



USHJA Zone 9 Committee Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2021 - 10:00 a.m. PT/ 1:00 p.m. ET

Committee Members Present: Clare Warren (Chair), Max Von Zimmermann (Vice Chair), Nicole Bourgeois, Jessie Lang, Quinn Partridge, Gayl Russell, Nora Thomas and Mary Von Zimmerman. (8)

Committee Members Not Present: Kathy Hall (EXC), Corene Smith and Katherine Wade-Easley (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

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

II. Approve the minutes

Mr. Von Zimmerman made a motion to approve the February 1, 2021 meeting minutes. Ms. Partridge seconded the motion. The motion passed with no abstentions.

III. 2022 USEF NAYC Selection Procedures

Ms. Pearson advised the Committee that USEF would like the Committee to approve these in principle to get the lengthy approval process started. The only change made due to COVID was that a riders top five results count for qualifying. USEF is not anticipating any changes being made. If any are made, it will be after the Championships are held. USEF will send a memo to the Committee regarding any changes made. The Committee will have time to submit any feedback. Ms. Pearson will contact Erin Keating at USEF to check on changing the name of the Zone 9 Coordinator to Mary Von Zimmerman from Cara Anthony (contained at the end of this document).

IV. 2022 USEF National Junior Jumper Selection Procedures

Ms. Pearson stated the only change made (due to COVID), was to invite an additional 20 riders to compete as individuals based on the National Ranking List. *Mr. Von Zimmerman to approve the 2022 USEF NAYC and National Junior Jumper Selection*

procedures as written. Ms. Russell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

V. 2022 Zone 9 Specifications

Ms. Warren reminded everyone of the change to the specifications for 2021 for Childrens Pony requiring the distances to get changed. Please make sure the course designers are following the specifications.

Discussion was held regarding the 12-14 Equitation maximum height. It is currently 3 foot however some shows Zone members compete at have the maximum at 3'3".

Changing the maximum height in the specifications would allow those members competing at those shows to still get points. *Ms. Bourgeois made a motion to change the maximum fence height in the 12-14 Equitation to 3'3" for the 2022 Zone 9 Specifications. Ms. Lang seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Von Zimmerman opposed.*

Ms. Partridge asked about the Low Childrens and Low Adult Hunter Specifications.

Ms. Partridge stated she would like to remove the exception allowing riders in this section to compete in three-foot Equitation. She has received feedback from riders in this section that are not happy competing with three-foot riders. Ms. Von Zimmerman stated this section is designed for the green rider that cannot compete in the three-foot. *Mr. Von Zimmerman made a motion to delete the Cross Entry exception allowing riders to compete in three-foot Equitation in the Low Childrens and Low Adults Hunter for the 2022 Zone 9 Specifications. Ms. Von Zimmerman seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

Zone 9 Equitation Championship Class Specifications:

Ms. Warren stated there have been several late entries the day before to this class. They were ineligible for this class as the trainer had been on the horse the day before the class. This would open it up to allow more entries. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Thomas made a motion to adopt the 2021 Zone 9 Equitation Championship Specifications for 2022 with the change to IV. Schooling under A. to read "Commencing the day of the start of the competition....". Ms. Bourgeois seconded the motion. The motion passed.

VI. 2021 Zone 9 Budget

Ms. Warren opened the 2021 Zone 9 Budget for discussion. The Committee discussed various line-item amounts in the budget including Zone HOTY Awards, Affiliate Banquet Support, Zone HOTY Championships and Jumper Team Equipment as to whether to change those amounts. The Committee increased the Zone HOTY Year End Awards amount to \$2750. Ms. Von Zimmerman will check to see if additional Jumper Team Equipment is needed. Ms. Warren will need information regarding Prix des States Equipment to include in the budget. Ms. Pearson will check on the amount that was spent for Stirrup Cup Awards in 2020. Ms. Warren stated the Zone HOTY Championships amount should be increased to \$3098 based on what was spent last year. The Affiliate Banquet Support was changed to \$3,000, Ms. Pearson made the reallocations to the budget. Ms. Pearson will send out an amended budget to all Committee members for additional amendments and an email vote on approval. Ms. Pearson advised the Committee there is room to reallocate as the year progresses, if needed.

VII. Old Business

There was no Old Business to discuss.

VIII. New Business

Ms. Warren asked to have something sent out to the Zone members to let them know many Zone 9 Committee members will be present at the next two horse shows. This would let the Zone 9 members know the Committee members are available for discussion and interaction. Ms. Pearson asked for a list of those that will be present so she can have email and social media announcements sent out. Ms. Warren will email a list to Ms. Pearson

IX. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55pm ET.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lynn Johnson
Sports Program Assistant