

Region 1 Spring Meeting: 03/16/2014

Hassler Dressage at Riveredge

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

**2014 GAIG Championship Update:** Developing sponsors, 4 new judges stands, website up and running

**BLM Championship Update:** Competitors party, stall contest, dessert on the mezzanine, doggie costume class, championship classes mostly indoors. Qualifying: I2 or B can be used for qualifying but must ride B in the class. Only one level per entrant (A or B) allowed. These championships are peer to peer and that's why there are A and B divisions. Financial report was presented. Dues have not increased, but the number of divisions has increased so the prize money per division has decreased. An article is in the works to address the concerns that have come up.

**National championships:** Facility was wonderful, AAs happy and felt they were not sidelined, HorseShow Office worked well and scores on website immediately, volunteering was a lot of fun. Will move west in two more years. Venues for west of the Mississippi will be vetted by the executive board this year for the 2017 championship. What about pooling resources to van horses together to cut down on expenses?

**Bids for Regional Championships:** October 1-4, 2015 NCDCTA in Williamston, NC, October 9-11, 2015 ESDCTA in Allentown, NJ, October 15-18, 2015 VADA in Lexington, VA

VADA – Same management team as prior years, Continuing to work with VA Horse Center to keep facility at a high level. They are working on infrastructure, improving footing, improving lighting for energy efficiency, painting roofs, fixing plumbing issues, facility will own the restaurant.

ESDCTA – Proven ability to host, seasoned management, warm-up, lighting and volunteer pool. Last championships in 2009 (BLMs), competitors from north do not want to go all the way south, don't want to lose competitors to another region, horse park is trying to upgrade the facility.

NCDCTA – Same cutting edge management team as prior years, score texting, immediate on-line scoring, facility continues to improve with a virtual private network, 4 new judges stands for the facility, footing refurbished last fall in rings 1 and 2 with a path between the two, Festivities include-Thursday party, Friday wine and cheese walk, Saturday night dinner party. There is a way to take the dividers out of the stalls to have a 10X20 stall.

**BLM Championships :** October 1-4, 2015 NCDCTA in Williamston, NC, October 9-11, 2015 ESDCTA in Allentown, NJ, October 15-18, 2015 VADA in Lexington, VA, October 29-Nov 1, 2015 NCDCTA in Williamston, NC.

**Votes for Regionals and BLMs:** Region One will recommend Regional Championships take place October 15-18, 2015 at Virginia Horse Center. BLMs will be October 9-11, 2015 at New Jersey Horse Park.

**Awards:** Debby Savage-Special Presentation to Debbie DelGiorno for volunteer award. Laura Dickerson will be awarded at NCDCTA. We are updating all of the criteria on the website. There is a flyer on the Region 1 website for each GMO to print out and place at their shows for nominations. If any GMO has any pictures of presentations please submit to Debby for the Region 1 website. Deadline is Nov 13 for this year's nominations. USDF GMO volunteer award nominations are due end of August.

**Youth:** Debbie DelGiorno NAJYRC July 16-20 2014 in Lexington KY. We have 7 Juniors declared (one more pending) and 7 YR already declared (two more pending). Chef d'Equipe for each team. Deb is searching for a Chef for the junior team. Fundraising will be a silent auction at the Memorial Day show at NJ horse park. There will be an on-line version of the auction. They would like to get the regional pros involved in donating lessons. Letters will be sent asking for cash donations. USDF website has a place to donate to the JR/YR fund. JR/YR Clinic at Hilltop November 22-23 at Hilltop with George Williams, strong 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> level kids are encouraged to apply by Oct 15.

**Youth Team Competition:** Morven Park the last week in July. There will be a Western Dressage warm-up, but no team competition. Encourage your kids to form a team and come. Lots of prizes.

NCDCTA's youth competition will be during the Labor of Love show during the Labor Day weekend with a dressage trivia competition. Teams will do the trivia and those scores will be added to the riding scores. Cover art contest for the show program. Show will include dressage on foot again.

**Adult Team Competition:** NCDCTA at the Capitol Dressage Classic in Raleigh May 31-June 1, 2014. Revised prize list will be available in early April. They are looking for ideas to make it as exciting for the adults as it has been for the youth.

**Adult Clinic:** with Hilda Gurney April 12-13, 2014. It is hosted by PVDA in Boyds, MD. There were a record number of applicants this year. There will be a rider from almost every state in the region. Anyone who has thoughts for future Adult Clinics, please reach out to Michelle King.

**L-Programs:** None this year in Region 1. There were three last year and we have many new L-graduates. A new continuing education session is being worked on for judges and L-graduates.

**Instructor Certification:** Hilltop is having one session today of the refresher course. We still need one for 2015 if anyone wants to do one.

**Dressage at Devon:** Judges are almost selected. There will be a silent auction to help defray some of the costs of PM Delegate expenses. Dates are September 23-28, 2014.

