

I know a lot of us in Colorado would sure appreciate spring arriving soon, and it would be nice if the wind would settle some as well! Thank gosh for indoors, but I'm quite done with the cold and snow. Looking forward to some of our spring trips to Texas and Arizona to do some showing and get warm.

Fundraising efforts are once under way for the USDF Region 5 Juniors and Young Riders as they try to qualify and travel to the 2020 FEI North American Youth Championships. The Championships will be held August 4-9, 2020 at the Great Lakes Equestrian Festival in Travers City, Michigan. It is going to require a tremendous amount of funding to send our teams though thankfully the distance will enable us to drive the horses. We hope we will be able to send a 8 riders with their horses, grooms and Chef d'Equipes. In addition to the transportation to the show, there are the expenses of hotel, team uniforms, chef expenses, feed, bedding and oh so much more that they need help with. If you would like to contribute or help with their fundraising efforts, please contact Joan Clay, our Region 5 Jr/YR FEI coordinator at jnclay@comcast.net or 970-420-0877. If you are interested in competing in NAYC, the application and fee should be turned in to the USDF office by March 17, 2020 in order to avoid stiffer fees. If you apply by March 17th, the fee is only \$50. Applications submitted between March 18th and April 28th are \$100 and the final application deadline is May 12th, but it will cost you \$300 to apply between April 29th and May 12th. Absolutely no applications will be accepted after May 12th.

Regional Championship bids for 2021 have been received and we should know soon where the competition will be held. We have a great committee from our USDF governance representatives that are reviewing the bids and giving their feedback to the USDF site selection committee. USDF will announce the locations of the 2021 Regionals in May.

If you are interested in being a delegate to the Board of Governors meeting, please contact our Nominating Council representative and have your name added to the ballot for Participating Delegate. Please contact Eva Maria Adophi at adolphi@redrock.net and let her know your interest and she can provide you with more details on the potential responsibilities. PM Delegate nominations are due in to the USDF office no later then April 15th.

If you have made plans to travel to Las Vegas in April, enjoy a great World Cup! It should be a fantastic roster of riders and amazing competition. Las Vegas is a fun city and remember, what happens in Vegas, usually stays in Vegas... unless your friends tell! Mark your calendars because the World Cup will be back in the United States in 2023 in Omaha again - Another wonderful venue and town.

Till next month!
Heather Petersen

Region 5 Director