

USDF 2011 Region One Fall Meeting October 30, 2011

GMOs Represented:

DVCTA, VADA, ESDCTA, PVDA, CDCTA, IEO

Meeting began at 12:05PM

2011 Regional Championship Report

The Virginia Horse Center was in fabulous shape. The weather was wonderful. Entries were down about 100 horses from the previous year which resulted in 5 rings instead of the normal 7. Back to back competitions with BLMs might have had an influence on entries. There was also a great dog competition that raised money for homeless animals.

2011 BLM Championship Report:

The show did not have great weather on the first day. There were lots of scratches due to the torrential downpours the night before the competition and sloppy footing. By Saturday and Sunday, the rings dried out and everything went well. There were 215 competitors with 618 rides, of which 222 were BLM rides. Debbie Witty of Trilogy Saddles, the main sponsor, was in attendance and involved in photos with BLM winners.

BLM General updates:

There was a proposal from Bettina Longaker that the region consider changing qualifying percentages for the freestyles back down to 63% instead of 65%

She also asked if Pas de Deux should be kept as championship rides or should the region consider a different format (e.g. a challenge class at a different show). It was proposed to market it for 2012 but stipulate that there will be no Pas de Deux in 2013 if it is not well subscribed in 2012.

Bettina will pen a statement that can be sent out for an email vote to all of the GMO's

2012 Regional Championships

Will be hosted by NCDCTA in Williston NC Nov 2-4.

2012 BLM Championships

30th year show at October, 18-21 at VA Horse Center to be hosted by VADA

2011 Adult Team Competition and plans for 2012

ESDCTA was going to host it in September, but couldn't field enough teams to host a stand alone competition. LVDA gets a lot of excitement for Adult teams and asked Bucks County HP if they could run this in conjunction with one of their shows. There were 11 teams from PA and NJ but it fell at the same time as the Regional Championships. Everyone had a great time. Lisa asked the Horse Park if it could be done there again next year. There's no stabling, but the HP might be able to put up tent stabling. LVDA might take the lead again.

2011 Youth Team Competition and plans for 2012

VADA hosted it at Morven Park in July. It was a good competition. Weather was hot, but most of the kids faired well. Kids were told not to bring jackets. The vets and EMTs gave instructions on how to keep horses and people cool in the hot weather. There were 32 teams which filled the facility. Special awards were given and kids were in costumes. Next year it will be July 28-29 2012 at Morven Park. June 1-3 2012 NCDCTA will also hold a Youth Team Competition in conjunction with their Capitol Classic show.

A discussion ensued regarding Dressage Seat Equitation. The feeling was that DSE needs to be pushed at licensed competitions or the program will die for lack of entries. It needs more visibility throughout the country. Judges have however, gotten special training. The class should be held during the day.

2011 NAJYRC

Region 1 sent 2 short teams of three. One Young Rider team and one Junior team. The Junior team won the gold and the Young rider team came in sixth. Junior Julia

Burt won the individual bronze and Young Rider Chase Hickok won the individual bronze and the freestyle silver. It was a wonderful competition

Anne Moss asked in a letter if the region could do Jr/YR clinics throughout the year for candidate riders. The suggestion was made that this be done on the GMO level. She also suggested a camp for candidates that could be done on a GMO level. Anne has agreed to be the chef again.

2012 NAJYRC Fundraising/clinics

Lisa thanked the Hasslers for bringing our funds up to the \$5000 for this year. The riders did a lot of fundraising with tack cleaning and the like. A silent auction held by NCDCTA brought in a substantial amount. There are also benefactors who made donations. Lisa has talked to Cesar Parra about doing some fundraising at his farm. There was much discussion about historical fundraising and what could be done in the future.

Debbie Delgiorno suggested that to cut costs, if stabling was right across from the arena again, would golf carts be needed?

The regional JR/YR clinic with Jeremy Steinberg will be held at the Hasslers' Riveredge along with a silent auction on March 17 and 18, 2012. The Spring Region 1 meeting will be held on March 18 in conjunction with the clinic

Youth Programs Advisory Sub-Committee:

They have received a lot of applications for youth convention scholarship. They are sending 3 kids to the convention. This is funded by the silent auction that the youth committee holds at the convention.

