

**USDF Region 5 Meeting  
2011 Adequan/USDF National Convention – San Diego, CA  
Dec 1, 2011**

I. Meeting called to order by Heather Petersen, Region 5 Director

II. 2012 CDI Report

The Paragon CDI 3\* will be held August 17-19, 2012 in Estes Park, CO.

III. 2012 Championship Show, Kathy Jones

1. The 2012 USDF Region 5 Championship Show will be held Oct 5-7<sup>th</sup> in Heber City, UT.
2. This is a fabulous new facility that has ample 12 x 12 stalls, room for numerous dressage arenas and high tech video feeds in the barn.
3. Heber City is also a great area to visit, with lots of recreational activities for your families.

IV. Future USDF National Conventions

1. 2012 – New Orleans, LA (downtown)
2. 2013 – Lexington, KY

V. BOG Delegates

A. PM Delegates for 2013: How do we make sure we have a more balanced representation from our large geographical area?

B. GM Delegates: We need to make sure we follow up with proxies.

VI. Reports from Wednesday's Committee Meetings

A. Sport Horse Committee, Kristi Wysocki

1. There is a need for new programs that bridge Dressage Sport Horse Breeding with the Young Horse Committee to help identify and promote promising young horses.
2. Are there any suggestions for modifying the DSHB tests to make them more in sync with USEF? Conformation will be broken into multiple scores.
3. We need our technical delegates to know more about DSHB. There will be TD training at DSHB shows.

4. Sport Horse Seminars: These are open to all and are very informative for anyone who wants to learn more about how form relates to function.

#### B. Awards Committee

There is a proposal being put forth to the BOG for \$2500 to give out 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> place Horse of the Year awards (effective 2013-2014)

#### C. Youth Programs

There needs to be improved marketing of the Dressage Seat Equitation, Junior Team Competitions and the High School Pin program in order to get more participation and to draw youth from other disciplines.

#### D. Judge's Committee

1. Bill Warren is taking rider concerns. Gary Rockwell is the Chair for 2012. Lois Yukins is heading the "L" Program.

2. Starting 12/1/11, judges will be using ½ points. Scribes must use their decimal points for whole points as well as half points (e.g. 6.0, 6.5).

3. There have been complaints about the judging of adult amateurs.

#### E. Freestyle Committee

1. There is a push for more judge education about the artistic impression score and an article was written to help judges better understand scoring artistic impression.

2. There is a push to develop a Training Level Freestyle. The committee will need to think about increasing qualifying scores and reducing the time limit for the Training Level Freestyle. There will be a need to lobby for this with the USEF Dressage Committee and the USDF Judge's Committee. The premise for pushing the Training Level Freestyles is that it will help promote our sport to lower level horses and riders.

3. Judge education for Freestyles is now being tracked like they do for Equitation, Young Horse, etc.

4. There is continued interest in Pas de Deux and Quadrille. There needs to be more marketing to promote these activities, especially to adult amateurs.

5. Prix Caprilli tests can be offered at USEF shows.

F. Competition Management Committee, Heather Petersen

1. A number of ideas have been generated to increase participation and draw new members from other disciplines. These ideas include adding Novice or Master's types of divisions and figuring our ways to offer paybacks/prize money. These ideas are still in discussion and planning stages.

2. Dressage Seat Equitation is very competitive and we are seeing an improvement in the quality of riding. They need to add an Adult Amateur division as well. There is a new qualifying process for the DSE National Championship program. Riders must earn one qualifying score of 70% or higher in a DSE class at a USEF/USDF recognized show to be eligible to ride in the DSE Semi-Finals at Regionals.

VII. Meeting Adjourned due to time constraints.