

USHJA Zone 1 Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday March 9, 2021 - 5:00 p.m. ET

Zone Members Participating: Fran Dotoli (Chair), John Bahret (Treasurer), Meg Black, Cynsie Broda, Amy Eidson, Felicia Knowles, C. J. Law, Kristi Smith, Ann Dotoli (NV Member) and Monica Hunt (NV Member). (10)

Zone Members Not Present: Jay Mullen (Vice Chair)- EXC, Lisa Foster, Sally Hinkle Russell, Frederick Schauder, Carla Sharp - EXC, David Wilbur – EXC and Sheila Murphy (NV Member). (7)

Also Present: Morgan Pearson (Sports Program Coordinator), Kristin Rover (Regional Communications Coordinator) Chris Mitchell (Manager of Jumper Programs) and Lynn Johnson (Sports Program Assistant). (4)

I. Welcome and Roll Call

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

II. Approve the Minutes

Ms. Eidson motioned to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2021 meeting. Ms. Ann Dotoli seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with no abstentions.

III. 2022 USEF NAYC Selection Procedures

Ms. Pearson stated USEF does not anticipate any changes being made to the Selection Procedures until after the Championships. Any changes made will be shared with the Committee for input and discussion. The Committee can approve the Selection Procedures in principle to allow the approval process to get started. *Ms. Eidson made a motion to approve the 2022 USEF NAYC Selection Procedures in principle. Ms. Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed with no abstentions.*

IV. 2022 USEF National Junior Jumper Selection Procedures

Ms. Eidson made a motion to approve the 2022 USEF National Junior Jumper Selection Procedures as written. Ms. Knowles seconded the motion. The motion passed with no abstentions.

V. 2021 Budget

Ms. Dotoli opened the 2021 Budget for discussion. The Committee would like more time to review this and would like to vote on this at the next Committee meeting.

VI. Old Business

Ms. Dotoli stated the Committee has been looking at ways to recognize a deserving member with a grant/scholarship. Ms. Eidson asked Zone 1 to sponsor the Horsemanship Exam at the NE Equitation Finals for \$1500 as Zone 1 has done in the past. (At this point Ms. Eidson was asked to leave the call due to conflict of interest). Ms. Dotoli stated Zone 1 usually has a forum at the NE Equitation Finals. Mr. Bahret made a motion that Zone 1 sponsor the Horsemanship Exam at the NE Equitation Championships for \$1500 as requested. Ms. Knowles seconded the motion. The motion passed with no abstentions. (Ms. Eidson was asked to rejoin the call). Ms. Eidson stated Zone 1 will get an ad and a banner for their sponsorship.

VII. New Business

Mr. Mitchell stated he was present to address the Zone Jumper Team Championships and Platinum Championships. Zone 1 and 2 will be held at HITS 5 Saugerties July 28-August 1, 2021. Early application (\$75) is open until April 11, 2021 after which the application fee will be \$150. Qualifying ends June 13, 2021. All currently qualified riders will receive an email invitation to apply with a link to the application. Jumper Team Championships require 20 points to qualify; Platinum requires 250 points to qualify, based on a 1 point=\$1 of prize money earned. Currently, Zone 1 has 183 riders qualified across all divisions for Platinum and Zone Jumper Team Championships. Mr. Mitchell would like to see most of these riders apply.

Ms. Kim Land is the Emerging Jumper Rider Task Force (EJRTF) Chair. She would like to have at least one person per Zone designated to promote and encourage jumper riders to apply and participate in the Jumper Programs offered. This person would be responsible for "getting the word out" about all the Jumper Programs offered to increase participation. This person does not have to be on the Zone Committee. The Committee discussed various individuals as possibilities.

Ms. Pearson mentioned the Hunter Team Challenge held August 4-8, 2021 at HITS on the Hudson in Saugerties. Ms. Pearson will send the Committee information on this program as well as contact information for Ms. Osterman, who is running this program.

Ms. Pearson stated USHJA is implementing a new swag ordering system for teams. An order form will be sent to the Chef to order swag for the Championships. If the order form is not submitted by the deadline, Ms. Pearson will take over the swag order to make sure all items arrive to the Teams on time. The form must be submitted timely even if swag is ordered locally.

The Committee also discussed names for Chefs for Championships.

VIII. Adjourn

Ms. Eidson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:35pm ET.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Johnson USHJA Sports Program Assistant