



USHJA Zone 6 Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 3, 2020 - 5:00 p.m. CT / 6:00 p.m. ET

Committee Members Participating: Dan Urban (Vice Chair), Betsy Kieffer, Heather Parish, Danielle Urban and Patrice Urban (5).

Committee Members Not Present: Mark Aplin (Chair)(EXC), Amy Aplin (EXC), Rae Doerring, Kendra Gohr (EXC), Sybil Greene, Courtney Hayden-Fromm (EXC) Greg Novak (EXC), Sue Novak (EXC) and Stacey Opperman (EXC). (9)

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. Urban called the meeting to order and Ms. Pearson called roll. A quorum was not met with five committee members present.

II. 2020 Zone Communications

Ms. Rover presented the 2020 Zone 5 Communications Report. Ms. Rover stated their analytics has shown the most effective way to communicate with Zone members is with ENews. All Committee members are welcome to contact Ms. Rover with any items for the Zone 6 Facebook page.

III. Zone 6 Competition Calendar

The Committee discussed the competition calendar. There appears to be shows almost every week from mid-April to October with a few weeks as open dates. The Committee discussed if this was too many shows or a good number of shows. Ms. Pearson suggested the Committee may want to send a survey to the Zone 6 members to get their feedback on the current competition calendar.

IV. Current Zone 6 Programs

The Committee discussed the Zandra Powers Equitation class. There are few exhibitors in the higher fence heights. Many take the quiz portion but do not go in the class. Is this a lack of riders or too many other classes at the show?

The 2021 Hunter Team Challenge is following the format Zone 6 was going to use to do their own type of Hunter Team Challenge for Zone 6 riders. Ms. Pearson gave a brief overview of the Hunter Team Challenge, including the East, West and Central locations.

The Handy Hunter Challenges have been very well received by the membership. The clinic which is usually held at the International is not confirmed as it will depend on the COVID situation at the time. The Committee discussed other options for additional events such as virtual horse shows, webinars, exercises to practice over the winter etc. for Zone 6 riders.

V. Potential Zone Restructure

No decision has been made on the potential Zone restructure. Ms. Pearson stated the Zone Council will have a small subcommittee to discuss and research this. They will look at migration patterns and where people are showing. Ms. Pearson stated all members will have input on this before any final decisions are made. The options are wide open as to what configurations may be used, if any.

VI. Q & A with Attendees

All questions from attendees were answered/discussed by the Committee members and/or other panelists.

VII. Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Johnson
Sports Program Assistant