

# United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. Executive Committee Meeting March 11, 2024 3:00 p.m. EDT

# **MINUTES**

**Executive Committee Members Present**: Tom O'Mara as Chair, Judy Sloan, Max Amaya, Deborah Johnson, Jon Kreitz, Jacob Arnold, Eleanor Brimmer, and Lauren Nicholson

Executive Committee Members Absent: Judy Werner

**USEF Staff Present:** Bill Moroney, Alina Brazzil, Anna Brooks Thomas, Steven Morrissey, Laura Roberts, Sarah Hollander, Alexis Efraimson, and Christina Vaughn

#### 1. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

Mr. O'Mara called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. EDT. Following a call of the roll, Ms. Adams noted that a quorum was present.

#### 2. Adoption of the Agenda

Ms. Sloan moved, and Ms. Brimmer seconded the motion to adopt the agenda. Following a vote, the agenda was unanimously approved.

#### 3. Conflict of Interest Declaration

Ms. Keating requested that members declare conflicts of interest with any item on the agenda. There were no conflicts declared.

#### 4. Approval of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - December 18, 2023

Ms. Nicholson moved, and Ms. Sloan seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2023, Executive Committee meeting. Following a vote, the motion passed, with Mr. Kreitz abstaining as he was not in attendance at this meeting and Mr. Arnold and Mr. Amaya abstaining as they were not members at the time of this meeting.

#### 5. Consideration of Sport Requests

# 5.1 Approval of the 2024 Combined Driving Working Groups

Ms. Sloan moved, and Mr. Arnold seconded the motion to approve the Driving Rules, Developing Athlete Program and Dressage Tests Working Groups for 2024. In response to a question about the composition of the Developing Athlete Program Working Group, Ms. Thomas stated that this Working Group was reviewed and recommended by the Driving Sport Committee with the goal of diverse geographic representation, so a replacement candidate recommendation from the Committee, if needed, would likely come from the relevant region. Following discussion, the motion was amended to approve the working groups as recommended by

the Driving Sport Committee, except for the Developing Athlete Program Working Group, which was amended by the Executive Committee. After a vote, the amended motion passed unanimously.

#### **5.2 Approval of FEI Licensing Information Document Amendments**

Ms. Nicholson moved, and Mr. Kreitz seconded the motion to approve the amendments to the FEI Licensing Information Document (LID). Ms. Brazzil stated that all the respective disciplines and Councils approved their amended sections. She clarified that following Executive Committee approval it will be posted online. Following discussion and vote, the motion passed unanimously.

# 5.3 Approval of the 2025 FEI Dressage & Para Dressage Calendar Policies and Procedures

Ms. Sloan moved, and Ms. Nicholson seconded the motion to approve the FEI Dressage and Para Dressage Calendar Policies and Procedures for 2025. Ms. Roberts confirmed that the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, while it seems close, has been previously communicated to organizers as well as changes to the policies and procedures in an effort to firm up the calendar two years out. After discussion and vote, the motion passed unanimously.

# 5.4 Approval of the 2025 USEF/NAYC Dressage Qualifying Calendar Policies and Procedures

Ms. Sloan moved, and Ms. Brimmer seconded the motion to approve the Dressage Qualifying Calendar Policies and Procedures for the 2025 North American Youth Championships. Ms. Roberts stated that these policies and procedures include supported changes to set the calendar further out. Following discussion and vote, the motion passed unanimously.

# 5.5 Approval of the U.S. Eventing Calendar Policies and Procedures

Mr. Kreitz moved, and Ms. Sloan seconded the motion to approve the U.S. Eventing Calendar Policies and Procedures for the 2025 FEI Calendar for CCI3\*-S, CCI2\*-L and CCI1\* and the 2023-2027 Calendar for CCI4\*-L, CCI4\*-S, CCI3\*-L and Advanced. There were no questions and following a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

#### 5.6 Approval of the 2024 Eventing Young Rider Championships Selection Procedures

Ms. Sloan moved, and Ms. Nicholson seconded the motion to approve the Selection Procedures for the 2024 Eventing Young Rider Championships. Ms. Vaughn stated that this event is held in June in Maryland. Following discussion and vote, the motion passed unanimously.

