

Region One Spring Meeting March 13, 2016

GMOs represented: CDCTA, DVCTA, ESDCTA, French Creek, IEO, LVDA, NCDCTA, PVDA, VADA

2016 Regional Championship: Sept 16 – 18 in Williamston, NC. Friday Happy Hour with sales exhibit. Saturday night hospitality dinner party. Pro-Am team Challenge. Facility – upgrades to footing last year and judges' stands built for the outside arenas. Indoor and 2 covered arenas plus over 400 stalls. Hotels are at a premium so book early.

2016 BLM – Oct 13-16 at Virginia Horse Center. VHC is reorganized and doing capital improvements. Fundraising is being done for many improvements. Outdoor footing is being worked on. Two covered arenas, ability for 7 rings. 600+ stalls. Competitor's Party Friday, Dog costume on Saturday as a fundraiser for animal rescue in the area, stall decorating contest with a Halloween theme.

National Finals at Kentucky HP November 10-13. Finals will stay at KHP until the western GMOs can provide a viable option for a venue.

Regional/BLM 2017 discussion:

Raeford, NC facility– has no covered arenas. Shed row stalls. In the Southern Pines area.

Tryon – Extreme west in North Carolina. It is off a major highway so it is accessible. The facility is pretty amazing. 500+ permanent stalls. ESI footing. Can put 6000+ spectators in the international arena. Has on-ground food facilities. Staff is experienced in Dressage show management. Stabling is \$300 for the weekend. Hotels are not close. Much discussion as to this bid's early dates and being run by a professional management company versus a Region One GMO.

Voting for Regionals 2017 and BLM – Regionals at Williamston, NC Oct 5-8, 2017 and BLMs at Virginia Horse Center October 12 – 15, 2017.

Youth Team Competitions:

VADA youth July 26 and 27 in Leesburg, VA

NCDCTA August 20-21 in Pinehurst harness track. Cooling stations for horses and people. Dog costume, Fair Barn is air-conditioned. Plenty of stalls, Hotels are close. Rings are in the infield.

NAJYRC – In Colorado in 2016. There is a positive response from the region. May be able to fill two teams. 5 YR, Juniors 4. If anyone knows someone who might want to ride, please call Deb DelGiorno. Deadline is May 3 to declare. There will be an on-line silent auction for fundraising. Shelli King made a motion to give travel grant of \$500 to each competitor to help them. Lynn Kerin seconded. Motion passed. Deb is firming up a hotel for the riders. Riders were polled to use a commercial shipper and most said yes. Asked if they would be interested in doing a raffle and there was not much positive response. Horses and riders need to be cardio fit. Youth clinic

at Hilltop Nov 19, 20 with George Williams. If anyone wants to help out with sponsoring the dinner \$1000, please contact Deb DelGiorno.

Adult Clinics: The interest in these clinics has been declining. Adult programs committee is looking into what to do with the clinics to make them more appealing. Two clinicians and making it a symposium is still not capturing the auditors. An online Survey says that time is a big issue, people don't know about them, in population centers, and where there is a concentration of people there are many other training opportunities so attendance is low. Where there are not a lot of clinics, there is a smaller population base. Adult programs Committee is working to put together an on line education center that will be searchable to be able to find what clinics are where and when. USDF is looking into the Adult Clinics farther to see if there is a better way. Could USDF work with the instructors to get the costs down so that GMOs could get better clinicians at local educational venues. USDF ties the hands of the GMO organizers by setting prices (riding and auditing) and not allowing outside sponsorship.

2016 Adult Team Competitions:

VADA at Culpeper, VA August 13-14 in conjunction with a licensed competition. Opportunity and Licensed classes at the low level. Facility has new barns. Award ceremonies on Sunday. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

ESDCTA Sept 2-4 in Augusta, NJ in conjunction with Windy Hollow Hunt show. Go to windyhollowhunt.org for information.

L-Programs: DVCTA is running a freestyle clinic at New Bolton Center for lecture on Saturday, Live rides on Sunday at Ardara Sporthorses with Terry Gallo and Lois Yukins. Applications on the DVCTA website. Register through 3/15. VADA is holding a freestyle clinic with Kathy Rowse and Marlene Whitaker. 2nd day will be live riding. Information will be on the VADA website. It is open for auditors (do not have to be an L graduate)

Instructor Certification: Averett University April 8-10 with lunging, riding, and individual instruction.

