

To: USDF EXECUTIVE BOARD
From: USDF Staff
Date: September 12, 2011
Re: Activities Report to the EB

ADMINISTRATION

- An email was sent to the USDF Governance Representatives on July 12, to notify them that the following governance related materials had been posted to the USDF Web site:
 - Listing of ALD candidates.
 - Minutes from the Administrative, Technical, and Activities Councils conference calls.
 - Web version of the minutes from the spring Executive Board meeting.
 - July Staff Activities Report to the EB.
- On July 11, Ben de Jesus, began his employment in USDF's IT Department as our new Web Site Programmer.
- On September 12, Victoria Lucky, began her employment in USDF's Education & Sports Programs Department as our new Education Programs Coordinator.

Nominating Committee:

- The final PM delegate election results were tabulated in mid-July. Congrats and Regrets letters were mailed to each of the PM delegate nominees on July 15.
- The PM delegate election results were posted on the USDF Web site and made public via August E-news. To view the PM delegate election results, [click here](#) .
- As of August 30, 46 GMOs have responded with their delegate/proxy appointment(s) for the BOG at the 2011 convention. The deadline for GMO delegate/proxy appointments to be sent to the USDF office was August 31. Email reminders were sent to all GMO presidents on July 6, August 3, and August 30. Reminders were also posted on the GMO Prezlist.
- Jennifer Bryant sent the bio/Q&A article about the 2011 ALD candidates that is to appear in the October issue of *Connection* to the office on August 22. The article was forwarded to the Nominating Committee Chair, Miki Christophersen, for final review and approval. The article was approved as written.

MEMBERSHIP

- As of August 31, nominations for Regional GMO VOY have been received from Regions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9. Nominations closed Aug. 31.

SPORT PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT

Youth:

Youth Convention Scholarship

Eleven applications were received for the 2011 Youth Convention Scholarship. The following four winners were selected by the Youth Programs Advisory Subcommittee:

- Catherine Chamberlain, Chandler, AZ
- Courtney Dale, Eagle, ID
- Jessica Hainsworth, Mt. Morris, NY
- Jessica Foschi, Virginia, MN

Youth Volunteer of the Year

Two nominations were received and are currently being reviewed by the Youth Programs Committee.

Shining Star

The Youth Programs Committee reviewed two nominations and approved both of them. Shining Stars were awarded to Nicole Nowak of East Greenwich, RI and Elle Turner of Midland, GA.

Regional Championships:

- Regional Championships that will be held in September include Regions 4, 8, 2, and 6. Donna Rocchetti will be the USDF representative attending for Regions 4, 8 and 2. Jenn Asher will also be in attendance with Donna at Region 2. Cindy Vimont will be attending Region 6.
- SmartPak has provided the Regional Championship Awards this year. The Champion will receive an embroidered cooler and jacket. Reserve will receive an embroidered saddle pad. First through eighth placed competitors will receive a ball cap.
- Merial, supporting sponsor of the USDF Regional Championship program, will be attending all of the Regional Championships, and will have a booth at all of the championships.
- At this time, Great American Insurance Groups has confirmed that they will send a representative to Regions 9, 8, 7, 3, and 1.

Sport Horse:

- A Host Site Application for the USDFBC Series Finals has been developed for use beginning in 2012. It is available from the office, and a link can be found in the USDF Competition Contact summer edition.
- The 2011 USDF Breeders' Championships Series Finals schedule:
 - Midstates Series Final – August 20
 - Northwest Series Final – September 4
 - West Central Series Final – September 9
 - New England Series Final – September 15
 - East Central Series Final – September 17 (cancelled)
 - North Central Series Final – September 18

- Rocky Mountain Series Final – September 22
- Southern Series Final – September 25
- East Coast Series Final – September 27-28
- West Coast Series Final – October 8

EDUCATION PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT

Adult Programs Committee

Adult Clinics

- Clinics for eight of the nine regions are confirmed. Region 6 is still pending. The dates and locations are as follows:
 - Region 8; October 22-23, 2011 - Sugar Hill Farm, Victor, NY
 - Region 4; November 5-6, 2011 - Providence Farm, Palmyra, NE
 - Region 9; March 3-4, 2012 - Stormin' G Ranch, College Station, TX
 - Region 5; April 21-22, 2012 - Golden Spike Event Center, Ogden, UT
 - Region 3; May 5-6, 2012 - Shannondale Farm, Alpharetta, GA
 - Region 2; June 30-July 1, 2012 - Lake Erie College Equestrian Center, Concord Township, OH
 - Region 1; October 6-7, 2012 - Averett University Equestrian Center, Danville, VA
 - Region 7; January 12-13, 2013 - Hilltop Equestrian Center, Waimanalo, HI
 - *Region 6; November 10-11, 2012 OR March 2013 - DevonWood Equestrian Center (PENDING APPROVAL)*
- Region 8 – Sixteen applications have been submitted for selection as riders. Auditor pre-registration closes on October 7.
- Region 4 – rider applications are being accepted through September 2. Auditor pre-registration closes on October 21.

Instructor Trainer Committee

Instructor Certification Program

- The first Introductory Faculty training program is scheduled for October at Mistover Farm, Pawling, NY. The program will be run by Maryal Barnett and Sarah Geikie and we will have sixteen certified instructors attending.
- An education module based on the program's lungeing curriculum has been developed for e-TRAK. An education module based on our riding curriculum (The Classical Training of the Horse) is being developed. A module based on our teaching curriculum will be developed once the USDF Teaching Manual is revised. These modules will be available to all members through e-TRAK.

Trainers Conference

- Christoph Hess has agreed to be our presenter. The conference is confirmed for January 16-17, 2012 at High Meadow Farm, Loxahatchee, FL.
- The criteria will be the same as it was for the 2010 conference and is as follows:

- **All eligible attendees must be current Participating Members of USDF at the time of program.**
 - Current trainers who are teaching students at the FEI Level and who have trained several successful FEI Level horses
 - Current USDF Instructor Certification Examiners
 - Current USDF Certified Instructors-Training-Second Level
 - Current USDF Certified Instructors-Training-Fourth Level
 - Current FEI Judges and Current USEF Judges-“r”, “R”, “S”
 - Current Intercollegiate Dressage coaches, school must be a current IDA team
 - Current USDF “L” Program Faculty members
 - USDF “L” Program Graduates
 - Current USDF Instructor/Trainer Committee members
 - Past Olympic, World Cup, World Equestrian Games and Pan Am Games Riders
 - Members of the USEF HP Dressage Long List
 - Riders of all past USDF Horse of the Year top 10 winners at the FEI Levels
 - All past USDF Year End Award top 10 winners in the Adult Amateur and JR/YR Divisions at the FEI Level
 - All Great American Insurance Group/ USDF Regional Championships FEI Champions and Reserve Champions of Open Divisions
 - All USDF Gold and Silver Medal Rider Award Recipients
 - Current USDF Executive Board Members
 - Qualified FEI Young Riders, current and previous year
 - Must have met minimum score requirements to compete at the NAYRC
 - Qualified FEI Junior Riders, current and previous year
 - Must have met minimum score requirements to compete at the NAJC
 - Brentina Cup qualified riders, current and previous year
 - Current and past participants in Young Rider Graduate Program
 - Previous year USEF National Junior Dressage Championship Riders
 - Eligible attendees may bring up to three guests who are actively riding, training or competing at the FEI Level.*
- Foreign applicants who meet at least one of the above criteria are welcome.

Symposium

- Plans are moving forward with the development of the program. Applications for demo riders are being accepted through September 1. The presenters will review applications and make their selection by October 1.
- Staff is working with presenters to create the PowerPoint presentation for their lecture as well as other supporting materials.
- **Instructor Certification Strategic Planning Group**
 - A conference call will be scheduled for September.

Judges Committee:

- Working in conjunction with the Freestyle Committee to develop a proposal to recognize judges through USEF designation, who have completed additional Freestyle Education programs. This will be presented to the EB for approval.

“L” Program Committee:

- Topics being discussed.
 - Sharing “L” Program material outside of the program
 - The committee structure going into 2012.
 - Adding Introductory level to the “L” Program’s Part 1
- “L” Program Sessions recently approved or held in the following Regions:
 - **Region 5:** Oklahoma Dressage Society (ODS) held their Session “A” on July 23-24, with instructor Lois Yukins. There were 22 participants and 20 auditors.
 - **Region 6:** Equestrian Institute (EI), with organizer Trenna Atkins, held their "D2," of their standalone Part 2, on July 16-17, with instructor Janet Foy.
 - **Region 8:**
 - New England Dressage Association (NEDA), with organizer Sally Davenport, held their D1" Session July 16-17, with Trenna Atkins as instructor.
 - Maine Dressage Society (MDS) with organizer Tammi Brown was approved to host a Part 2. The dates, locations and instructors are as follows:
 - Session D1: March 24-25th, 2012, Loxahatchee, FL, Instructor -Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez
 - Session D2: May19-20, 2012, Westbrook, CT, Instructor – Joan Humphrey

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