#### 6. Old Business

There was no old business.

#### 7. New Business

There was no new business.

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#### 8. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m. EDT.

Signed and submitted by Karen Adams:



# United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. Executive Committee Meeting May 13, 2024 3:00 p.m. EDT

# **MINUTES**

**Executive Committee Members Present**: Tom O'Mara as Chair, Judy Sloan, Deborah Johnson, Jon Kreitz, Jacob Arnold, Eleanor Brimmer, and Lauren Nicholson

Executive Committee Members Absent: Judy Werner and Max Amaya

**USEF Staff Present:** Bill Moroney, Terri Dolan, Hallye Griffin, Amelia Prevost, Amber Braun, Steven Morrissey, Anna Brooks Thomas, Nicole Zerbee, and Jennifer Day

#### 1. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

Mr. O'Mara called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. EDT. Following a call of the roll, Ms. Adams noted that a quorum was present.

# 2. Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. O'Mara noted that agenda item 5.1 will be removed from consideration as no applications were received for this untargeted Nations Cup event. Ms. Sloan moved, and Mr. Kreitz seconded the motion to adopt the revised agenda. Following a vote, the agenda as revised was approved unanimously.

# 3. Conflict of Interest Declaration

Mr. O'Mara requested that members declare conflicts of interest with any item on the agenda. There were no conflicts declared.

# 4. Approval of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2024

Mr. Kreitz moved, and Ms. Brimmer seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2024 Executive Committee meeting. Following a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

# 5. Consideration of Sport Requests

# 5.1 Approval of the 2024 CCIO4\*-NC-S Strzegom (POL) Eventing Team

Mr. O'Mara noted that we did not receive any applications by last Friday's deadline for this untargeted event so we will not be sending a team in 2024.

#### 5.2 Approval of the 2025 USEF Combined Driving National Championship Participation Criteria

Ms. Nicholson moved, and Mr. Kreitz seconded the motion to approve the participation criteria for the 2025 USEF Combined Driving National Championship. Ms. Thomas agreed to add the word "at" preceding the National Championships in paragraph 1. Following discussion and vote, the motion passed unanimously.

# 5.3 Approval of the 2025 FEI Para Driving World Championship for Singles Selection Procedures

Ms. Sloan moved, and Mr. Arnold seconded the motion to approve the selection procedures for the 2025 FEI Para Driving World Championship for Singles. Mr. Moroney noted that the event participation was amended from one competition within a 23-month period to two events for the driver, one within a 23-month period and one in 2025 and one event for the horse within a 12-month period, to ensure drivers and horses have competed in closer proximity to these Championships. Following discussion and vote, the motion passed unanimously.

# 5.4 Approval of the 2025 USEF Pony Hunter National Championship Specifications

Ms. Sloan moved, and Ms. Nicholson seconded the motion to approve the 2025 specifications for the USEF Pony Hunter National Championship. Ms. Day stated that due to the large jump (17%) in green pony participation the amended qualification will assist with scheduling. Following discussion and vote, the motion passed unanimously.

# 5.5 Approval of the 2025 FEI Endurance World Championship for Young Riders and Juniors Selection Procedures

Ms. Brimmer moved, and Ms. Sloan seconded the motion to approve the 2025 selection procedures for the 2025 FEI Endurance World Championship for Juniors and Young Riders. Ms. Zerbee stated that additional feedback mentioned was focused mainly on improvements and enhancements to grow our athlete pool volume. Following discussion and vote, the motion passed unanimously.

