



USHJA Zone 1 Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday February 7, 2022 - 5:00 p.m. ET

Zone Members Participating: Amy Eidson (Chair), Jay Mullen (Vice Chair), Melissa Barden, Cynsie Broda, Leigh Gallagher, Monica Hunt, C. J. Law, Kristi Smith, and Sheila Murphy (NV Member). (9)

Zone Members Not Present: Ann Dotoli, Sally Hinkle Russell, Felicia Knowles, - EXC, April Renzella, Ken Whelihan and Carla Sharp (NV Member) - EXC. (6)

Also Present: Jennifer Osterman (Assistant Managing Director of Sport Programs) and Lynn Johnson (Sport Program Assistant). (2)

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Ms. Eidson called the meeting to order and Ms. Osterman called roll. A quorum was met with nine committee members present. Ms. Eidson reminded the Committee about the confidentiality of the meetings.

II. Approve the Minutes

Ms. Hunt made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2022 meeting. Ms. Gallagher seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

III. Hunter Subcommittee Report – Monica (Chair)-Annie & April

• Deadline for Handy Hunter program proposal – June 1

Ms. Hunt stated the Handy Hunter Challenge probably cannot be added for 2022. The Subcommittee will draft specifications for this Zone program and present them to the Committee for discussion and/or edits. After the Zone 1 Committee approves the specifications, the program proposal can be submitted by June 1, 2022 for the USHJA approval process and the Handy Hunter Challenge can be added for 2023 upon final approval. Ideas for show locations to submit Host Applications can be sent to Ms. Hunt. Locations/shows have been looked at for Handy Hunter Challenge Championships for 2023.

IV. Jumper Subcommittee Report – Ken (Chair) -Leigh, Kristi, Sally

- Host applications for Jumper HOTY open April 1 – Tell managers to apply**
- Jumper & Hunter HOTY do not HAVE to be at same location**

Ms. Gallagher has met with Kristin Rover at USHJA Communications and discussed several ways to promote the Zone 1 Jumper programs. Social media testimonials from past participants as well as trainer to trainer communications have been very effective in the past. The

Subcommittee will meet with other Zone reps to discuss effective communications they have used.

Host Applications for the Zone 1 Jumper HOTY open April 1, 2022. Jumper HOTY and Hunter HOTY do not have to be at the same location. The Subcommittee is aware of the Host Application deadline and discussed some potential venues to contact to submit Host Applications.

Peter Wylde has been confirmed as the clinician for the November 2022 clinic and are working on the details.

V. Zone 1 Forums Subcommittee Report – Cynsie (Chair), Felicia & Sheila

The Subcommittee has four projected dates to hold Zone 1 Forums. They are waiting for officials to be confirmed for 2022 at venues that have held forums in the past. Tentatively, they are planning Fieldstone in June, Vermont Summerfest in July, MA Medal Finals in September and NE Finals in October. They will also contact Fairfield for their June show. They want to make sure the officials will be a good fit for the forums. Mr. Mullen stated having the forums late in the day are not very successful; early in the day is better attended.

VI. Zone 1 Hunter Horse Show Subcommittee Report – Jay (Chair), Carla & Melissa

Mr. Mullen asked if the HOTY Finals could include a Handy Hunter Challenge Exhibition. Ms. Osterman stated she would check with Ms. Pearson on that. Suggestions were made to have a “mock” Handy Hunter Challenge. Mr. Mullen has built time into the HOTY Finals schedule to have this. The Low Childrens and Low Adult Hunters have been added for Sunday at the HOTY Finals for 2022.

VII. USEF Channel System

Ms. Eidson and Mr. Mullen attended the Zone Council meeting where this was discussed. The two channel system will be implemented in 2023. There will be Channel 1 (National and Premiere) and Channel 2 (Regional) shows. It appears there will be potentially, more National than Premiere shows in Channel 1. The mileage protections will remain the same for Channel 1 to Channel 1 shows. There is no mileage restrictions between Channel 1 and Channel 2 shows. There is a 50 mile restriction for Channel 2 to Channel 2 shows. Separate points for each Channel. Mr. Mullen stated due to the makeup of Zone 1, they cannot support a Channel 1 and a Channel 2 Final. There are not enough exhibitors to split it into separate finals. The Zone Committee has to decide what is best for them.

VIII. 2023 Pony Hunter Derby Format & Locations

Ms. Eidson stated the PTF is asking for feedback regarding the Pony Hunter Derby Championships from the Zones. Format, venue, possible date ideas would help to determine what could help to make the PHD Championship the best. It cannot be held at or during USEF Pony Finals. A suggestion was made to have it in conjunction with the Young Pony Hunter Championships in Lexington, VA, which is very successful. The Committee also favored having an East and West location and adding Childrens Hunter Pony.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business to discuss.

X. New Business

Ms. Eidson asked about dates for next meeting. The date will be determined after the Subcommittees have obtained more information.

Ms. Eidson stated the New England Equitation Championships has in the past asked Zone 1 to sponsor the horsemanship written test for \$1,500 which would include banners and advertising. Zone 1 has also given an educational grant in the past. (At this point Ms. Eidson left the call due to conflict of interest). *Ms. Hunt made a motion to approve the NE Equitation Championship request for Zone 1 to sponsor the horsemanship written test for \$1,500 in 2022. Ms. Gallagher seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

XI. Adjourn

Ms. Broda made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Hunt seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:43pm ET.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Johnson
USHJA Sport Program Assistant