



WE UNITED Board of Directors Conference Call

Date:	January 27, 2017	Time:	5:00 pm PST
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Acting Chair in Attendance? President Julie Alonzo
 Secretary? Secretary Bruce W. Menke

President Julie Alonzo called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm PST

Members in attendance at roll call

Members Absent

Last Name	First Name	Title	Last Name	First Name	Title
Alonzo	Julie	President	Perez	Ruth	Director R7
Price	Barbara	President Elect			
Menke	Bruce W.	Secretary			
Luoma	Donna	Treasurer			
Schwartz	Cari	Director R1			
Limond	Polly	Director R2			
Atkinson	Doreen	Director R4			
da Silva	Kimberly	Director R6			

Members in attendance after roll call

Members Absent

Last Name	First Name	Title
Stanko	Chris	Director R3

Current strength of body was 10. Minimum # for quorum was 6.

Members in attendance was 8.

Quorum Achieved

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- Correction made to director da Silva's name. The da had a capitalized D in both draft minutes.
- No other corrections were made and the minutes for January 13 and January 16 were accepted.

JUDGE TRAINING SEMINAR

The Judge Training Seminar and budget was briefly discussed.

JUDGE TRAINING SEMINAR BUDGET

- President Julie Alonzo made a motion to:

MOTION *Approve the budget for 2017 Judge Training Seminar as sent on January 25, 2017.*

✓ Voting strength of the body was 8. By voice vote the motion carried.

ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW COMMITTEE

➤ President Alonzo made a motion to:

MOTION *Establish the National Show Committee with the following people appointed. Julie Alonzo, Chair; Susan MacIntosh, Sherri Little, Kaylene Selk Toews, Barbara Price, Tenara Blood.*

Responsibilities: Plan and conduct the 2017 WE United National Show, propose a budget for approval by the Board of Directors, once that budget is approved, the National Show Committee shall have authority to expend funds within their budgeted amount and category. Research potential sites for the 2018 National Show and bring to the Board for consideration/approval.

➤ Director Stanko made a motion to amend:

AMENDMENT *Insert the term "Championship" after the word "National".*

✓ Voting strength of the body was 9. By voice vote motion amended.

AMENDED MOTION *Establish the National Championship Show Committee with the following people appointed. Julie Alonzo, Chair; Susan MacIntosh, Sherri Little, Kaylene Selk Toews, Barbara Price, Tenara Blood.*

Responsibilities: Plan and conduct the 2017 WE United National Show, propose a budget for approval by the Board of Directors, once that budget is approved, the National Championship Show Committee shall have authority to expend funds within their budgeted amount and category. Research potential sites for the 2018 National Championship Show and bring to the Board for consideration/approval.

✓ Voting strength of the body was 9. By voice vote main motion as amended carried.

REGIONAL COMMITTEES

➤ President Alonzo made a motion to:

MOTION

Appoint a Regional Committee for Region 1 in accordance with the descriptions in the bylaws. Members appointed are Lizann Dunegan, Donna Luoma with the Chair Cari Schwartz; and

Appoint a Regional Committee for Region 4 in accordance with the descriptions in the bylaws. Members appointed are Carol Marroquin, Kim Brunson, Kimberly June, Michael Vermaas with Chair Doreen Atkinson.

✓ Voting strength of the body was 9. By voice vote the motion carried.

SHOW LICENSING COMMITTEE

Secretary Menke gave a brief update on the work of the Show Licensing Committee.

LICENSED OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

- Barbara Price – Diversity in the individual backgrounds is important.
- Bruce W. Menke – Structure is important.
- Extensive experience as judge in various disciplines as well as extensive WE experience. Large committee 7-9. Others with experience like in USEF with exposure to stewards, secretary, etc.
- Polly Limond – Thinks competitive experience as a rider is important. Thinks at least one or two licensed judges on the committee.
- Chris Stanko – At least a couple of licensed judges. Competition experience is important. Holding standards for good judging criteria is important.
- Doreen Atkinson – Variety of people preferable to provide a well rounded perspective.
- Kimberly da Silva – Agreed with others.
- President Alonzo suggested a committee structure comprised with minimum:
 - A couple of judges
 - A TD
 - A Show Manager
 - One or two competitors at Advanced or Masters level.
 - A trainer/coach.
- There was general agreement that this be sent as a call asking for people that fit one or more of these categories and request people to send in interest and request resumes. Deadline of February 14.

USEF ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP

➤ President Alonzo made a motion to:

MOTION

Apply for 2017 USEF Alliance Membership, amount not to exceed \$300.

✓ Voting strength of the body was 9. By voice vote the motion carried.

REGION 5 VACANCY

- Not required to be filled. Resignation can not be revoked, but board can appoint to fill.

- It was suggested that all keep our ears open to see if there is a qualified individual to fill the seat.
- No action was taken on the vacancy.

THE CONFEDERATION

President Alonzo broached the subject of the interactions with the Confederation since the last meeting.

- Former director Howard Peet was talking to Tarrin Warren, Executive Director of the Confederation regarding what would be required for WE United to become members of the Confederation. Howard Peet related to President Alonzo that the Confederation Executive Board requested a proposal from WE United.
- The reformatting of the dressage tests caused some consternation on the part of the Confederation.
 - The Confederation had previously been advised that some reformatting would be done by WE United to develop an excel formatted scoring sheet.
 - Director Stanko did catch three typographical errors which were immediately corrected.
 - Jeanne Bond of the Confederation indicated that she would be updating and reposting the dressage tests to the new format.
 - Secretary Menke explained that while he was working on the ‘rules committee’ to develop those rules/tests, he had expressed the forms were of bad quality and the others on the committee indicated others could develop their own forms, those were simply included a resource that could be used. President Alonzo indicated that Jeanne Bond had chided her for reformatting and posting them, demanded they be taken down, and that the Confederation Rules Committee are the only ones that can do anything with the rules/forms.
 - There was concurrence that the changing of the document in substance, not form, was problematic. President Alonzo indicated that was not the intent but errors which were fixed immediately upon discovery. There was not concurrence among the Board whether the reformatting of the forms while maintaining content unchanged needed to go to the Confederation for WE United to use and post them.
- The Board has committed to a single set of rules. President Alonzo suggested that going forward WE United should clarify with the Confederation that as they are considering rule changes in the coming year, that WE United needs to have representation in that process. Currently, however, WE United has been removed by the Confederation from that rules committee.
- Several directors expressed a desire to break down the barriers but were unsure how that could happen, some whether it could happen given the history and current tension, and some if it would be viable.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2017, 5 pm PST.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm PST

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce W. Menke", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bruce W. Menke, Secretary