



USHJA Zone 6 Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 1, 2021 - 11:00 a.m. CT / 12:00 p.m. ET

Committee Members Participating: Mark Aplin (Chair), Dan Urban (Vice Chair), Amy Aplin, Rae Doerring, Betsy Kieffer, Greg Novak, Sue Novak, Stacey Opperman, Heather Parish, Danielle Urban and Patrice Urban (11).

Committee Members Not Present: Kendra Gohr, Sybil Greene – EXC and Courtney Hayden-Fromm- EXC (3).

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

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Mr. Aplin called the meeting to order and Ms. Pearson called roll. A quorum was met with eleven committee members present.

II. Approve the minutes

Mr. Urban made a motion to approve the December 3, 2020 and December 15, 2020 minutes. Ms. Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion passed with no abstentions.

III. Annual Meeting Review

Mr. Urban stated the calendar of competitions for Zone 6 was discussed. There is a competition in Zone 6 almost every week from April through October. Some felt this put a strain on Zone 6 members to show support for these competitions while others thought it offered something for everyone. The best way to communicate information to Zone 6 members is through Zone 6 ENews. If anyone has information, they need to have in the ENews, please send that to Kristin Rover at USHJA. Programs and/or events held in Zone 6 were also discussed.

IV. 2021 Zone Elections

Ms. Pearson stated the Nominating Committees are being seated and will have their initial meeting the second week of February where they will set their schedules. Nominations will close March 1, 2021. An individual may submit as many nominations as they would like. Committee members can self-nominate along with nominating other qualified members. Nominee packets will be sent out shortly. Please contact Ms. Pearson with any questions.

V. 2021 Planning

The Zone 6 2021 Budget will be discussed at the next meeting in March 2021.

Ms. Kieffer stated the new specifications for the Zandra Powers were sent in and no comments were received. This will be open to Zone 6 junior and amateur riders only, no entries from members of other Zones. There will be three age groups: twelve and under, thirteen to seventeen and eighteen and older. There will be a written test and a practicum test. Each age group will have placings 1st – 10th. There will be an award for the Overall High Score. Ms. Kieffer asked if the Host Applications for this event must be reopened or can it be held at the same competition as it was scheduled for last year (the second Mid-States show in June - subsequently cancelled due to COVID)? Ms. Pearson will check with USHJA to provide an answer. Ms. Kieffer asked that any ideas for the test questions and practicum tests be sent to her. She will also be asking for assistance once the location is determined.

Mr. Urban stated the 2021 International has been cancelled due to the pandemic. This show hosts the Zone 6 Clinic. A new location will have to be chosen if the clinic is to be held in 2021. The Committee discussed this and decided to cancel an in-person clinic until 2022. The Committee also discussed holding a virtual clinic for 2021. Webinar could be posted on various topics with educational aspects such as tack, vital signs/ horse health, horse handling etc. These topics would also relate to the Zandra Powers written test and practicum. Ms. Pearson will talk to design team about posting all the webinars to the Zone 6 web page. Multiple Zone 6 professionals could be used to do the se webinars. More discussion ensued. Ms. Pearson asked the Committee to send her a list of topics and who is interested in doing the webinar for each topic. She will send this to Committee members.

Ms. Kieffer mentioned she has blank scrimms left over from last year to use for Handy Hunter Challenge, unless the Committee would like coolers instead. The Committee agreed to continue using scrimms.

VI. Old Business

There was no Old Business to discuss.

VII. New Business

Mr. Aplin stated the Zone Council has formed a Zone Ad Hoc Committee to analyze current Zone structure. This would encompass looking at the Zones to see what could be done to have better, more effective Zones. Please send any ideas and/or thoughts to Mr. Aplin.

Mr. Aplin reminded Committee members that they are required to attend 75% of Zone 6 Committee meetings and encouraged members to keep track of their attendance.

VIII. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Novak made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:35pm ET.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Johnson
Sports Program Assistant