

FALL 2014 REGION ONE TELCONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES
November 13, 2014 7pm

Participants: Beth Ann Adams, Dianne Boyd, Tina Longaker, Lorraine Musselman, Lisa Toaldo, Leslie Page, Donna Kelly, Sheli King, Nancy Krial, Jennifer Mitchell, Patti Hildreth, Terry Masters, Dilly Jackson, Sandy Williams, Allison Head, Polly Yeago, Fay Seltzer, Karen Becerra, Pam Wooding.

2014 Regional Championship Report/plans for 2015

NCDCTA reported that the 2014 show was a big success, with over 350 competitors and over 1500 rides scheduled. There was an unfortunate incident where several wallets were stolen. The wallets were subsequently recovered, along with the credit cards, but not the cash. Similar incidents occurred at the BLMs so show management should make sure competitors are aware of these incidents and exercise reasonable care to ensure the safety of their valuables.

Dianne Boyd reported for VADA that planning for 2015 has begun, with the footing in the main outdoor championship ring scheduled for improvement/replacement before the show next year.

2014 BLM Championship Report/plans for 2015

VADA reported that the show was very successful. The numbers were up from the last few years, with close to 400 horses on the grounds and 4 championship rings running most of the days. The Doggy Costume class was once again very popular, with close to 50 dogs participating, and VTO gift certificates awarded to the top 12 dogs. The show conducted a fundraising effort for Friends of Homeless Animals, as a tie-in to the Doggy Costume class.

ECDCTA reported that planning has begun for the 2015 show, with the Horse Park fundraising for footing improvements.

BLM General updates and proposals

3 new proposals were submitted by the BLM Committee, 2 involving rule changes:

- 1) For Training – 2nd level, Young Riders (19 years and older) will compete as adults, in the appropriate division, based on their competition experience. From 3rd level up, Young Riders will compete with Juniors
- 2) For every finals level class, a High Score AA ribbon will be awarded (and the GMO hosting the show can also decide to offer a prize)
- 3) A Pas De Deux finals class will be continued to be offered for at least 1 more year, and then will be reassessed.

All proposals/rule changes we unanimously approved.

2014 National Finals Report

While the weather was not great (cold & wet), Tina Longaker who was in KY volunteering at the show, reported that it was a tremendous success and even larger than last year. The biggest change was that this year, the MFS Finals were split into open and AA Divisions. The Finals will move west of the Mississippi beginning in 2016, for 3 years.

2014 Adult Team Competition/plans for 2015

The 2014 show was hosted by NCDCTA. Only 5 teams were formed by the closing date, but 11 more were formed at the show, for a total of 16 teams and 50 competitors from amateurs to pros.

NCDCTA does not plan to run the show in 2015, so if any GMO is interested in hosting it, they should contact Lisa

2014 Youth Team Competition/plans for 2015

The Youth Team North Competition was hosted again by VADA/NOVA at Morven Park in Leesburg, VA July 26 and 27. There were 150 competitors and 35 teams. NCDCTA also hosted a southern regional Youth Team Competition on August 30 and 31. There were 25 riders and 6 teams. From all reports both were successful both and plan to run shows on comparable dates in 2015.

2014 and 2015 NAJYRC/2014 and 2015 NAJYRC Fundraising/clinics/chef

The 2014 show was very successful for Region 1 – Debbie Delgiorno won the prestigious Patsy Albers award as the top chef d'equipe at the completion. The Junior team won the gold medal and Molly Parris won individual silver and bronze for her musical freestyle. The show will be in Lexington KY again in 2015 (July 15-19). The on-line silent auction that Debbie organized raised approximately \$5,500 and we had a number of sponsors come forward as well, so we are now in a position to purchase new equipment for the teams.

2014 Youth clinic

The clinic will be held the weekend of 11/22-23/14 at Hilltop with George Williams, and is open to auditors of all ages.

2014 Adult clinic/plans for 2015/16

The 2014 Region 1 Clinic held at Wyndham Oaks in MD, with Hilda Gurney had the most rider applicants and auditors of any of the clinics held throughout the country. The next series of clinicians will be Betsy Steiner and Kathy Connelly. Normally, our region would not be due for another clinic until 2016 but because of scheduling conflicts in the other regions, we have been offered the weekend of Aug 1st & 2nd. NCDCTA is considering whether they have a suitable location to host the clinic that weekend, and any other interested GMO should let Lisa know if they are interested. If we can't make it work in 2015, we would hold it in 2016, time and place to be determined.

Dressage at Devon Report

The show this year was very successful, although the class distribution was different than in the past. 4th level and GP had lower entries than usual but PSG was oversubscribed. The weather was good and the new footing was wonderful. The biggest change in the works for next year is a date change to a week later – Sept 29 – Oct 4th, due to other big events going on in the area during the usual week. A date change request is pending

Region 1 Digital Omnibus

Overall, the switch to an electronic format has been very successful and Dianne's eblast with show info has been very well received. Due to the number of paid ads, we now have a healthy balance in the Omnibus account. Also, we will be reformatting the site, so that the ads do not overwhelm the content.

Region 1 Awards

We have a new Region 1 awards coordinator – Alice Greenstone (agreenstone@live.com). The deadline for submitting nominees has been extended until 11/30, with voting taking place at the convention. Nominees are needed!!

Also, no nominations were submitted for the USDF Region 1 volunteer award – ideas were tossed around for a nominee for next year.

L Programs in Region 1

VADA is holding a D1/D2/testing in 2015, using the VADA/Nova April, June & September shows. The program is now full, with 10 candidates, and a wait list has been started.

NCDCTA is hosting a MFS Elective session Jan 24th with Marilyn Heath & Terry Gallo

Instructor Certification programs in Region 1

There are none going on in the Region in 2015; Hilltop is likely to host one in 2016

Region 1 web site

Lisa encouraged everyone to submit photos to her from Region 1 activities so we can do a year in review photo spread.

USDF Convention 2014 in Cambridge, MA, 2015 in Las Vegas

As usual, there will be Region 1 meetings Thursday & Friday mornings; the BOG will be Friday afternoon & Sat am. Lisa is aware of no contentious issues, the biggest item up for discussion is the recommended location of the National Finals when it moves West in 2016 for a 3 year cycle.

The 2015 convention will be at the Rio Hotel in Las Vegas Dec 2- 6.

PM/GM Delegates

Due to a growth in membership in PM members in the region, we have been allotted an additional PM delegate (now 14). This year, we had 22 candidates running for the 14 slots.

USDF Report

A balanced budget is being presented for approval at the convention.

Treasurer's Report :

Ominbus Business Acct:	\$2,710.83
FEI Jr. YR Acct:	\$18,578.29
Education Acct:	\$2,113.20
General Acct:	\$3,648.60
Total	\$27,050.92

2015 Spring Meeting/Fall meeting date

The Spring meeting will be Sat. March 15th at the Hassler's. The 2015 Fall meeting will be via Webex at 7pm on November 12, 2015

Committee Reports

Tina reported that the Competition Management committee is looking at training/mentoring programs that they are hoping to roll out at the 2015 convention. The Regional Championship Committee is looking at the growth in numbers of competitors (perhaps because of interest in the National Finals). They want to make sure that the shows bidding for the regionals are able to handle the numbers expected, and it is possible that there may be some interest in raising qualifying scores to help keep the numbers manageable.

GMO Reports – to be presented at the Convention

New Business- fund raising for PM delegate convention expenses-start now for Devon silent auction- to be discussed further at the convention

Meeting concluded at 8:45 PM