Dressage at Devon report: Sept. 27 to Oct 2. Breed Judges are Lilo Fore, Crystal Carlson, Rene Johnston (Anne Gribbons has been asked but no response yet). Performance judges are Steven Clarke, Lilo Fore Cesar Torrente, Mary Siefried, Jeanne McDonald. There is a new two story building being built at the end of the Gold ring. Devon Horse Show will have their show offices and the First Aid Facility in that building. Barns 4-7 on the show ground side are being renovated. 100 stalls in Barn 1 in the outside stabling are being renovated. DAD will host the youth handler symposium, S Judge program final testing, and a FEI Level 1 steward course.

Region 1 Digital Omnibus: Look for emails and contact from Penny Hawes for listing and adavailabilities.

Region 1 Awards and USDF volunteer awards: Start thinking about who to recognize for the awards. We have our own awards and then the USDF awards. Deadline for USDF awards is August 31, 2016, Anyone can send in a nomination. Forms are available on the USDF website. November 30 is the deadline for our own Region 1 awards. Forms will be available on the region 1 website

Region 1 website: needs photos. Please send in your photos! Anyone can send in a photo to Lisa or Shari Packard.

E-Blasts: There are 2 e-news (one from Lisa and one from the USDF office). The first is to the people who has signed up for the e-news. The second is sent to the region 1 membership. There was discussion about if two was too many.

USDF Convention: will be in St. Louis, MO December 1-4. 2016 will be in Lexington, KY Nov 30-Dec 3, 2017.

PM Delegates and Region 1 director: We need nominees. June 1 is the deadline for RD nominations. April 15 is deadline for PM Delegate nominations. We have 15 nominees to date. Bettina Longaker and Donna Kelly will run for RD.

Fundraising: Lauren would like to have a silent auction again to help defray the cost for PM delegates attending the convention. We need committee members to help with this.

Treasurer's report:

Current Assets: Omnibus Account 1,620.07; FEI Jr/Young Rider Account 18,556.56; Education Account 2,113.20; General Account 3,588.47;

Total Checking/Savings 25,878.30

Committee Reports:

GMO committee – Looking at what to do during the convention since some people think the round table format is not working well. If anyone has ideas for a speaker or topic, please email Lisa Toaldo. The committee will now be responsible for the GMO volunteer awards.

Historical – Looking to have a larger on-line presence. Starting a regional award. Specifications on that are still to come. Looking at digitalizing some of the items that folks have in their attics and basements that have historical significance.

Competition Management – Mentoring program for managers and secretaries, updates to Showbiz. They are going to have an educational session for the convention. It might be about dealing with difficult competitors, how to expand shows (going up the show levels).

Fall Webex: Thursday, November 17th at 7:30PM.

2017 Spring Meeting: March 5th with a snow date of March 19 at Hassler Dressage.

GMO Summaries:

VADA – Fall Show (GAIGS) was very successful. Biggest concern is declining membership. They feel they just don't get the youth.

PVDA – Tea for Training event was successful and helps recruit volunteers. Two day clinic with Janet Foy was also successful. Membership is down a little. Kids are so overscheduled.

IEO – Membership has increased by 28%. Huge draw was an October costume show and allows western dressage classes, however the western dressage rules (two different systems) cause some confusion and problems.

LVDA – Membership is down. August recognized show was very successful. Not enough volunteerism is a concern.

French Creek – George Williams Clinic is the highlight. Two successful fundraisers (one is a judged trail ride). Getting people to volunteer is a concern.

NCDCTA- Championships did a \$10K prize money. 70's club (2 scores of 70 or above). Whips to winners. 4 JR/YR scholarships at each of their shows and they had 15 riders. Declining Membership is a concern.

CDCTA – Schooling show at Warrenton was a huge success with waiting list. Raised \$5000 at the silent auction. Youth team won at training and 1st level. Concern is the overall rising costs to compete.

ESDCTA – BLMs were a huge success. Gary Rockwell clinic was also very successful. Volunteerism is a concern with members aging out.

DVCTA – Quadrille is a success with 3 teams (different levels). Have lots of juniors but they feel a bit unappreciated. Membership and volunteerism is the concern.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:40