# 5.6 Approval of the 2025 FEI Endurance Pan American Championships - Senior Rider Division Selection Procedures

Ms. Sloan moved, and Mr. Kreitz seconded the motion to approve the 2025 Senior division selection procedures for the 2025 FEI Endurance Pan American Championship. Ms. Zerbee stated that these Championships will be held in Brazil July 17-18, 2025. Following discussion and vote, the motion passed unanimously.

# 5.7 Approval of the 2025 FEI Endurance Pan American Championships - Junior/Young Rider Division Selection Procedures

Ms. Brimmer moved, and Mr. Kreitz seconded the motion to approve the 2025 Junior and Young Rider division selection procedures for the 2025 FEI Endurance Pan American Championship. Following discussion and vote, the motion passed unanimously.

# 6. Old Business

There was no old business.

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#### 7. New Business

Mr. O'Mara congratulated Ms. Nicholson – the 2024 5\* Eventing National Champion!

#### 8. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m. EDT.

Signed and submitted by Karen Adams:



# United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. Executive Committee Meeting July 15, 2024 3:00 p.m. EDT

# **MINUTES**

**Executive Committee Members Present**: Tom O'Mara as Chair, Judy Werner, Judy Sloan, Max Amaya, Deborah Johnson, Jon Kreitz, Eleanor Brimmer, and Lauren Nicholson

Executive Committee Members Absent: Jacob Arnold

**USEF Staff Present:** Bill Moroney, Hallye Griffin, Sonja Keating, David O'Connor, Amelia Prevost, Steven Morrissey, and Nicole Zerbee

#### 1. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

Mr. O'Mara called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. EDT. Following a call of the roll, Ms. Mangan noted that a quorum was present.

#### 2. Adoption of the Agenda

Ms. Nicholson moved, and Ms. Sloan seconded the motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. O'Mara noted that item 5.1 will be removed from consideration as no applications were received by the deadline for the Eventing Nations Cup event. Following disclosure, the revised agenda was unanimously approved.

# 3. Conflict of Interest Declaration

Ms. Keating requested that members declare conflicts of interest with any item on the agenda. There were no conflicts declared.

# 4. Approval of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - May 13, 2024

Mr. Kreitz moved, and Ms. Nicholson seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2024, Executive Committee meeting. There was a question raised about the wording in 5.3 on page two of the minutes regarding the FEI Para Driving World Championship for Singles Selection Procedures. It was clarified that the language, as recorded in the meeting minutes, was correct and changed the event participation requirement from one competition within a 23-month period to "two events for the driver (one within a 23-month period and one in 2025) AND one event for the horse within a 12-month period to ensure drivers and horses have competed in closer proximity to these Championships." Following discussion and vote, the motion to approve the meeting minutes as originally presented passed, with Mr. Amaya and Ms. Werner abstaining as neither was in attendance at this meeting.

# 5. Consideration of Sport Requests

# 5.2 Approval of the 2024 FEI Endurance World Championships Team

Ms. Sloan moved, and Mr. Kreitz seconded the motion to approve the team for the 2024 FEI World Endurance Championships listed below. Ms. Zerbee noted that team selection was based on the top five athletes from the latest USEF Ranking List, with the ranked Alternate list being comprised of the athletes in the 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> positions on the same Ranking List. Following discussion and vote, the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Team**

<u>Rider</u> <u>Horse</u>

Jeremy Reynolds Treasured Moments
 Jessica Dicamillo I Remember September

3. Cheryl Van Deusen4. Holly CorcoranJG General Lorienn

Alex Sharpe Promissin Gold

#### **Ranked Alternates**

Rider Horse
6. Cheryl Van Deusen Madjule

7. Alex Shampoe
 8. Karen Binns-Dicamillo
 9. Meg Sleeper
 10. Kelsey Russell
 11. Heidi Perreault
 Southern Justice
 RGS Azrak Bandos
 Sapphite N Gold
 Juno Im Gold
 Favailas Marechal

12. Holly Corcoran Poete

# 6. Approval of Licensed Officials Policies and Procedures amendment for Certified Schooling Supervisor Applicants

Ms. Werner moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded the motion to approve the amendment to the Licensed Officials Policies and Procedures regarding Certified Schooling Supervisor applicants. Ms. Brazzil noted that the emergency amendment is being requested due to confusion related to the original language and the implementation barrier this caused. The amended language will remove the implementation barrier and clarify the apprenticing requirements for Certified Schooling Supervisor applications. After discussion and a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

#### 7. Old Business

There was no old business.

