

**USDF Region 5 Meeting
2011 Adequan/USDF National Convention–San Diego, CA
November 30, 2011**

I. Call to Order – by Heather Petersen, Region 5 Director

II. Sign-in and introductions

III. Regional Treasurer and Secretary Appointees

- A. Treasurer: Beth Geier
- B. Secretary: Joan Clay

IV. Recognitions

A. At Large Director (ALD) for Education Committee: Nominee – Janet Foy

1. USDF is restructuring their committees because too few people attend meetings and too few people are on committees. These factors ultimately affect the selection of the convention venues.
2. There will be 3 committees (Technology, Finance, and Education) and each will be headed by an At Large Director. Voting for the 3 At Large Directors will take place at the Board of Governor’s meeting.
3. Janet Foy’s platform for Education ALD:
 - a. Get USDF to focus more on educational issues, such as online educational opportunities.
 - b. Work towards implementing two sections of Adult Amateur classes (adult amateur and amateur owner).
4. Veronica Holt, Council Chair pointed out that the Committee Chairs report to the council and she supports this new format for the committees.

B. Nominations for USDF Regional Lifetime Achievement Awards:

1. Theresa Hunt
2. Janet Foy

V. Dressage Foundation Presentation – Jenny Johnson, Administrative Director:

The Dressage Foundation (DF) awarded \$240,000 of grant and scholarship money in 2011. The DF staff is available to assist with the grant application process.

VI. Delegate Voting: There is no expectation for block votes from the PM or GM delegates.

VII. Meeting Schedule: The meeting schedule was discussed to make sure that we had representation at the various meetings.

VIII. Region 5 Finances:

A. Financial Statement:

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| \$ 600.00 | General Expenses |
| \$ 8000.00 | Education |
| \$10,000.00 | FEI Jr/YR |

B. Region 5 Educational Grant Fund:

There is a request for \$1000 to reduce costs for a Young Horse Clinic (riding clinic) with Scott Hassler (US National Young Horse Coach). This clinic would be held somewhere south of the Denver Metro area. This clinic is scheduled for April 2012.

IX. Regional Scholarships – Rusty Cook, Committee Chair.

The Region 5 Scholarship committee needs to be set and a start date established. GMO's do have scholarship funds. Do we want to use money for individual scholarships versus educational events? The general discussion leaned towards using Regional Scholarship funds towards Regional educational events.

X. NAJYRC/Young Horse Qualifying Shows

A. June 2011 Dressage at High Prairie Show is not a Qualifier.

B. There are new divisions for Developing Horse Grand Prix and Young Rider Grand Prix.

XI. 2011 Region 5 Championship Report:

The show went well despite the rain and the air show. The Show Committee had to scramble to move the arenas. The Saturday evening program was fantastic!

XII. Items from the Executive Board Meeting

A. National Championships

1. The Dressage National Championships are proposed to start in 2013 at the Kentucky Horse Park since the USDF staff is located there.

2. The top 2-3 Open and Adult Amateur riders from each Region will be invited to participate in this head-to-head competition. There may also be a wild card option based on scores (%).

3. USEF is mandating a National Championship for dressage. Thus, if USDF does not organize one, then USEF will run it.

4. Janet Foy commented that a National Championship is needed for our sport. However, Regions 6 and 7 are against it.

5. Sarah Martin commented that our sport needs a format to highlight the trainers and riders that are more at mid-level of our sport, since our very top-level trainers and riders have venues that highlight them. We need to make sure our top riders are being served.

XIII. Meeting adjourned due to time constraints.