**USDF Convention:** December 3-7, 2014 in Cambridge, MA. There will not be a symposium in 2014. Cost and time are some of the considerations of having a symposium. The 2015 convention will be December 2-6, 2015 in Las Vegas.

**Omnibus:** Dianne wanted to thank everyone for being proactive. Shows are up and calendars are there. Have people sign up for the e-blast so that they will get the information. 16,000 members in region 1, but only 1,000 have signed up for the newsletter and e-blast. Go to the region 1 website to sign up. Any

feedback should go to Dianne Boyd. Advertising can be done for shows and clinics for both website and e-blast.

**Website:** Thanks to Dianne Boyd for doing the Omnibus page. Advertising is available. GMO related clinics or functions should go on the calendar, looking for articles and photos for the website. Looking for monthly theme for the website (July is youth month) (June is Festival of Champions month) please feel free to send candid photos, not just riding photos. We're looking for ideas to make the website better.

**E-blast:** If there's something missed in an e-blast, please let Lisa know. If you have an idea, please let Lisa know.

**USDF Report:** Executive Board meeting next month

**Treasurer's Report:** Insert here

### **Committee Reports:**

**Competition management:** Educational session for Boston

**Regional Championships:** Reigning champions wording is being worked on because of national championships.

**Historic:** Looking for Hall of Fame and Lifetime Achievement suggestions. Maybe this should funnel down to the regional level for lifetime achievement. Can we start a regional archive so that we don't lose the history of the original dressage experts? Could each GMO come up with regional achievers or experts from their areas?

**Jr/YR:** Qualifying rules were tweaked a bit this year to encourage kids to compete at CDIs. Recommendation was made that the Festival of Champions follow the JR/YR format for qualifying riders.

### **GMO Reports:**

**ESDCTA:** New fully functional website with on-line membership. Professional look up is now available. New board members, two new S judges, two licensed shows added. 126 awards given for annual awards, 3 fix a tests, 4 teams, youth tiered awards accumulating points over time, planning separate events for professionals and AAs. New award for rider tests.

**LVDA:** New sponsorship brochure produced, Gold, Silver and Bronze level sponsors as well as fence sponsors etc. Finishing up lecture series (yogalates). LVDA Fashion show from Skylands Saddlery. Fix a test, schooling shows in May, June, July. August is recognized show. Schooling show in October.

**French Creek:** About 45 members, survey after convention said website needed redesign. Concentration is on educational activities and clinics. George Williams will clinic in September. Paper chase, 5k/10k run,

**PVDA:** 50 years old this year. Poster contest for the 50<sup>th</sup> year poster. 180 people at the awards banquet with 15 past president. 750 members, March 'Tea for Training', 25 schooling shows (4 dedicated to juniors only), Ride for Life (not having gala or dancing horse challenge), licensed shows, redesigned website, lesson lottery, Janet Foy new test clinic in 2015.

**CDCTA:** New VP for Dressage, St Patrick's Day Combined test schooling show 85-90 rides, dressage clinic with Britta Johnston, May show at Morven Park and August show at Glenwood Park, \$10K made at silent auction during their annual dinner which was more than the money made from shows. They hired someone to do the newsletter rather than using a volunteer but that person can't do it anymore so they're looking for a graphic designer who can do their newsletter for a modest cost.

**OVCTA:** winter clinics and educational seminar mostly un-mounted, riding clinics to follow when the ground gets better, schooling shows and point shows, year-end award banquet with Wendy Murdock as a speaker, revamped the bylaws for ease of reading and to incorporate electronic communications, volunteer training clinics, planning year end 'Big Fall Show' which is a schooling show with a recognized show feel.

**VADA:** First weekend of April kicks off the show season. Breed show will be incorporated into the June show. September shows. Judge tune-up with Kathy Rouse, Jackie Brooks clinic in the fall. Charlottesville will have Jeremy Steinburg. Local clinicians, George Williams in September, Chapter challenge.

**IEO:** 42 members, 5 schooling shows, end of series awards, end of year awards, looking to work on clinics, lectures during winter were popular, bylaws were changed to incorporate electronic communications, trying to do a recognized show in the future.

**NCDCTA:** Very small but active group of eventers with clinics and horse trials, changes to the board with a junior program coordinator, adult education committee, symposium with Linda Zang is planned, Three volunteer training programs, lower level training clinics, rider test clinic, youth team competition, 70% club is a rider award for getting 2 scores of 70% or above with awards for those getting the most 70% scores, ride NCDCTA-if you ride at 3 recognized or volunteer at 2 recognized shows you will get a special hoodie.

**Fall Webex Conferece:** November 13, 2014 @ 7pm

**Spring Meeting for 2015:** March 15 at Riveredge if it's ok with the Hassler's starting at 9:30

**New Business:** Discussion over rider tests – there's basically 1 rider test for every 100 regular tests. Maybe year end awards would spur entries. NCDCTA equitation division couples rider tests with DSE class where you must enter both and they give special awards for that.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15