

May 2010 Region 5 Message

I am at the airport waiting for my flight to the USDF Spring Executive Board meeting as I write this message. Agenda items include: Peer to Peer Commission Project Update, USDF Position on Helmet Use, Possible Boundary Line Adjustment between Region 5 and 6 per the request of eastern Montana PM members, 2010 Annual Convention and Symposium, Approval of 2011 Regional Championship Sites, Discussion of the Future of USDF Directory, Education Membership Plan, and many others. The two-day meeting is very intense and I will update you on the outcome.

On April 15 the FEI approved strict warm-up rules for Dressage Competition to be implemented May 15, 2010. There is a new annex to FEI guidelines that provides clear instructions for steps to take relating to flexion of the horse's neck during pre- and post-competition training. You can read the details on the internet. I am sure there will be lively discussion on the bulletin boards. It does not effect our national shows, but it will be interesting to see if USEF follows suite in some respect.

My computer's hard drive failed. Thank goodness I had an external back up. So a word of advice-- backup your computer! In fact I am going to get an additional external backup.

Happy Riding!

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