

**USDF Region 5 Meeting – December 6, 2012**  
**Submitted by Joan Clay**

**ATTENDEES:** Heather Petersen, Lori Mitchell, Peter Soos, Sharon Soos, Janet Foy, Rusty Cook, Veronica Holt, Sophie Nasrullah, Lisa Nasrullah, Kathy Simard, Denise DeKrey, Kristi Wysocki, Theresa Hunt, Kay Lorenzen, Eva-Marie Adolphi, Carol Kounanis, Joan Clay, Dolly Hannon, Sarah Martin, Scarlett Fahrenson, Beverly Rogers, Annie Chamberlain, Catherine Chamberlain, Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez

- I. ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - A. Dressage Foundation “Gifted” Scholarship Recipients (\$1000 to go away for training)
    1. Michelle Dorsey – Training with Sarah Martin
    2. Shannon Lemmons – Training with Sarah Martin
  - B. Participating Member (PM) Delegate Participation and Responsibilities
    1. Good geographic representation is essential.
    2. If you make a commitment to be a PM Delegate, you have to make the commitment to come to the convention. We are probably losing our votes because of our PM Delegates that are not in attendance.
  - C. Committee Participants
    1. Nominating Committee: looking for representation
    2. Historical Committee: Kristi Wysocki volunteered for the position
- II. REGION 5 FINANCES
  - A. Current Account Balances
    1. \$8400 - NAJYRC (Arizona has \$1400 to send for this account)
    2. \$7800.00 - Education
    3. \$ 600.00 - General Fund
    4. \$ 300.00 - Regional Championships
    5. \$ 120.00 - Youth
  - B. Kristi Wysocki asked “How do we get money?”
    1. The accounts earn interest.
    2. Some GMO’s make donations to Region 5 on their show entries.
  - C. Region 5 owes \$2750.00 towards the USDF National Education Endowment
    1. Kristi Wysocki made a motion to pay of the pledge by \$5.00 per year. Kathy Simard seconded the motion.
    2. Discussion:
      - a. Can we pay off the amount faster?
      - b. The original pledge was \$7500 from Region 5. Arizona has given most of the money towards paying off this pledge. Why hasn’t more money been given by the other GMO’s?
      - c. RMDS has already given \$20,000.00 to the Education Endowment.

- d. What is the money used for? Answer: The money was used for the building, a generator system and replacement funds for the building (per state of Kentucky requirements). We still need money for the Educational Endowment Fund.
  - e. GMO's are struggling at this time, but we still need to at least ask GMO's to support the pledge.
  - f. It was like there was double dipping since the GMO's supported the fund and then the Region was asked to also pledge.
  - g. Is there money for delegates?
  - h. What if the 8 GMO's each gave \$5.00 each per year?
  - i. Could we ask USDF to waive the pledge?
3. Janet Foy Called the Question.
  4. Motion Failed.
- D. Sarah Martin moved to have the Regional Director to put the information about the National Education Endowment Pledge out to the GMO's and develop a system for paying the debt down. Denise DeKrey seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- III. REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIP
- A. \$750.00 has been approved for RMDS to host a George Williams Symposium. In addition, there is an additional \$250.00 available if there is a financial loss for this event.
  - B. Discussion on Regional Scholarship
    1. Is there a need to offer a Regional Scholarship? Scholarships are being offered by GMO's and people are not applying. It may be better to use the money to support GMO events and participants.
    2. Heather Petersen asked, "Could we propose an amount of \$200.00 per PM delegate per year to attend the convention and not take the education account below \$3000.00?"
      - a. How would we replenish the education fund?
      - b. Could we ask each GMO to give \$100.00 per year?
  - C. Janet Foy moved to donate \$200.00 per PM delegate for 2 years then revisit the issue. Rusty Cook seconded the motion. After much discussion, Rusty Cook made a friendly amendment that the PM delegates be paid after they attend the convention if they request the funds and provide receipts. Janet Foy accepted the friendly amendment. Sarah Martin called the question. Motion Passed.
- IV. NAJYRC/USEF YOUNG HORSE QUALIFYING SHOWS: must have at least one "S" on the Young Horse panel that has a USEF or FEI Young Horse credential.
- V. 2012 USDF Region 5 Championship Show Report
- A. Positive Aspects of Show
    1. Fairly well attended with 110 horses competing.

2. Hospitality was amazing.
  3. Judges were happy.
- B. Negative Aspects of Show
1. Footing was very heavy and deep. The facility did not meet their end of the deal in preparing the footing as requested.
  2. A footing person was brought in and worked really hard to try to remedy the problems.
- VI. FROM USDF EXECUTIVE BOARD: USDF Treasurer, Steve Schubert is willing to help GMO's put fiscal controls in place at no charge to the GMO.
- VII. BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING
- A. Western Dressage
1. USDF has prepared the following official statement regarding Western Dressage:
    - USDF will in no way imply or encourage a position that "western dressage" or "gaited dressage" and dressage as defined by the FEI are the same thing.
    - USDF will stand firm on a position that the USDF, USEF, and FEI dressage rules, including terminology and criteria, cannot be used in a way that uses traditional concepts and terminology to mean something "different".
    - USDF will identify USDF educational programs and materials that would appeal to individuals interested in dressage, including western and gaited study, or who have students with that type of horse, as it relates to dressage as defined by the FEI.
    - USDF will consider providing applicable website links to other organizations.
  2. USEF/USDF shows cannot offer Western Dressage.
- B. 2013 National Championship Show
1. Budget includes: \$50,000 from current account, \$100,000 in sponsorships and entry fees.
  2. Top 2 placing declared riders (Adult Amateur and Open) from each region will be invited. A possible wild card system is being considered.
  3. Bids are being accepted for 2016-2018 National Championships.
- C. Overall USDF Budget will be presented.
- VIII. REGION 5 SHOWS
- A. 2012 CDI in Colorado (Paragon) had 9 states represented.
- B. 2013 Paragon CDI will be the final qualifier of the year for the Festival of Champions. It will also host the 2013 USEF National Dressage Seat Equitation Finals.
- C. 2014 there will be a Memorial Day Weekend CDI 3\* in Estes Park, CO