



USAWE Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: September 14, 2022

Meeting Time: 5:00 p.m. Pacific, 6:00 p.m. Mountain, 7:00 p.m. Central, 8:00 p.m. Eastern

Meeting Modality: Zoom

Board Members Present		Board Members Absent at Roll Call	
President	Barbara Price	President Elect	Olga Hendrickson
Secretary	Julie Alonzo	Treasurer	Erin O'Shaughnessy
At Large Director 1	Trisha Kiefer-Reed	R3 Director	Chris Stanko
At Large Director 2	Doreen Atkinson	R4 Director	Kiki Pantaze
R1 Director	Heather Humelbaugh		
R2 Director	Robin Bond		
R5 Director	Becky Sherven		
R6 Director	Kimberley Hillyer		
R7 Director	Rebecca Algar		

Current # of Board members = 13. BOD members required for Quorum = 7. # of BOD members in attendance at roll call = 9. Quorum was established.

USAWE Board Members in Attendance After Roll Call:

Olga Hendrickson
Kiki Pantaze
Chris Stanko

USAWE Adult Members in attendance for all or part of the meeting:

Christy Reich, R2 Member and Co-Chair of Licensed Officials Committee
Leslie Martien, R3 Member
Jeanne Bond, R6 Member and Chair of the Rules Committee
Bridgett Klingler, R1 Member and Chair of the Awards Committee
Emily Callihan, R1 Member
Dan Dahlke, R1 Member and Chair of the Ethics Committee

President Price called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM, Pacific time.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Barbara Price, President, noted the following motions that had passed via unanimous consent in writing since our last Board meeting:

Motion: Approve the appointment of Kim Hillyer to the Competitions Committee.

Motion: Approve Christy Reich, Kellee Campbell, and Kiki Pantaze to serve on the International Competition Task Force along with the President and President Elect.

JANUARY – JUNE 2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Prior to the Board meeting, Treasurer Erin O'Shaughnessy had provided the board with financial statements covering the first half of 2022 (January – June). Erin indicated that she is happy to



meet with any Board members who have any questions. The first half-year financials have been reviewed by the Financial Oversight Committee, with no indication of any issues or problems found.

UPDATE ON FEDERAL TRADEMARK REGISTRATION FOR USA WORKING EQUITATION NAME

President Barbara Price updated the Board on the work with LegalZoom to register as a trademark the USA Working Equitation name.

LICENSED OFFICIALS COMMITTEE UPDATES

Christy Reich, co-Chair of the LOC provided an update for the Board. The LOC has held two successful in-person Licensed Officials seminars (one in TN and the other in CA) and has received feedback on what went well and areas for improvement.

There are currently 50 licensed officials including 4 “S” judges, 4 “R” judges, 7 “r” judges, 4 “L” judges, and 44 Technical Delegates.

COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE UPDATES

Becky Sherven, Chair of the Competitions Committee, provided an update for the Board. The committee is continuing to receive licensing requests for the 2022 season and has started to receive licensing requests for the 2023 season as well.

The committee is working hard to process licensing requests quickly and get results posted as quickly as possible after the events finish.

The committee sent out an email to show managers who have managed at least three shows in the 2022 season to get input on successfully managing a show. They are hoping to have a few show managers volunteer to help write up a guide to help show managers organize their events. They are also working on ways to help support and promote schooling shows.

2023 WESTERN ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

President Barbara Price reminded the Board that the following members of the Board are recused from this discussion and vote due to their involvement in one or both of the proposals: Barbara Price, Olga Hendrickson, and Julie Alonzo.

Four members of the Board indicated that they were unable to access one or the other of the two proposals and thus indicated that they were not prepared to provide input on the decision.

Other thoughts shared by the Board included concerns about having the Zone Championship in the far Southern part of the Zone for the second year in a row (rather than rotating it more geographically) and the lack of a covered arena for the proposal from the Big Sky Horse Park.

Comments included that both proposals appeared well thought out and complete. Both appear to be viable proposals for really strong championship competitions.



Barbara noted that in the future it will be important for people submitting proposals to reduce the file size of the proposals so that they can be more readily accessed by members of the Board.

Kim Hillyer and Becky Sherven, representing the Competitions Committee, made the following motion

Motion: Approve the 2023 Western Zone Championship Show proposal presented by the Big Sky Horse Park organizers.

Motion was seconded by Kiki Pantaze, R4 Director.

- **The motion passed with 7 in favor and one abstention.**

USAWE COMPETITION ENDOWMENT FUND

Barbara Price, President, made the following motion

Motion: Approve allocating \$5,000 per year for a USAWE Competition Endowment Fund specified for providing assistance to qualified USAWE members for travel expenses incurred with competition and national or international show events. Endowment fund total not to exceed \$20,000 at any time.

Discussion included the need to specify how the funds would be allocated, whether this is the best use of association funds, and whether this motion is perhaps premature – maybe the idea should go to the International Competitions Task Force to be worked on a bit more and then brought back to the Board.

Several Board members indicated support for getting the ball rolling and indicated that they were in favor of allowing the funds to be used for national as well as international show events.

Motion was tabled until a later meeting.

PROPOSALS FROM THE LOC

Doreen Atkinson and Christy Reich, Co-Chairs of the LOC, made the following motion

Motion: Approve the proposal for modification to the Continuing Education Program and Payment Schedule, and revised USAWE Licensed Officials Program, both dated September 6, 2022, effective immediately upon approval.

Motion was seconded by Robin Bond, R2 Director.

- **The motion passed unanimously by voice vote with no “nays” heard.**



CONCEPT OF AN AMERICAN WAVE CHAMPIONSHIP

Chris Stanko expressed her belief that the decision related to responding to the WAVE President should have been brought to the Board rather than made by the Executive Committee.

OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

President Barbara Price requested that Board members contact her with possible Board meeting dates for October and November so she can schedule those.

President Barbara Price adjourned the meeting at 6:23 PM, Pacific Time.

Minutes submitted by Julie Alonzo, USAWE Secretary.