

June 2011 Region 5 Message

Wow! My first USDF Executive Board Spring Meeting was intense and a great learning experience! It was a great chance to meet my fellow board members face to face over meals and meetings and learn even more about dressage and the issues we face in the various parts of our extremely diverse country. A few things that I can share from the meeting include the following: We have a very positive financial outlook for the organization! The fiscal year that just was completed ended well. The Executive Board awarded the 2012 USDF/Great American Region 5 Championships to The Collectives, a great group of folks that run shows in Utah. The show will be held in Salt Lake City October 5-7, 2012. Nominations are open for the 3 new executive board positions, the new At Large Directors. These Directors will come from each of the 3 USDF Councils – the Technical, the Administrative and the Activities councils.

I'm also very happy to announce that Region 5 will host a Junior/Young Rider clinic again this October. We are excited to have George Williams return to Stellar Stables in Parker, Colorado October 22-23, 2011. Mark your calendars – although only Juniors and Young Riders are allowed to ride, the clinic is open to auditors of all ages!

We have 18 declared Junior/Young Riders for the 2011 FEI North American Junior and Young Rider Championships. If you would like to contribute or help with their fundraising efforts, please contact Kathleen Donnelly, our Region 5 Jr/YR FEI coordinator at kathleendonnelly20@hotmail.com or 970-310-8729.

The 2011 USDF Convention will be held November 30-December 2, 2011 in San Diego, California. Hotel rooms prices and convention registration prices will be the lowest they have been in years, so please consider joining us for the education programs and the governance of this great organization. The USDF Symposium will be December 3-4, 2011 also in San Diego and will feature our US National Coaches – Anne Gribbons, Debbie McDonald, Jeremy Steinberg and Scott Hassler. You won't want to miss this one – the young horse through the Grand Prix including the FEI Juniors and Young Riders.

Till next month!
Heather Petersen

Region 5 Director