



**USHJA Zone 1 Committee Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday January 26, 2021 - 5:00 p.m. ET

**Zone Members Participating:** Fran Dotoli (Chair), Jay Mullen (Vice Chair), John Bahret (Treasurer), Meg Black, Cynsie Broda, Amy Eidson, Sally Hinkle Russell, Felicia Knowles, C. J. Law, Frederick Schauder, Carla Sharp, Kristi Smith, David Wilbur, Ann Dotoli (NV Member), Monica Hunt (NV Member) and Sheila Murphy (NV Member). (16)

**Zone Members Not Present:** Lisa Foster – EXC and Charles Jacobs. (2)

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

**I. Welcome and Roll Call**

Ms. Dotoli called the meeting to order and Ms. Pearson called roll. A quorum was met with sixteen committee members present.

**II. Approve the Minutes**

*Ms. Eidson motioned to approve the minutes from the November 30, 2020 and December 15, 2020 meetings. Ms. Knowles seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with no abstentions.*

**III. Annual Meeting Review**

Ms. Dotoli stated USHJA was pleased with attendance. 2021 Annual Meeting is scheduled to be held in Charlotte, NC. USHJA is looking at having a hybrid version which would consist of in-person and online sessions. Great member participation. The Committee gave feedback regarding the Annual Meeting such as two weeks is too long, cost to attend was a little high and scheduling could be improved.

**IV. 2021 Zone Elections**

Ms. Dotoli stated the Nominating Committee has been seated, first meeting is the first week of February. Ms. Dotoli encouraged Committee members to nominate qualified individuals for the Zone 1 Committee.

**V. 2021 Educational Forums**

Ms. Dotoli updated the Committee with hopeful forum locations. Zone 1 will have two at Fieldstone, one at Grazing Fields, one at Manchester VT, and one at MA Medal Finals and New

England Equitation Championships. Ms. Dotoli briefed the Committee on what her plans were for each location.

**VI. 2021 Planning**

Ms. Dotoli suggested the Committee consider offering a grant for members that is not based on winning something but come up with creative suggestions to base the award of the grant on. Ms. Pearson mentioned Feed Aid will be offered again. The group is meeting this week to finalize details. Information will be provided to the Committee.

The Committee discussed what the benefits are for being an Affiliate of USHJA. Ms. Pearson will send this information to Ms. Dotoli for distribution. Ms. Pearson provided contact information for the USHJA Affiliate Coordinator for updated information. Ms. Dotoli emphasized Zone 1 provides access to Affiliates to their Educational Forums as a benefit. Mr. Bahret mentioned Zone 1 seems to have low participation at USHJA Team Competitions. The Committee discussed possible reasons for this and suggestions to increase participation. Ms. Pearson will provide additional information requested by the Committee.

**VII. Old Business**

There was no Old Business to discuss.

**VIII. New Business**

There was no New Business to discuss.

**IX. Adjourn**

*Mr. Bahret made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Eidson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:47pm ET.*

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Johnson  
USHJA Sports Program Assistant