#### 8. New Business

There was no new business.

#### 9. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m. EDT.

Signed and submitted by Leslie Mangan:



# United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. Executive Committee Meeting October 15, 2024 3:00 p.m. EDT

# **MINUTES**

**Executive Committee Members Present**: Tom O'Mara as Chair, Judy Werner, Judy Sloan, Deborah Johnson, Jon Kreitz, Max Amaya, Jacob Arnold, and Eleanor Brimmer

Executive Committee Members Absent: Lauren Nicholson

USEF Staff Present: Bill Moroney, Hallye Griffin, David O'Connor, Lizzy Chesson, Steven Morrissey, Erin Keating

#### 1. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

Mr. O'Mara called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. EDT. Following a call of the roll, Ms. Adams noted that a quorum was present.

#### 2. Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Kreitz moved, and Ms. Brimmer seconded the motion to adopt the agenda. Following a vote, the agenda was unanimously approved.

#### 3. Conflict of Interest Declaration

Ms. Keating requested that members declare conflicts of interest with any item on the agenda. There were no conflicts declared.

# 4. Approval of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – July 15, 2024

Ms. Johnson moved, and Mr. Kreitz seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2024 Executive Committee meeting. Following a vote, the motion passed, with Mr. Arnold abstaining as he was not in attendance at this meeting.

# 5. Consideration of Sport Requests

# 5.1 Approval of the 2025 USEF Pony Jumper National Championship Selection Procedures

Ms. Werner moved, and Ms. Brimmer seconded the motion to approve the selection procedures for the 2025 USEF Pony Jumper National Championship. Ms. Keating stated that the addition of small, medium, and large jumper categories who will compete by pony height and athlete age in hopes of expanding the program. The group discussed opportunities and communication to garner interest in this category. After discussion and vote, the motion passed unanimously.

5.2 Approval of the 2025 North American Youth Championships for Jumping Selection Procedures for Zones 1-9

Ms. Kreitz moved, and Ms. Johnson seconded the motion to approve the Zones 1-9 selection procedures for the 2025 North American Youth Jumping Championships. Ms. Keating stated that the qualifying has changed to incentivize riders to compete throughout the nine-month qualifying period. After discussion and vote, the motion passed unanimously.

5.3 Approval of the 2025 North American Youth Jumping Championships Selection Procedures for Zone 10 Ms. Kreitz moved, and Ms. Brimmer seconded the motion to approve the Zone 10 Jumping selection procedures for the 2025 North American Youth Championships. Ms. Keating stated that Zone 10 differs from the other zones in that it has selection trials. They select their team using two from the trials and two from the ranking list. They have also decided to switch the qualifying from the five best results as the other Zones have. Following discussion and vote, the motion passed unanimously.

# 6. Officer Proposed Extraordinary Rule Changes

Mr. O'Mara stated that these rules submitted by the USEF Officers are all related to horse welfare. Some clarify the rules, some are drafted to simplify the rules, and some are new changes. These are being presented today to begin socializing them for consideration at the USEF Annual Meeting in January. Any comments can be provided on this call or sent to Bill following the call.

Mr. Moroney reviewed each proposed rule change individually, allowing comments to be provided.

#### 7. Old Business

There was no old business.

#### 8. New Business

There was no new business.

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#### 9. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m. EDT.

Signed and submitted by Karen Adams: