

GMOs Represented: VADA, VADA Nova, CDCTA, IEO, PVDA, NCDCTA, ESDCTA, LVDA, FCEA,

2015 Regional Championships: VADA Oct 15-18, 2015 at VA Horse Center. There is a campaign for upgrading the footing at VA horse center for consistency of footing. Don't know how much will be done by the Regionals. Doggie costume class is a go and there is prize money. Stall decorating contest. Taste of the town on Friday night. Will have a nice competitor's party.

2015 BLM ESDCTA Oct 8-11, 2015: Donations are coming in for the footing maintenance. They are looking for sponsors for the show. Centerline Events is on board and preparations are being made.

BLM General Updates: Training, First and Second levels juniors are alone in their own division. Young riders will be in A or B. GMOs please make sure you get your payment to Bettina Longaker for your CBLM Qualifying shows and state qualifying in your prize list and state on each class.

National Finals: Nov 5-8, 2015 once again in Kentucky. For the finals for 2016 6 bids have come in from venues west of the Mississippi. Cut off for regional championships now Oct 14-16. Since convention, a task force has been talking about the bids. Venues have been checked. Two are now in the running. One of the venues in contention had to change their date. There is now a potential cutoff date for regional championships of Oct 6-9, 2016, Oct 5-8 for 2017, and Oct 4-7 in 2018. The venue decision will be made soon. Lisa suggests that we have two votes. One of the original dates for National Finals stays the same and another if the venue is chosen with the new dates. There was much discussion about venues for the 2016 regionals in light of the possible new cut-off dates.

2016 BLM for awarded to VADA October 13-16, 2016

2016 Regionals awarded to NCDCTA September 15-18, 2016

Youth team Competitions: July 25-26 in Leesburg VA and NCDCTA in August 29-30. We need more pictures from Youth Team Competitions.

NAJYRC: July 15-16, 2015 There are 7 YR and 3 Jrs who submitted their applications. Please submit applications before the end of March. Megan Burns and Deb Delgiorno will be co-chefs. Nicole will also be around to learn the ropes of being a chef. Fundraising Silent Auction will be on line. Donations can be made by emailing or calling Deb. She is looking for help in receiving hard good donations and sending them out to the winners of the bids and also sending the thank you notes. There are also some hard goods left over from last year and Deb is going to make baskets and send them to the larger shows to be raffled. Maybe enough product to make 2 or 3 baskets. Having another George Williams Clinic at Hilltop in November and PVDA is helping sponsor.

Adult Clinic with Kathy Connelly and Betsy Steiner is August 1-2 at Pepperwood Farm in Fuquay Varina, NC. Lunch for auditors will be \$10 and can be paid for online. Applications for riders are on line. Contact is Mary Tompkins.

Adult programs committee has been reworking the application and is trying to get the word out that it is an auditor oriented clinic. Not designed to be a lesson for the rider but more of an auditor experience.

L programs in Region 1: VADA is hosting a series held in April 4,5 (D2) and June 6,7 (D2) at the VADA NoVA shows.

Instructor Certification: Workshops in North Carolina at Eliza Sydnor 's farm April 11-12 for lunging of the horse session, July 8 and 9 will be lunging of rider. September 5 will be a riding workshop. Auditors are allowed.

Dressage at Devon: New dates are September 29 to October 4, 2015. Headline exhibition will be the Tempel Lipizzans on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There will be Decorated Stick Horse competition on Friday for adults and Sunday for Children. We will have a National Open FEI Level TOC class with DVCTA division on Sunday afternoon to celebrate our 40th anniversary.

2016 Adult Team Competition: Not scheduled in 2016 since it's not really a financially feasible competition to run. Should it be an amateur team competition or have it be anyone who wants to attend. The guidelines might need to be improved. VADA will look into maybe doing something at Culpepper.

Digital Omnibus: Subscribing show numbers are down a little. If you have a show and want it in the Omnibus, please contact Dianne Boyd.

Awards: Deadline is November 30 for the Region 1 awards nominations. This is a good way to recognize someone in your GMO who has volunteered above and beyond. There is one award for Juniors and one for adults.

