

ApHC Non Pro/ Youth Committee Meeting – February 28, 2017

Attendance

Board Members: Tom Hodges, Megan Disselkoen, Ken Johnson, Lesli Glen, Debby Letham, Mary Ann Page, Dena Raggio, Leslie Foxvog

Staff: Steve Taylor, Lauren McCleary, Keri Le Force, Bailee Woolstenhulme

Committee chair, Tom Hodges, opened discussion on the topic of a rule change proposal from the Non Pro Advisory committee:

-The NP Advisory committee would like to have Novice Non-Pros qualify for the World Show. Once a Novice has either won a class at Worlds or been Reserve at Worlds or Nationals, they would lose their Novice standing the following year. They suggest they would need to qualify with 1 point.

The whole group discussed possible pros and cons of this rule change proposal. There was an agreement that changing this rule could probably help raise entries at Regional Club shows.

The group discussed other options for moving people along and out of the Novice classes:

- Possibly adding a cap to the number of years you can compete in Novice.
- Qualify by number of Judges at show instead of standard point. This could be calculated by the percentage of Judges available in each Territory.

A motion was made to: Forward a proposal to Rules Committee that would require novice non-pros to qualify for World Show classes by earning at least one point in each of those classes. Motion made by: Megan Disselkoen, seconded by Ken Johnson.

The discussion moved on to Youth Programs. Tying into the discussion about Novice qualifying for Worlds, the committee asked Bailee Woolstenhulme to talk with the AYA Board regarding their thoughts on making a rule for Youth to have to earn qualifying points to attend Youth Worlds. There would be a 12-month qualifying period just like there is for the World Show.

The next topic was Youth Scholarships and increasing the number of applicants. Ideas proposed were:

- running articles in the Journal about past winners of the Scholarships
- reaching out to Regional Clubs to encourage applicants
- survey past winners
- run advertisements in Journal for University Equine Programs

Two other ideas brought forth were possibly putting together a Sponsorship program to help Youth show regionally. I was also suggested to look into Grant Opportunities that would assist Youth programs.

Bailee Woolstenhulme will talk with AYA Board about planning a Carnival/Party during World Show.

Meeting was adjourned.