



WE UNITED LICENSED OFFICIALS COMMITTEE  
Conference Call

Date:	April 19, 2017	Time:	5:15 p.m. Pacific
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Acting Chair in Attendance?  - Jim Havelhurst  
Secretary?  - Julie Alonzo

Members in attendance at roll call

Members absent

Last Name	First Name	Title	Last Name	First Name	Title
Havelhurst	Jim	Committee Chair			
Hipsley	Wayne	Committee Member			
Atkinson	Doreen	Committee Member			
Alonzo	Julie	Ex Officio			

Members in attendance after roll call

Last Name	First Name	Title
Vermaas	Michael	Committee Member

✓ *Quorum Achieved*

*APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES*

➤ Wayne Hipsley made a motion to:

<b>MOTION</b> <i>Accept v1 of the minutes from the April 13, 2017 LOC meeting minutes.</i>
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✓ Voting strength of the body was 3. The vote on the motion was 3 ayes, and 0 nays:  
Motion carried.

*INSURANCE UPDATE*

- The LOC requested an update on insurance coverage.
- WE United President Julie Alonzo explained that President Elect Barbara Price has been gathering quotes from different insurance companies. Doreen Atkinson has also submitted a request for a quote. Director & Officer and Liability Insurance is on the agenda for the April 20 WE United Board meeting. She was hopeful that Barbara and Doreen Atkinson would have quotes for the Board to review so that insurance could be bound.

*MOTION TO PROMOTE MICHAEL VERMAAS TO "S" JUDGE*

- Michael has participated in a WEIAUSA judges seminar and training program conducted by WAVE judges and officials. He has continued to attend the annual judges continuing education program conducted by WEIAUSA. In 2016, he was promoted to the S status judge by the WEIAUSA. He has served as an official judge at two Haras Cup International competitions, where he has judged with three international judges. He has judged numerous WEIAUSA approved competitions and conducted rider training clinics throughout the US.

➤ Wayne Hipsley made a motion to:

<b>MOTION</b> <i>Promote Michael Vermaas to WE United "S" Judge status.</i>
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- ✓ Voting strength of the body was 3. The vote on the motion was 3 ayes, and 0 nays:  
Motion carried.

- NOTE: Michael Vermaas was not present during the discussion and vote on this matter. He joined the meeting after this matter had been voted on.

*MOTION TO PROMOTE DOREEN ATKINSON TO "S" JUDGE*

- Doreen has participated in two different multi-day judges training seminars conducted by WAVE judges and officials. She has participated in the annual WEIAUSA judges session held during the Haras Cup, and conducted by WAVE judges. In addition, she has competed in upper level WE competitions, and continues to work in the training and schooling of horses and riders.

➤ Wayne Hipsley made a motion to:

<b>MOTION</b> <i>Promote Doreen Atkinson to WE United "S" Judge status.</i>
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- ✓ Voting strength of the body was 3. The vote on the motion was 3 ayes, and 0 nays:  
Motion carried.

- NOTE: Doreen Atkinson recused herself from discussion and vote on this matter.

*INTERVIEWS*

- The LOC interviewed the second set of judge candidates. Each had been provided with the call-in number in advance and had confirmed that the time scheduled for their interview would work for them. All four applicants were sent a reminder on the day of the interviews, confirming the time scheduled for their interview as well as the call in number.

- All four candidates called in at their scheduled time.

#### *RECIPROCITY FOR JUDGES LICENSED BY DIFFERENT GROUPS*

- The LOC discussed the issue of judges needing to be licensed by the Confederation and WE United in order to be selected to judge WE events. The LOC was concerned that, with only a single license, the likelihood of being asked to judge a WE competition would be very limited at best.
- Therefore, one of two things needs to happen. The unification of the judge licensing process or stand-alone approved competitions.

#### *SCHEDULING ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS*

- The next set of interviews will be scheduled for Thursday, April 27. The LOC will meet first at 5:15, Pacific, and then the first interview will begin at 5:30. The LOC will schedule four interviews for April 27.

#### *SUPPORT MATERIALS FOR JUDGES & SHOW ORGANIZERS: COURSE MAPS*

- The LOC recommends that WE United provide sample EOH and Speed course maps on the WE United website to help judges just starting in the sport with their design considerations.
- These course maps could be used at WE Competitions, with the understanding that Regional and National Championships should design original courses rather than using one of the posted course maps.

#### *NEXT MEETING*

- Thursday, April 27, 5:15 p.m., Pacific; 6:15 pm Central, 7:15 pm Eastern.
- **Phone Number: (712) 832-8320**
- **Access Code: 923 279#**

*Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Pacific.*