They were affected greatly by the change in USDF structure. They are feeling like they don't have a lot of input into USDF anymore.

Dressage at Devon Report

Breed division entries were up over 2010, but performance division entries were down a bit. Gold Ring footing was redone to be identical to that of the Dixon Oval. Both rings were open as much as possible for schooling of performance horses.

The Gold Ring was closed to competition 1 hour before all GP classes so that it could be used for schooling. There were 11 in the GP Freestyles.

There was quite a bit of rain and both competition rings held up well, but the warm-up was sloppy.

The GMO party returned in 2011, hosted by DVCTA on Friday evening. It was not as well attended as expected.

DVCTA did a marvelous Quadrille to remember 911 on the 10th anniversary. It was very moving. Guy McLean was the headliner exhibition and he was very entertaining.

Region 1 Omnibus

There was a discussion of a possible electronic format for the omnibus. The deadline is the end of December for getting shows into the omnibus.

Region 1 Awards – addition of trainer/teacher/instructor award

Debby Savage is the new award coordinator. Nominations are still needed for the awards. There are a lot of worthy people out there, so GMO's need to send in nominations for the following levels:

Achievement at National Level

Achievement at FEI Level

Volunteer contribution to region 1

Junior contribution to region 1

The deadline has been extended to Nov 15, 2011

Debby proposed the addition of an Excellence in Teaching award. This is in development and will be voted on at the convention for implementation next year.

L programs in Region 1

DVCTA is thinking of hosting a program from 2012 to 2013.

There were two grads with distinction from Region 1 this year.

Congratulations to former L grads, Anne Moss, Danni Tuscano and Amy Gimble who have just been approved for “r” judge licenses.

Instructor Certification programs in Region 1

None were proposed at this time. There were two certified instructors from Region 1 this year

Region 1 web site

Thanks to Leslie Raulin for setting up the new website. GMO’s need to email event information to Lisa by the first of the month for inclusion by mid-month. This is for GMO sponsored and Region 1 events. Please use the form that is on the web site for submitting information. The website also needs interesting photos from shows.

Region 1 e news

This is sent out monthly. The name will be changed to “eblast” so that members in the region can differentiate that it is specific to region 1, not the general enews that comes from USDF. Lisa requested information for the eblast to keep the region up to date on newsworthy items.

2011 Annual Convention in San Diego

PM Delegates will all be there and 1st regional meeting is Wed at 9am and second is Thurs at 8am

The BOG is on Thursday 1:30 – 3:30 and 4:00 to 5:30 and Friday 8am until 12:00. The Agenda is on the USDF website.

Several votes will be made by delegates at the convention. 1. Approve proposed balanced Budget 2. Approve several changes in by law language including change of language on the term for new At Large members to a 3 year term 3. Choose at large directors 4. Voting on a national championship to start in 2013.

PM/GM Delegates

Tina will carry proxy for IEO, Patsy, Fran, can carry proxies.

USDF Report

USDF is able to accept credit cards if told specifics in advance. For instance, if the region holds a silent auction, USDF could accept the credit card directly into the Young Rider account.

Etrack was discussed and Lisa asked for feedback to see if there are things that people like or that could be done better.

The Website was discussed. Apparently it is not optimized for mobile devices. Main webpage top row does not appear using internet explorer. Is still not user friendly for navigation.

Capital Campaign Pledge Status

Region is still down by approximately \$2,500. We will look for minutes to see who paid what. Otherwise, we could take the money and prorate it by the size of the GMO (small, medium, large) or by voting weight of the GMOs. We will have this information to talk about at the convention.

Treasurer's Report

As of Sept 30, 2011

Region 1 account \$16,945.68

FEI Junior/YR account \$10,982.50

Education account \$ 2,213.20

General account \$3,749.98

2012 Spring Meeting

March 18, 2012 at Hassler Dressage at River Edge.

Committee Reports

Adult Programs –Nationally they have had the final adult clinic with Charlotte Bredahl and started the series with Lilo Fore this fall. There are many educational sessions for the convention. Etrack modules will be university accredited.

There will be no symposium in 2012.

Historical – Lendon Gray will get the lifetime achievement award.

Regional Championships – Busy with conference calls. Tina will bring up the Dressage Seat Equitation issue to the committee

Competition Management – There has been very little activity with the new chair.

