

Activities Council Conference Call – May 5, 2011, 8 PM EDT

Members present: Veronica Holt (Interim Council chair and Regional Championships chair), Kristi Wysocki (Sport Horse Committee co-chair), Roz Kinstler (Youth Programs Committee chair), Peggy Klump (Awards Committee chair), Fran Crocco (Adult Programs chair), Roberta Williams (FEI Jr/YR Committee chair).

Member not present: Scott Hassler (Sport Horse Committee co-chair)

Staff present: Cindy Vimont (Council liaison), Erica Minks, Kathie Robertson, Donna Rocchetti

Q & A of the At-Large Director Nomination process and discussion of developments to date

Veronica asked if there were any questions regarding the process of nominating the At-Large Director. Kristi asked if a Committee chair could be a nominee, and Cindy explained that yes, a chair could be nominated.

Review of initiatives presented in the Activities reports to the Executive Board (EB) and report and outcomes from the EB meeting pertinent to the Council

Cindy reviewed the proposals put forward to the EB as found in the spring board reports, and the outcome of topics discussed at the EB meeting that relate to the Activities Council. The Adult Programs Committee put forward recommendations for education sessions at the convention. These were approved by the board. The Awards Committee re-presented updates to previously presented goals and the EB approved their changes. The Regional Championships Committee revised their mission statement which was approved by the EB. The Sport Horse Committee presented several requests to the EB. A rule change as well as an addition to TD education was recommended to be put forward to the USEF Dressage Committee, and these were approved. The Committee requested funds for continuing their seminar education material, which has been incorporated into the preliminary budget. The Committee also presented several request for the convention which were all considered. One in particular, the request for adding closed meeting time as needed by Committees was discussed by the EB.

Concerns and initiatives within the Council

The Activities Council was supportive of providing closed meeting options at the convention and voiced concerns about the need for closed sessions for some Committee business.

A discussion of convention and how to address all the Committee meeting needs continued. Cindy asked if there would be any merit to combining all the open Committee meetings of each Council into one open forum. It was agreed that this would probably not work in the case of the Activities Council, since the Committees are so diverse.

Fran made a motion, seconded by Kristi, to change the name of the Activities Council to Performance Council. The Council members present voted unanimously to present this name change to the EB.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40.