USDF Volunteer award deadline is end of August. We had no nominees from Region 1 last year.

Region 1 Website: We need photos for the website. We are transitioning into spring and summer. Things will start to pick up now. GMOs please get your information so that we can have a full and accurate website informing our members about what's going on in our region. We are still looking for advertising in block ads. Examples are there now. We can do banner ads on the e-blasts.

Region 1 e-blast: Does anyone want any other information in the e-blasts? Spread the word for people to sign up for the E-blast. Just go to the Region 1 website where you can add your email address to the list.

2015 USDF Annual Convention: The Convention is being held in Las Vegas on December 2-6 2015 at the Rio Hotel and in St. Louis December 1-4, 2016.

PM Delegates: We have sent 13 nominees to USDF so far. We would like to have a real election to fill the 13 open positions. Deadline is April 15. Lisa developed a Fund Raising Task Force to look into means of raising money to help defray some of PM delegates' expenses. The Task Force recommended a silent auction on Friday and Saturday at Dressage at Devon. They are looking for items that might appeal to those who are not necessarily riders. Any ideas or if you're going to be at Devon and can help man the auction for a couple of hours, please contact Lauren Annett.

Treasurer's Report: Omnibus account-\$1210.98, FEI JR/YR account-\$19027.64, Education account-\$3112.20, General account-\$3524.95, Total Assets-\$25,876.77

Committee Reports:

Historical – Starting 2016 push for one regional lifetime achievement award.

Competition Management – Doing a presentation at the Las Vegas Convention.

Regional Championship – Looking more into the cut off dates for the regional championships.

GMO – Just starting out since there have been no meetings.

GMO Reports:

ESDCTA – Gary Rockwell clinic in July. Learn the new tests seminar just completed, Memorial Weekend show added a breed show. Digital magazine as part of their newsletter. Membership drive is gearing up. More business memberships. Focus on trainers and what we can do for them. Updated resource directory on line. Youth fix a test and having a D4K-like event. Applied for some grants.

LVDA- Winter lecture series first on new tests. March lecture on thermo imaging. May 9 fix a test, May 17 schooling show. June 7 schooling show. June 28 clinic with Ashley Perkins, July 12 schooling show. August 16 recognized show adding a dressage pony class. September schooling show, October 4 schooling show with championship classes.

French Creek – 14 affiliated shows and 3 schooling shows. 3 clinics scheduled. Educational grants for volunteer time. Educational seminars scheduled.

NCDCTA – Membership up from last year, 4-\$500 scholarships to their members this year, Linda Zang symposium, USDF continuing education in freestyle. Summer Highland Fling will be 3 days this year, had the Regional Championships last year. Junior scholarships this year. 70% club last year 2 or higher last year got a pin and awarded stall plaque. Horse of the year program. Clinic with Michael Poulin April 25, 26.

PVDA – Tea for training, lesson lottery, all entries for schooling shows (27) are electronic entries. Partnering with VADA for a big symposium, membership is a little down so working with chapters on a grassroots approach. Janet Foy clinic and Rider for Life show scheduled also.

IEO – Strategic plan this year. Increased schooling shows to 6. Several educational things planned, fix-a-test. Looking for opportunities to partner with other GMOs. Has Facebook page. Having troubles getting members engaged.

CDCTA – Expanded lecture series: FEI drug rules, presentation on pre-purchase exams. Silent auction kicks off the calendar each year. Schooling shows May to August, two recognized shows, Thoroughbred incentive program at recognized shows, VA bred horse award at recognized shows, updating website soon, Facebook page.

VADA – Eight chapters, VADA/NOVAva new test clinic, board is starting teleconferencing as are some of the chapters, membership is pretty stable, sportsmanship award given, chapter challenge getting chapters involved at schooling show level.

Fall Meeting: Webex conference November 12, 2015 at 7PM

New Business: Spring meeting for 2016. Here at Hasslers on March 13. Lisa is retiring at the end of 2016 as Region One Director. She is looking for a successor. If you have any ideas, please let either Lisa or Lori Kaminski know. Lisa has developed templates for what the RD needs to do on a month-to-month basis to make it easier.

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