Board Members Present: Murray Kessler, Elisabeth Goth, Tom O'Mara, Jacob Arnold, Tom Brennan, Allison Brock, Jane Clark, Ling Fu Wylie, Lisa Gorretta, Nancy Harvey, Valerie Kanavy, Carol Kozlowski, Beezie Madden, Joe Mattingley, Diane Pitts, Philip Richter, Judy Sloan, and Judy Werner

Board Members Absent: Richard Spooner

Others Present: Mary Babick, National Breeds & Disciplines Council Chair; Shelley Campf, Member Services Council Chair; and Joe Mattingley, International Discipline Council Chair (Board member)

Senior Team Present: Bill Moroney, Kelly Bolton, Will Connell, Terri Dolan, David Harris, Sally Ike, Sonja Keating, Vicki Lowell, Lisa Owens, Justin Provost, Debbie Saliling and Stephen Schumacher

1. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum
Mr. Kessler called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. EDT. Following a call of the roll, Ms. Adams noted that a quorum was present.

2. Adoption of the Agenda
Mr. Kessler noted that an amended agenda was circulated to include agenda items 8.2 and Safe Sport Policy revisions in Executive session under 15.1. Ms. Goth moved and Ms. Pitts seconded the motion to adopt the agenda as amended. There was no discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

3. President’s Opening Remarks
Mr. Kessler stated that we are off to a good start in 2020. Sport performance is thriving with many wins and top placements in several disciplines. Safe Sport Town Halls continue to bring the message and communicate with our various constituents across the country. USEF continues to monitor the coronavirus and will communicate to our members and staff regularly. We await decisions from the FEI and USOPC on whether the World Cup and Olympic and Paralympic Games will run as planned.

The Presidential nomination submission period is open. The Nominating Committee will provide their recommendation to the Board 30 days prior to the Mid-Year meeting for election at that meeting.

4. Conflict of Interest Disclosure
Ms. Keating requested that Directors declare conflicts concerning any item on the agenda at this time. Ms. Harvey noted potential conflict with 11.1 in that the AHA plans to submit an expression of interest. The Board determined that her declaration did not constitute a conflict at this time.
5. **Approval of Annual Meeting Board Minutes**

5.1 **First Board Meeting – January 11, 2020**
Ms. Sloan moved and Ms. Brock seconded the motion to approve the Board meeting minutes from the first Board meeting, the last meeting of the 2019 Board, on January 11, 2020. There was no discussion and the motion passed by majority with Ms. Goth abstaining.

5.2 **Second Board Meeting – January 11, 2020**
Ms. Goth moved and Ms. Harvey seconded the motion to approve the Board meeting minutes from the second Board meeting, the first meeting of the 2020 Board, on January 11, 2020. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

6. **Presidential Modification Report**
A report of Presidential Modifications granted since the beginning of 2020 was presented to the Board for informational purposes.

7. **Consideration of Rule Change Proposals**

7.1 **Extraordinary Rule Changes**
Ms. Sloan moved and Ms. Goth seconded the motion to put all three extraordinary rule changes on the floor for discussion. There was no dissent and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Moroney outlined each of the three extraordinary rule changes listed below. There was no comment or question on these proposals. The motion to approve all three proposals passed unanimously.

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7.2 **FEI Rule Changes**
Ms. Goth moved and Ms. Pitts seconded the motion to put all four FEI rule changes on the floor for discussion. There was no dissent and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Moroney described the proposed amendment to 228-19, striking the language *next to the driver* to be consistent with FEI rules and for the aid to be seated in the safest carriage position should it not be next to the driver.

Ms. Pitts moved and Ms. Goth seconded the motion to approve all four FEI rules changes with the amendment noted above to Tracking 228-19. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

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8. **International Disciplines Council Report**

Mr. Mattingley reported that an IDC Roundtable will be held to discuss a multi-year business plan that will tie into a four-year budget to present at the Mid-Year meeting. An additional in-person Council meeting is planned.

8.1 **Approval of 2020 FEI Dressage Calendar modifications**

Mr. Mattingley moved and Mr. Richter seconded the motion to approve the modifications to U.S. events on the 2020 FEI Calendar for Dressage. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

8.2 **Approval of 2020 FEI Endurance Calendar modifications**

Ms. Kanavy moved and Ms. Harvey seconded the motion to approve the modifications to U.S. events on the 2020 FEI Endurance Calendar. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

9. **National Breeds and Disciplines Council Report**

Ms. Babick reported that the Council is in the process of putting together a small group to discuss the amateur rule and how it relates to influencers and trainers of new riders. One member of each of the largest Affiliates along with the Chair of the Advisory Group will round out the group.

9.1 **Approval of special competition request – West Coast Amateur Owner Hunter Championship**

Mr. Brennan moved and Ms. Sloan seconded the motion to approve the application for special competition status for the West Coast Amateur Owner Hunter Championship with the recommendations provided by the National Breeds & Disciplines Council. Mr. Moroney proposed a revision to the format to remove West Coast from the event name and to allow half points from the organizer’s application for this event in 2020, which he later withdrew from consideration. After much discussion, the motion failed unanimously.

10. **Member Services Council Report**

Ms. Campf stated that the report was distributed in the Board materials with nothing new to report.

11. **CEO Report**

Upon Mr. Moroney’s request Mr. Connell provided an update on the World Cup Finals noting that a risk assessment is being performed with the FEI and Las Vegas Events legal counsels, but no decision has yet been made. A cancellation will be determined and communicated by the FEI.

11.1 **Endurance Affiliate Update**

Mr. Moroney outlined the phased process by which an Endurance Affiliate would be selected, beginning with an expression of interest and supplying basic information to interviews and a presentation to the Board.

12. **CFO Report**

Mr. Harris presented a verbal narrative of our current financial position noting that it is too early in the year to recognize any trends. Further, our balance sheet continues to be strong with an increase in entries, membership and a substantial increase in paid fan members. Financials will be prepared and presented to the Board at its May meeting. Should any of our major events be cancelled, we will work to recover any of the pre-paids such as hotel deposits.
Mr. Harris reported that the Audit concluded last week.

12.1 Approval of the 2021 Budget Timeline
Ms. Sloan moved and Ms. Harvey seconded the motion to approve the 2021 budget timeline. It was agreed that should all the moving parts not come together per the timeline, notification will be sent in advance with reasoning so that sufficient time is provided for the preparation of Council budgets. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

13. Old Business
There was no old business.

14. New Business
There was no new business.

15. Executive Session
At 4:04 p.m. Mr. Kessler excused Council Chairs and staff with the exception of Mr. Moroney and Ms. Keating to proceed in an Executive Session of the Board.

15.1 General Counsel Report
Ms. Keating provided a litigation report.

15.2 Sport Budget
Mr. Mattingley moved and Ms. Pitts seconded the motion to approve an allocation of an additional $300,000.00 from reserves to the IDC budget in 2020 subject to CEO approval of the expenditures. After some discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of Executive Session, the Board meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. EDT.

Signed and submitted:

Karen Adams, Recording Secretary