



USHJA Zone 2 Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 12, 2021 - 10:00 a.m. ET

Zone 2 Members Participating: Mark Leone (Chair), Troy Hendricks (Vice Chair), James Benedetto, Katie Benson, Harriet Deleyer, Mary Drueding, Clare Knapp, Claudine Liberatore, Andrew Philbrick, Tobey McWilliams. (10)

Zone 2 Members Not Present: Kerry Kocher (EXC), Linda Mancini (EXC), Wendy Chapot Nunn (Treasurer) and Cynthia Williams. (4)

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

II. Approve the minutes

Ms. Williams motioned to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2021. Ms. Deleyer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the committee.

III. 2022 Zone 2 Specifications

Ms. Pearson advised the Committee the proposed 2022 Zone 2 Specifications will be posted on the website for 3-4 weeks for member comment. The Committee can make changes now to be posted for member comment or they can make no changes, post these as accepted for 2022 and have a chance to make changes after the member comment period ends. Ms. Benson mentioned she was advised by Old Salem a previously held show received a letter from USEF that the Zone specifications do not allow Childrens Pony to combine with Childrens Hunter Horse, which had happened at this show. Ms. Pearson stated the current Zone 2 specifications do not allow combining these two divisions. Childrens Hunter Horse and Adult Amateur Hunter may be combined in Zone 2. Ms. Benson stated that in the example above, Adult Amateur was held on a different day so it could not be combined with Childrens

Hunter Horse. Ms. Pearson stated the concern was Childrens Pony flatting with Adult Amateurs. The Committee asked for other Zone specifications where it is allowed. Ms. Pearson stated Zone 1 allows Childrens Hunter to be combined with Childrens Ponies when there are less than 3 in either section. The Committee discussed allowing all three sections to combine. Ms. Pearson stated she is not aware of any Zone allowing all three sections to combine. The Committee stated if there are less than three entries in Childrens Pony or Childrens Hunter, then they can be combined. If there are less than three entries after combining or if Adult Amateurs has less than three entries, it may be combined also. Ms. Pearson stated she would compose this in proper format for all applicable sections for the specifications and send to the Committee members for approval and/or changes by email. This can still be changed after the member comment period.

The Committee discussed the 2021 Zone 2 Equitation Championship Specifications. The Committee had no changes at this time. *Ms. Deleyer made a motion to approve the 2021 Zone 2 Equitation Championship Specifications for the 2022 Zone 2 Equitation Championships Specification Specifications. Mr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion passed.* The 2021 Zone 2 Equitation Championships will be held at Brandywine. Information for this has been posted to the Zone 2 webpage and the Zone 2 ENews. A flyer can be prepared to send out to members also.

IV. 2021 Zone 2 Hunter HOTY Championships

Ms. Pearson stated the Sub-Committee has received a proposal from Pat Boyle, manager of the Penn National, to move the Zone 2 HOTY Hunter Championships back to Harrisburg. The license for this will remain with Zone 2 and Zone 2 will retain control of the event. Penn National will allow Zone 2 to use all that is in place for their show. Zone 2 will have one ring on Saturday and two rings on Sunday. Penn National will finish their show on Saturday with jumpers only that day. Zone 2 only will have the facility on Sunday. This will allow more divisions and riders to be added to the Championships. Currently, the Sub-Committee is awaiting special permission from USEF and the USHJA Board of Directors for this to occur. *Ms. Deleyer made a motion to approve holding the 2021 Zone 2 HOTY Hunter Finals at the Pennsylvania National Horse Show in Harrisburg. Mr. Benedetto seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

V. Old Business

Ms. Benson stated Zone 2 is hosting a virtual riding clinic with Archie Cox. The fee is \$35. You can upload a 3 to 5 minute video after creating an account and have voice over critique from Mr. Cox. Entries can be made at virtualhorseshow.com. It is open to hunters, jumpers and equitation. It is open to the first 75 entries. Ms. Rover has publicized this on targeted emails, social media and Zone 2 ENews. She will continue to do this.

VI. New Business

There was no New Business to discuss.

VII. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:38am ET.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lynn Johnson
Sports Program Assistant