



USHJA Zone 12 Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 12, 2021 - 11:00 AM AKT/3:00 PM ET

Committee Members Participating: Dana Eaton (Chair), Shannon Bodolay, Jill Cornforth, Katherine Haghighi and Lauren Williams (5)

Committee Members Not Present: (0)

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

I. Welcome and Roll Call

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

II. Approve the Minutes

*Ms. Cornforth made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2021 with the correction to add "and USEF" at the end of the first sentence under IV. 2021 Planning and change "shoes" to "shows" in the sentence "The Zone 12 Budget would be used to host this show to keep rated shows in Zone 12". Ms. Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed. *Correction made.*

III. 2022 Zone 12 Specifications

Ms. Pearson opened the 2022 Zone 12 Specifications for discussion. The 2021 specs can be left as they are, or they can be amended at this time. They will be posted for member comment for about 3-4 weeks. After that, the Committee will have a chance to make changes and review any member comments received. Ms. Eaton stated she would like to add the Low Childrens Hunter Horse and the Low Adult Amateur Hunter to the specifications. Ms. Eaton stated local specs do not allow cross entry above three foot for these sections. Also, no cross entry into Open Equitation. Ms. Eaton asked about specifications for Zone 9 and 10 for the Childrens Jumper and the Adult Amateur Jumper. Ms. Pearson read off the Low/High Childrens and Adult Amateur Jumpers Specifications for Zones 9 and 10. Discussion ensued. The Committee agreed to adopt the Zone 9 Specifications for Zone 12 Specifications. Ms. Pearson stated if this was added to Zone 12 Specifications, riders competing would then be eligible for Zone Jumper Team Championships. Ms. Pearson stated she

would format and add those specifications to the Zone 12 specifications and email this to the Committee for review and approval.

IV. 2021 Zone 12 Horse Shows

Ms. Eaton stated the Zone 12 Committee members cannot run the horse show as the Zone 12 Committee (hold the license). The Committee discussed various ideas as to having someone host it. The Committee discussed various details regarding offering a grant to some entity/individual to run Zone Finals. This would involve a grant application process. This would help keep rated shows in Alaska. Currently, the Committee has funds allocated for Zone Finals. The grant application process would need to be organized and opened quickly. The Committee discussed setting maximum grant amounts available initially, with the discretion to add additional reimbursement if appropriate. Zone grants typically ask for amount applied for with a maximum amount specified. The applications are submitted to Ms. Pearson for review and distribution to the Zone Committee for approval. The Committee discussed offering grants for additional rated shows. The maximum amount stated would not have to be allocated to every grant application. Applications can be reopened based upon response received. The grants would be contingent on the horse show being held. The Committee discussed offering post competition reimbursement to shows. Ms. Pearson can format a grant application to send to the Committee for review and approval. It can then be circulated to various competition management and prospective applicants. The Committee discussed what grant process they would like to use. *Ms. Cornforth made a motion that the Zone 12 Committee will offer grant funding applications to assist individuals/entities having recognized shows in Zone 12 with each date applied for separately. Grant amount not to exceed \$1500 per date. The Committee reserves the right to distribute additional amounts, at their discretion, upon completion of each recognized show. Ms. Haghighi seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

Ms. Cornforth made a motion to open the host applications for the 2021 Zone 12 Finals. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ms. Pearson will open the Host Applications for the 2021 Zone Finals and get the information distributed. Host Application and Grant information will be advertised on social media and email.

V. Old Business

Ms. Eaton opened discussion for the 2021 Zone 12 Clinic. The clinician is available to conduct the Zone 12 Clinic during the two days (Wednesday and Thursday) prior to the horse show, held by the Alaska Hunter Jumper Association. The clinician is judging the horse show after the clinic. The Committee discussed clinic details such as cost, advertisement and travel expenses. The airfare expense will be split with Alaska Hunter Jumper Association and the Zone 12 Committee. All other expenses will be allocated to the clinic or the horse show, depending on which event they would be for. The Committee would like to request promotional media from USHJA for the clinic. The Committee discussed a potential fee for the clinic. The Committee Chair will email everyone with some fee ideas and timeline for discussion.

VI. New Business

There was no New Business to discuss.

VII. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:57pm ET.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Johnson
Sports Program Assistant