



USHJA Zone 10 Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 25, 2020 - 11:00 p.m. PT/ 2:00 p.m. ET

Zone 10 Committee Members Participating: Ned Glynn (Co-Chair), Kathy Hobstetter (Co-Chair), Denise Finch (Treasurer), Kay Altheuser, Michael Curtis, Ellen Gates, Sally Hudson, Robert Leckie, Gry McFarlane, Lynn Mullins and James Waldman. (11).

Zone 10 Committee Members Not Present: Melissa Kalember (EXC) and Stephanie Lightner (EXC). (2).

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

I. Welcome and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Hobstetter and Ms. Thibodeaux called roll. A quorum was met with eleven committee members present.

II. Approve the minutes

Ms. Finch made a motion to approve the minutes from April 13, 2020 with the Correction of changing "Low A/O Jumpers" to "A/O Hunters" in a comment made by Mr. Leckie. Mr. Waldman seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Glynn abstaining.

III. 2021 Zone 10 Specifications

Ms. Hobstetter presented a copy of the 2021 Zone 10 Specifications to the Committee for any changes. Ms. Hudson stated she did not have any changes. Mr. Curtis asked for clarification when combining Low Childrens and Adult Jumpers and then combining with High Childrens and Adult Jumpers, they will be jumping at different heights as one class? Ms. Hudson stated yes they would jump at their respective heights. One height would all go first then the other height would go and then pin as one class.

Ms. Thibodeaux stated the Hunter Working Group had requested the Zones add the Low Adult and Childrens Hunter Sections to the Zone Specifications for HOTY. This is due to the Stirrup Cup Program ending after the 2020 competition year. The current Stirrup Cup specifications have been provided to the Committee. The Committee can use the Stirrup Cup specs as written or they can change them however they would like. Ms. Hobstetter suggested keeping them as written for simplicity. Mr. Glynn suggested allowing the rider to cross enter in to Childrens Hunter and the Low Childrens Hunter, changing the height restriction to not to exceed 3 foot.

This is allowed at the California competitions. *Ms. Hudson made a motion to change the height restriction for the Low Childrens and Low Adult Hunter riders to “not to exceed 3 foot”. Ms. Altheuser seconded the motion. The motion was passed.*

IV. 2020 Zone 10 HOTY

Ms. Thibodeaux stated Menlo had to cancel for this year so that eliminates one of the Zone 10 HOTY Hunter Championships. The Zone 10 Jumper & Equitation HOTY dates conflicted with USHJA National Championships so Raizy has requested to move the HOTY to a different show. Ms. Thibodeaux will forward that email and dates to the Committee. Ms. Thibodeaux asked the Committee if they would like to open a short (possibly two week) application period for the Hunter HOTY Championships or not try to reschedule this. Ms. Hobstetter favored opening a new application period so everyone can apply. The Committee agreed and has decided to open a two week application period. Ms. Thibodeaux will get the application period open.

V. Mandy Porter Letter

Ms. Hobstetter stated this is really a USEF decision. The Committee can discuss this and make a recommendation. Ms. Thibodeaux stated Ms. Porter has already sent this to USEF. Mr. Glynn stated this is a very fluid situation and needs to be left up to USEF. The Committee held discussion. The Committee decided to table this at this time due to the current pandemic situation.

VI. Funding Request

Ms. Thibodeaux will send this request out to the Committee members in an email for approval.

VII. Letter from Sissy Wickes

Ms. Hobstetter presented the letter to the Committee for discussion. She stated the letter is distributed from the Zone Council. The Committee held discussion on the letter. This is a very changing time due to the current pandemic situation and the related issues. The Committee supports the letter and has decided to forward the letter to the Zone 10 Affiliates Sub-Committee for their review and recommendations at a later time.

VIII. Old Business

There was no Old Business to discuss.

IX. New Business

Ms. Hobstetter asked if anyone received the survey regarding the 2020 USHJA Annual Meeting. USHJA had mentioned the Annual Meeting may be held virtually and the survey asked for member feedback. Several committee members had received it and completed it.

Ms. Hobstetter requested to have future Zone 10 Committee meetings as Zoom Meetings.

X. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:32p.m. ET

Respectfully Submitted,
Lynn Johnson
Sports Program Assistant