

May 4, 2020

Roll call: Scott Dehelian, Anne Thornbury Erica Staib, Judy Brentlinger, Aubrey Sears, Jamie Mills, Allie McBreen, Sarah Ash, Maureen Fagan & Holly Helbig. KathyValentine was absent

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the COVID-19 crisis, how to manage horse shows should they be allowed to run and what protocols, if any, be put in place. It was noted USEF was holding a webinar later today to discuss protocols and if possible, we should attend.

How are individual barns and trainers handling the shut down? Many indicated they closed a number of weeks to all but “essential workers”. Others set up schedules for owners to come ride and take care of their horses.

How do we re-open? Do we follow USEF protocols or, separate? All agreed the smaller venues are more likely to open first however, if and when shows open would be driven by what each state governor mandates This may include limiting number of people participating at shows, social distancing, crossing state lines, quarantine, etc. It’s difficult to make any decisions as so much is out of anyone’s control. There are so many what ifs. If shows reopen, everyone needs to be responsible for their own safety by bringing their own masks, gloves, sanitizers etc.

How will points count? As OHJA shows are offered in many states with varying COVID protocols and opening dates and with our organization being largely point driven, if and how would points count as toward year end awards may be less important. The membership may just be happy getting to show at all. We will make sure points are counted fairly for all.

Virtual horse shows were discussed as a way to service the membership. Many liked the idea of posting rounds on line, paying an entry fee and receiving feedback and a score per round. The idea of receiving feedback directly from judges would give valuable perspective not typically received at a physical show.

Separately, Country Heir asked for a change of from May 23-24 to date to July 31-August 1. All Approved.

Scott will send a letter out to the membership indicating we’re in a holding pattern.

A motioned to adjourn and was seconded @ 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Staib