

November Region 1 WebX meeting 11/12/15

In attendance: Lisa Schmidt-Regional Director, PM delegates: Lauren Annett, Dianne Boyd, Debbie Delgiorno, Lori Kaminski, Donna Kelly, Shelli King, Tina Longaker, Janine Malone, Jennifer Mitchell, Shari Packard. GMO delegates: Lisa Toaldo, Lynne Kerin, Fay Seltzer, Alison Head. Others: Dilly Jackson-treasurer, Penny Hawes, Kathy Rowse, Jessica Fay, Jessie Ginsburg.

Regional Championships: Weather was dry making things more pleasant. Largest Regional Championship that Vada has hosted. There were 430 horses competing, 3 championship rings nearly full time. Night classes Friday in one ring and 2 rings on Saturday night. VA horse park staff worked hard to make it good for us. According to Janine, Region 3 was probably the largest Championship in 2015. Plans for 2016- they are in planning stages for the show in Williamston

BLM Championships: Great show except one rainy evening. 215 horses and 374 BLM rides. There was over \$5000 in prize money given. The 4 day format really worked out well. Footing issues were handled, but 1st freestyle had to move to the next day. No report on plans for 2016.

No changes or proposals to BLMs to report. There was discussion about the JR/YR amateur status.

2015 National Finals: Generally good weather throughout the event. Attendance was slightly down. Sunday classes were full. Next year is the last year in KY before the move out west and we are expecting record attendance. Committee tries to add something each year to make things more fun and more exciting. This year they offered a "regions cup".

2016 Proposed Adult Team Competition: Request from VADA and ESDCTA to run an adult competition for 2016. VADA (Charlottesville Chapter at Culpeper) 13 and 14 August. ESDCTA in conjunction with September licensed show at the Sussex County Fair Grounds in NJ. Dates would be September 2-4, 2016. A vote will be taken at the convention when more delegates are in attendance.

2015 Youth Team Competition: Alison reports the show was bigger than the last couple of years with good attendance even though it was at the same time as pony club nationals. Dates for 2016 are 23, 24, July. North Carolina had one at the Labor Day show and went well with stick pony competition. 2016 will be in August in Pinehurst NC as part of a licensed show.

2015 NAJYRC: Jr team was not as strong as normally with only 3 riders. Region 1 did not place in top ten in team competition. One JR made it into the Freestyle and placed 7th. YR had a full team. One rider was rung out for lameness even though she jogged well. We had one placing in team and 3 in individual. On line auction did well, but not as well as 2014 being just short of \$5000. Total over \$7000 in donations and auction. 2016 is in CO and we might not have too many riders due to shipping and altitude issues for the welfare of the horse. July 27 – 31 2016 are the dates for next year. Chef and co-chef will be the same. May only send 1 if the teams are short. George Williams clinic this weekend at Hilltop Farm.

2015 Adult Clinic: Fantastic clinic and groups want to come back. Auditors were about 50-65 both days. Riders were happy and got a lot out of it. Not much ready to report for the 2016 clinics. There is a

feeling that the attendance throughout the country was not what was expected by USDF. This program might not continue as they have in the past.

Dressage at Devon: Pilot for USDF Youth Handler Symposium was a great success. They would like to do it again in 2016. A USEF 'S' program was held this year and the testing will be held in 2016. Breed show went well. The numbers were about the same as recent years. Performance show was WET. The GP was moved from Friday night to Saturday night and the Freestyle to Sunday. Kids day (Dressage Explorers) on Sunday with activities for the kids. Veterinary care talk, Lipizzans with the Tempel group, Stick horse contest. Next year's dates are September 27 thru October 2, 2016.

Region 1 Omnibus: Penny Hawes will take over the Omnibus. Her contact information is on the Region 1 website. Thanks to Dianne Boyd for setting things up on the electronic Omnibus and doing a great job over the last few years.

Region 1 Awards: Deadline is November 30. No nominations for Youth or Adult Contribution to Dressage. Please get the awards nominations so we can vote at the convention in December.

L programs in Region 1: There have been 2 sponsored by VADA. Testing site was perfect, horses were great and the instructors were also wonderful. A shout out was given to Dianne Boyd and VADA and VADA/NoVA for all of the hard work on the VADA L programs.

Instructor Certification Programs: Hilltop Farm had instructor certification program and testing as did Elmhurst Farm in PA. Eliza Romm in NC also organized workshops at her farm.

Region 1 Website: Dog show slideshow is up and coming for the website. We need photos of any event, horse show, youth team competition. Please submit your photos to the website. If there are achievements, please let Shari or Lisa know for the website

USDF convention 2015 in Las Vegas: December 2 – 5, 2015. PM delegates must attend. GMOs please assign a delegate or proxy to USDF.

USDF Report: Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report: Omnibus \$ 1218.88, JR/YR 20199.39, Education: \$2113.20, General \$5533.53 for a total of \$29,065.00

2016 Spring Meeting: Sunday March 13 at Hassler Dressage at 9:30 AM. Don't know if there will be an educational event. We can talk about the fall meeting dates at the convention

Silent auction at Devon for PM Delegates: A little rough with the weather. Extended hours to try to bring in more money. There are 8 additional items for the FB page for on line auction. There is \$2400 total or \$160 per delegate to help defray the cost of the convention. Lisa will send an email about how to apply for that money.

Committee Reports: Competition Management Committee - Education at convention for insurance and fundraising. Bettina will take on the chairmanship of the historical committee. Lloyd Landkammer will be

given lifetime achievement at convention. GMO committee is looking at feasibility of prepackaged educational items.

GMO reports: ESDCTA – looking to improve ways to get volunteers, developed job descriptions for each position in the GMO, adding new year end awards such as rider test awards, DSE and western dressage. French Creek – 16 affiliated shows. George Williams and Silva Martin clinics, paper chase and judged trail ride brought in \$2500 – \$3000. 5K and 10K run also brings in about that much. NCDCTA – 4 shows, 10K prize money for NC Championships, two successful clinics, three scholarships, looking forward to Regional Championships for next year. DVCTA – schooling show series, championship show, one day recognized show, quadrille teams are going strong, struggling with volunteer base.

New Business: Lisa will not seeking reelection for 2017. She is looking for a successor. Lisa has a job description and templates and has created a calendar that states what needs to be done at what time.