



USHJA Zone 10 Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 8, 2021 - 10:00 a.m. PT/ 1:00 p.m. ET

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

Zone 10 Committee Members Not Present Ned Glynn (Co-Chair) EXC, Gry McFarlane EXC, (2).

Also Present: Morgan Pearson (Sports Program Coordinator), Kirstin Rover (Regional Communications Coordinator), Chris Mitchell (Jumper Programs Manager), Mary Knowlton (USHJA President), Dianne Langer (USHJA Jumper Program Technical Delegate), Charlotte Skinner-Robson (USHJA Vice President – Jumper Disciplines), Erin Keating (USEF Director, Jumping Development Programs) and Lynn Johnson (Sports Program Assistant). (8)

I. Welcome and Roll Call

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

II. Approve the minutes

Ms. Kalember made a motion to approve the minutes from February 1, 2021. Ms. Gates seconded the motion. The motion passed with no abstentions.

III. GR312 – Hunter Prize Money & Competition Rating Rule Change Proposal

Ms. Knowlton explained the rule change to clarify the content and intent. Regional shows are currently operating under a Presidential Modification which allows them to pay a total of \$10,000 in prize money. Under the current rule, that total is \$4,999. The current rule change proposal would make the \$10,000 limit the new rule. Ms. Knowlton stated the proposal is currently in the USEF system and will be voted on in June 2021. USEF is aware there will be an amendment to the proposal from USHJA. Data is being gathered to study and present a recommendation to the USHJA Board to use for an amendment to be sent forward. The intent is to protect Regional shows. Any questions can be sent to Ms. Knowlton

IV. 2022 USEF NAYC Selection Procedures

Ms. Keating asked the Committee to think of any changes that could be made as 2021 Selection Trials are held. The 2022 USEF NAYC Selection Procedures can be approved in principle. Still a little early to make adjustments/changes. Any changes the Committee would

like to suggest as Trials are held can be made throughout 2021. USEF does not foresee any major changes being made at this time. Host applications for 2022 will open April 1, 2021 and close June 1, 2021. Ms. Hobstetter stated COVID changes made currently allow for the exhibitor's best five results to count for the FEI Money won rankings list. This has been well received and should be kept. *Ms. Hudson made a motion to approve the 2022 USEF NAYC Selection Procedures in principle. Ms. Gates seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

V. 2022 USEF National Junior Jumper Selection Procedures

Ms. Keating stated that this year an additional twenty athletes selected off the National Rankings List will be invited to compete at the National Junior Jumper Championships as individuals. They will do two rounds at Harrisburg and if they qualify will compete in the final round. As with NAYC, it is still a bit early to make changes and/or amendments to the procedures. They can be approved in principle now with the ability to submit changes as the events are held. *Ms. Hudson made a motion to approve the 2022 USEF National Junior Jumper Selection Procedures in principle. Mr. Waldman seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

Ms. Langer stressed to the Committee the additional twenty riders was a great opportunity for riders to attend that may have not been to as many shows and/or had the prize money opportunity. This is a great chance for USEF to observe those riders against top competition. Please encourage trainers to have their clients join in on this. Ms. Hobstetter agreed. Ms. Keating stated this one also is the best five results for qualifying. Ms. Hobstetter referred to Ms. Langer's earlier comment regarding Zone Jumper Team Championships and getting a head start now to identify Chefs for this competition so they can be better prepared. Ms. Hobstetter asked the Committee to start identifying Chefs now as they usually need about twenty-five Chefs. Ms. Langer suggested forming a long list of potential Chefs now and then working down to a short list. Ms. Hobstetter agreed. Ms. Langer will send Ms. Hobstetter a list of all Jumper Programs. Ms. Langer stated Ms. Keating and herself will be present at the Thermal Trials all week and available for consultation.

VI. 2021 Budget

Ms. Hobstetter opened discussion for the 2021 Zone 10 Budget. Ms. Hudson asked about increasing per rider amounts under the Team Funding section. Ms. Pearson mentioned this is for entries only, not travel. Travel can be addressed under a Grants item under Zone Expenses. Ms. Hobstetter stated they can apply for a grant request for travel if the Zone Committee adds that in.

Ms. Hobstetter requested to have the travel reimbursement to NAYC for her increased to \$3,000 from the \$2,500 usually approved in years passed. Ms. Pearson stated the Committee would have to discuss and vote without Ms. Hobstetter present as she is making the request. Ms. Pearson can do this by email.

Ms. Hudson asked about who is ordering tack trunks. Ms. Hobstetter mentioned Tonya does through her store at approximately \$500 per trunk. Ms. Hudson stated she orders for NorCal and gets them at cost. She would look up the cost if needed.

VII. Funding Request

Ms. Finch stated she would like to establish a grant for a Zone 10 rider or riders to be used for showing expenses to honor Carol Porter. This would be a \$2,500 grant with strict criteria to make sure the grant is awarded to someone struggling to attend shows and is very deserving due to their dedication to the sport. Ms. Finch will approach competition managers to match this. Ms. Hobstetter asked Ms. Finch to submit a draft proposal to Ms. Pearson. Ms. Pearson would like Ms. Finch to send this to her and the Committee for changes and then a vote. If the request is approved by the Committee, Ms. Pearson can add this item to the budget.

Ms. Hobstetter requested adding an expense to the budget for armbands for riders competing at NAYC. Ms. Hobstetter stated they have ordered the armbands locally for less cost (between \$4 and \$5 each). Ms. Pearson stated this would go under "Other" in the budget.

Ms. Pearson stated there is a new format for Team Swag orders. There will be an order form provided to all confirmed Chefs to submit to USHJA by a firm deadline. This will be submitted whether items are ordered locally or through USHJA. If the order form is not received by the deadline, the Chef will forfeit the ability to order swag. Ms. Pearson will then take full responsibility to order all swag for those teams which will consist of mainly saddle pads and polos. This format is to prevent receiving late orders that will affect the timely receipt of swag for the riders. This is in place for the following Championships: Zone Jumper Team, Platinum, NAYC, Pony Jumpers and Prix des States.

Ms. Pearson stated the budget can be approved by email vote after the funding request has been decided.

VIII. Old Business

There was no Old Business to discuss.

IX. New Business

Ms. Altheuser gave an Affiliate update. She stated Los Angeles County and City have approved having equestrian events. She stated the shows should begin at the end of April beginning of May 2021.

Ms. Hobstetter reminded all subcommittees to be ready to present at the next meeting.

X. Adjourn

Ms. Gates made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:54pm ET.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Johnson
Sports Program Assistant