GMO Reports

PVDA- George Williams will be coming to the annual dinner and be at the Chesapeake Dressage institute for a clinic, on November 18 - 20, 2011

Ride for life donated \$80,000 to the breast center at Johns Hopkins. Schooling shows were less attended than previously. Membership is stable. Tea for Training is still being held to train volunteers.

PVDA received the USDF Honorable mention for the newsletter.

VADA – Regional Championships were successful and VA Horse Center is not 100% private organization. VADA gave the Center money and now has the naming rights to the show office. The Linda Zang new test clinic was a success. Chapters have been busy doing licensed shows and schooling shows. Anne Gribbons was asked for 2013 clinic. VADA will host BLMs for next year.

CDCTA – Schooling show attendance is down, but they have had great success at the Warrenton Facility under the lights in the evening. Fox Croft School has new management so Dressage at Fox Croft will no longer be held. CDCTA is looking at places that will allow for a larger show.

ESDCTA – 689 members. Slightly down from last year. There was a push on education this year including a 4 part summer evening seminar with Skylands Saddlery, Dec 3,4 Judges continuing education with Linda Zang, 3 youth fix a test clinics (fundraisers for the youth committee) and Dressage with the Experts at the Memorial Day show. An 'S' program has been approved but still needs LOC approval from USEF. The CDI during Memorial Day weekend had good numbers. The GMO championship had 5 rings with 228 tests. Their Newsletter redesign will save \$4,000 - \$5,000. During Garden State Classic next October there may be an educational symposium.

DVCTA – 200 members. They held 7 schooling shows, 2 unrecognized Horse Trials and 1 recognized dressage show. There were two un-recognized horse trials and several clinics. DVCTA also hosted the GMO Party at Dressage at Devon. Seven youth teams were sent to the youth team competition. There seems to be more club enthusiasm for the youth Team Competition than the Adult Team Competition. The dates for next year are:

Annual Dinner Meeting on January 20, 2012

Dressage at Fair Hill June 9, 10, 2012

Horse Trials June 24 and August 26 2012

DVCTA is in the process of organizing a USDF 'L' Program that will start in the Fall of 2012.

DVCTA would love to do an ad swap with any other club in their show/event/omnibus program.

NCDCTA – This GMO hosted several clinics and symposia this year. Among them the Henk van Bergen Symposium in May which drew more than 100 auditors for the 2 day event. NCDCTA formed the Junior club for ages 7-18 to foster interest in

dressage. They are encouraging show managers to offer scholarships and special awards to youth.

There is a newly formed Jr/YR Committee, hosting a Todd Fleterich clinic Oct 29, 30, 2011. They are hosting a Southern Youth Team Competition in 2012 in conjunction with the Raleigh Capital Dressage Classic June 1-3, 2012 for youth in the southern areas of Region 1 who are unable to travel to Virginia for the popular July 28 VADA/NoVA show.

Their Dressage For Everyone clinics are driving internet traffic and interest in dressage fundamentals among novice dressage riders, western riders, and gaited horse owners.

NCDCTA is increasing membership among the eventing community through the "Timex Series" of horse trials, a Robin Walker clinic November 5,6 and Eric Smiley clinic Nov. 15 and 16. NCDCTA will not be holding a CDI for the foreseeable future due to an enormous financial loss in 2011.

IEO – IEO hosted 5 schooling shows that have all been well filled. They have a late fee for their schooling shows. Prix Caprilli classes were not successful, but maybe because people don't know what they are and need to be educated. Their year end Banquet is November 19, 2011.

New Business

1. Emmett Turner discussed that shows are often extending closing dates. Is this a good idea? Should closing dates be closer to the show dates and should shows enforce punitive late fees? Should eblasts be sent to competitors to tell them why competitions have early closings (hiring judges, getting volunteers, scheduling, etc). It was decided that this is an individual management decision, but there was much to discuss on this topic.

2. The Fall meeting always seems to be the least attended. Lisa brought up the questions of: Should we change the format? Could we do a conference call? Do we need the fall meeting at all? Should it be an afternoon meeting? It was

decided that next year's fall meeting will be scheduled for Saturday, November 10, 2012 at noon at the Best Western in Leesburg.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00

Respectfully submitted

Lori Kaminski