

USDF Region 5 Meeting – December 7, 2012
Submitted by Joan Clay

ATTENDEES: Heather Petersen, Lori Mitchell, Peter Soos, Sharon Soos, Rusty Cook, Kathy Simard, Kristi Wysocki, Theresa Hunt, Kay Lorenzen, Eva-Marie Adolphi, Carol Kounanis, Joan Clay, Sarah Martin, Scarlett Fahrenson, Beverly Rogers, Annie Chamberlain, Catherine Chamberlain, Linda Priddy, Cynthia Ganem

- I. Region 5 Shows
 - A. 2013 Regional Championships will be at the Colorado Horse Park (Parker, CO)
 - B. 2014 Regional Championships
 1. 2014 is an Arizona bid year, but the date for Championships needs to be moved up to facilitate the National Championship Show, which creates a challenge for scheduling Regionals in Arizona.
 2. Westworld has doubled their prices due to upgrades that include air conditioning.
 3. The Equidome has an event scheduled on the weekend we need it.
 4. New Mexico is not really a viable option right now.
 - C. Rider Tests & Adult Equitation – please promote these classes at your shows
 - D. Please utilize “r” and “R” judges so they can get the hours they need for working on their promotions.

- II. 2013 Regional Lifetime Achievement Award
 - A. No nominees this year.
 - B. Will bring 2 nominees forward for 2014.

- III. USDF Instructor’s Certification Program (Sarah Martin reporting)
 - A. Purpose of the Program
 1. Create a common language grounded in a common process
 2. Create networking opportunities
 3. Help young professionals develop their practice
 - B. Three Levels of Certification
 1. Training-First Level Certification (new level) has been added to allow people to enter the program earlier.
 2. Second Level
 3. Third-Fourth Level
 - C. FEI Certification is being planned (starting with PSG-I-1)
 - D. Workshops revamped to be more educational and more auditor friendly.
 - E. Refresher workshops have been added.
 - F. Dressage Foundation has grants available for workshop organizers and for those wanting to attend workshops.

- IV. Sport Horse Committee (Kristi Wysocki reporting)
 - A. Sport Horse Prospect Development
 1. New program to bridge the “missing link” between the current Sport Horse Breeding Program and the USEF 4-, 5-, and 6-year old programs
 2. Focuses on training 3-year olds.
 3. Encouraging breeders and owners to participate along with the trainers.
 4. Hoping to have 2-3 of these forums in 2013.

- V. Announcements
 - A. National Championships
 1. Nov 14-17, 2013 at the Kentucky Horse Park
 2. Indoor arenas and stabling
 - B. Region 5 Adult Clinic – April 20-21, 2013 in Arizona
 - C. Scarlett Fahrenson has offered to be on the Nominating Committee