



USHJA Zone 5 Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 9, 2021 - 12:00 p.m. ET via Teleconference

Zone 5 Committee Members Participating: Patrick Boyle (Chair), Sara Ballinger, Heather Pinnick, Elaine Schott and George (Skip) Thornbury. (5)

Zone 5 Committee Members Not Present: Joleen Dewitt - EXC, Lisa Goldman-Smolen, Myron Leff, Patty Rogers and Ryan Sassmannshausen. (5)

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. Boyle called the meeting to order. Ms. Pearson called roll. With five committee members present, a quorum was met.

II. Approve the minutes

Ms. Schott made a motion to approve the minutes from June 28, 2021. Ms. Ballinger seconded the motion. The motion passed the full Committee.

III. 2021 Zone 5 Horseman of the Year Award

Ms. Pearson stated the Zone 5 Horseman of the Year Awards for 2021 are open for nominations. The award is given in two categories: Contemporary and Posthumous. Ms. Pearson listed previous recipients in both categories to the Committee. The Committee discussed various nominees for both categories and supporting reasons. *Mr. Thornbury made a motion to award the Contemporary 2021 Zone 5 Horseman of the year to Wilhelm Genn and the Posthumous 2021 Zone 5 Horseman of the Year to Robert Murphy. Ms. Ballinger seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

IV. Old Business

The Committee asked about the 2021 USHJA Annual Convention plans. Ms. Pearson stated it is scheduled to be held in Charlotte, NC as an in-person event. This is subject to change due to prevailing COVID conditions and/or restrictions as we move forward.

V. New Business

The Committee asked about the Zone 5 Scholarship status. Ms. Pearson stated three applications have been received and are under review by the Committee. She is

awaiting score totals for each applicant from some of the Committee members. Zone 5 has received approximately \$4,000 in donations for the Scholarship Fund this year. The scholarship amount for 2021 is \$10,000. This can be split and awarded to two individuals. The Committee discussed possible changes to the scholarship for 2022. A brief recap was given concerning Zone 5 participation at the 2021 ZJTC for Zones 5 & 6 held at Great Lakes Equestrian Festival. Approximately fifty riders from both Zones participated.

VI. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:27pm ET.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Johnson
Sports Program Assistant