list of study materials is included in the Zone emails, as it was last year. Ms. Rover stated they will also put the information in Facebook blasts.

IV. Letter from Sissy Wickes

Ms. Thibodeaux stated the Zone Council had asked that this letter be presented to each Zone Committee and Affiliates for discussion.

V. Old Business

There was no Old Business to discuss.

VI. New Business

Ms. Rover stated she is currently working on member spotlight interviews, profiles and/or Q and A's for each Zone email blast. She asked the Committee members to send her suggestions of members that she could contact for these features. Ms. Thibodeaux will send her contact information to Committee members in a follow up email.

VII. Adjourn

The being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35p.m. ET.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Johnson
Sports Program Office Aide