

## USDF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Teleconference  
January 25, 2011

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Attending:	George Williams, President	Beth Jenkins, Vice-President
	Janine Malone, Secretary	Steven Schubert, Treasurer
	Lisa Schmidt, Region 1 Director	Fern Feldman, Region 8 Director
	Ken Levy, Region 2 Director	Bess Reineman, Region 9 Director
	Kimberly Taylor, Region 3 Director	Stephen Hienzsch, Executive Director
	Lloyd Landkamer, Region 4 Director	Cindy Vimont, Staff
	Heather Petersen, Region 5 Director	Kathie Robertson, Staff
	Donna Longacre, Region 6 Director	Kim Sodt, Staff
	Terry Wilson, Region 7 Director	Sam Barish, Past President

### **Call to Order and Agenda Review (Additions/Corrections) - George Williams**

George called the meeting to order at 8:04 pm. He requested additions to the agenda and there were none. **Steven MOVED and Ken SECONDED a motion to approve the agenda. MOTION CARRIED.**

### **Proposed “L” Committee Goals**

Kim reported that the “L” Committee has requested approval of their mission statement and goals to read as follows: Mission Statement: *To create and disseminate information regarding the sport of dressage from the judge’s point of view, in a program available to the entire dressage community.* Goals: *1. Provide competitors, trainers, spectators, and instructors’ broader insight into the evaluative techniques of judging dressage. 2. To qualify individuals to judge schooling shows. 3. Prepare and evaluate candidates who wish to pursue entry into the USEF “r” Judge Training Program. 4. Provide continuing education for licensed judges.* Terry suggested that the order of goal #1 be changed to read “trainers, instructors, competitors and spectators.” Janine suggested that the mission statement be changed to refer to the “equestrian discipline of dressage” and Lloyd suggested that the mission statement is too vague. It was agreed that the mission statement should include education. Heather suggested that goal #4 should include education for “L” graduates. It was agreed that the mission statement should reflect the goals, and the goals perhaps should include preparation and education of “L” faculty. George suggested that the mission and goals be sent back for revision along with recommendations from the EB.

### **Committee Rosters Review**

George reviewed the new members of the Committees in each Council. In the Administrative Council, there were no objections to the membership and numbers; however, appointments need to be made by the chair for Region 2 for the GMO Committee. It was agreed that there needs to be more geographic diversity in some committees, including the IT Committee, as only four regions are represented.

Kim explained that Marilyn Heath, Chair of the USDF “L” Program Committee, has a proposal regarding this Committee’s make up. The first is for an exception to the ten committee member limit for the 2011 “L” Program Committee. Marilyn would like to re-address the inclusion of all current “L” Faculty in the “L” Program Committee, as members. There are 16 “L” Faculty members, Marilyn included. She has withdrawn a request that a permanent policy change be incorporated in the Policies & Procedures, for the “L” Program Committee to be made up of the entire “L” Faculty. George recommended approval for one year and a request that the Committee revisit the “L” Program makeup for 2012. Fern recommended that the “L” Program Chair be on the Judges Committee. Heather and Lloyd recommended that some members of the “L” Committee be on the Judges Committee, but that there be more diversity than on the 2011 committee. It was suggested that, going forward, an “L” graduate be on the “L” Program Committee, as well as someone who has expertise in rules.

It was noted that Region 5 has three members on the Adult Programs Committee and that is too many. Region 7 does not have any member. It was recommended that one of the Region 5 representatives should be replaced by someone

from Region 7. It was also agreed that too many members on the Youth Programs Committee are from Region 2. Regions 3 and 7 are not represented. Having a backup or assistant for important committee positions was discussed. George recommended discussing the situation with the Committee Chair, Roberta Williams. It was noted that Beth Jenkins and not Melissa Creswick is now Chair of the Steering Committee. Lloyd noted that while diversity of location on committees is important, we cannot forget that the goal was effective committees and not just people to fill the positions. **Janine MOVED and Lloyd SECONDED a motion to approve the membership of the L Program Committee and Sport Horse Committee to include over ten members. MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **Trainers Conference Proposal for 2012 (Attachment)**

The EB discussed and approved a clinician to be invited to conduct the 2012 Trainers Conference.

#### **P&P Edit Regarding Investment Committee Members**

Stephan explained that at the spring 2010 meeting, the EB approved adding the Regional Director elected to serve on the Management Committee to replace a PM member not on the EB or Audit Committee on the Investment Committee. He read the motion approved in spring 2010. **Lloyd MOVED and Steven SECONDED a motion to approve the following P&P change:** The USDF Investment Working Group provides guidance to the USDF investments account manager, in the management of USDF investments. Approval of this working group is required for the transfer of funds. The USDF Investment Working Group is made up of the USDF Treasurer, *President*, ~~one current USDF PM who is not currently a member of the USDF EB or member of the USDF Audit Committee, the~~ **Regional Director elected to serve on the Management Committee, USDF Executive Director and a** Director of Finance and Accounting. ~~(USDF office staff member), e-Executive d-Director and p-President.~~ **MOTION CARRIED. Bess ABSTAINED.**

#### **ICSPG**

Kathy Connelly has requested that several people be added to the ICSPG. The EB approved a motion to invite these people to be members if the ICSPG.

#### **USEF Young Equestrians Advisory Program**

This Committee was formerly the USEF Youth Council. USEF has notified USDF of appointment changes. Cindy explained a change sent recently by USEF stating that two people in different age groups can serve on this Committee. The current USDF member is planning to resign at the end of this year and a younger member (age 12-17) needs to be selected. Our current member is in the 18-21 age group and will need to be replaced. **Donna MOVED and Lloyd SECONDED a motion to send two representatives to the USEF Young Equestrians Advisory Program starting in 2012. MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janine W. Malone  
USDF Secretary