



### **USHJA Zone 9 Committee Meeting Minutes**

Monday, May 18, 2020 - 10:00 a.m. PT/ 1:00 p.m. ET

**Committee Members Present:** Clare Warren (Chair), Max Von Zimmermann (Vice Chair), Megan Jordan (Treasurer), Nicole Bourgeois, Kathy Hall, Jessie Lang, Gayl Russell, Nora Thomas, Mary Von Zimmerman and Katherine Wade-Easley. (10)

**Committee Members Not Present:** Megan Jordan, Martha Price and Corene Smith (3)

**Also Present:** Morgan Thibodeaux (Sports Program Coordinator). (1)

#### **I. Welcome and Roll Call**

Ms. Warren called the meeting to order and Ms. Thibodeaux called roll. A quorum was met with ten committee members present.

#### **II. Approve the minutes**

*Mr. Von Zimmerman motioned to approve the April 20, 2020 meeting minutes. Ms. Bourgeois seconded the motion. The motion passed with Ms. Hall abstaining.*

#### **III. 2021 Zone 9 Specifications**

Ms. Warren presented the current 2020 Zone 9 Specifications for discussion/changes. Ms. Thibodeaux advised there were no member comments received during the comment period. Ms. Thibodeaux stated the Hunter Working Group had voted to have the Low Childrens and Low Adult Hunters added to the HOTY for 2021 due to the Stirrup Cup program ending. These are large and successful divisions. The Committee can adopt the current Stirrup Cup specs in their entirety or amend them to what works best for their Zone. Discussion ensued as to what other Zones have done and what Zone 9 affiliate specs were. *Mr. Von Zimmerman made a motion to adopt the current Stirrup Cup specifications for the Low Childrens and Low Adult Hunters as the 2021 Zone 9 specifications for those divisions. Ms. Von Zimmerman seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

Ms. Thibodeaux stated the specs can be amended in 2021 for 2022 if necessary. Ms. Warren asked if other divisions (.80 Jumpers and Low Pony Hunter) were also to be added to the Zone specs, due to the Stirrup Cup ending this year, that previously were not HOTY. Ms. Thibodeaux did not believe so but will check on that.

Zone 9 Equitation Championships Specifications were opened for discussion. Ms. Partridge noted a correction under IIc of the specs. For testing under Round Three, the current specs list Tests 1-19. This should be Tests 1-17. Ms. Thibodeaux will make that correction. Discussion took place regarding format of the class, last year's class and other concerns. The class was held last year at the show in Wilsonville, where it will be held again this year. The Zone 9 Equitation Championship Host Application is open for bid for 2021- 2022 and closes June 1, 2020. Ms. Thibodeaux stated the Committee would be discussing the host applications sometime at the end of July 2020. Discussion was then held regarding venues, other special classes at the same show and requirements for hosts running the class. *Ms. Partridge made a motion to amend the 2021 Zone 9 Equitation Championship specifications to allow the Top Twelve to come back for Round 2 and recommend show managers schedule the Championship for two days with Round 1 on Day 1 and Rounds 2 and 3 on the second day. Ms. Bourgeois seconded the motion. The motion passed with no abstentions.*

**IV. Letter from Sissy Wickes**

Ms. Thibodeaux stated the Zone Council had asked that the letter be shared with all Zone Committee members for discussion. The letter has suggestions for trying to bring others in to the sport, hoping to increase membership and interest. Discussion was held with the idea of sharing with affiliates to help get the word out. Various other ideas were discussed. Ms. Warren and Mr. Von Zimmerman will provide information to the Zone Council.

**V. Old Business**

Ms. Warren stated she is still working on the Zone 9 Relief Fund idea. She has been in contact with Mary Babick and others at USHJA. For fund raising formats, USHJA cannot lend their name. Ms. Warren is waiting to hear back from USHJA as to whether any Zone 9 budget amounts can be allocated to the support of this fund. Ms. Warren has contacted some state organizations for their support. She will keep working on this and keep the Committee updated.

**VI. New Business**

There was no New Business to discuss.

**VII. Adjourn**

*Ms. Wade-Easley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Russell seconded the motion. The motion passed with no abstentions. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10p.m. ET.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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