



North Carolina Dressage and Combined Training Association

2021 USDF Virtual Convention

By: Janine Malone

The 2021 USDF Annual Convention, on December 1– 4, was originally scheduled to be held in Houston, TX but was changed to a virtual format for the second year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. As in 2020, the registration fee was waived and meetings, educational sessions, and the Board of Governors (BOG) General Assembly were very well attended.

NCDCTA was represented by three Region 1 Participating Member (PM) delegates: Donna Kelly, Jennifer Mitchell and myself. NCDCTA president Amanda Miller carried NCDCTA's GMO votes.

Two candidates had originally accepted nomination for the position of president, to succeed Lisa Gorretta. However, immediate past president George Williams accepted nomination from the floor. Current USDF vice president, Kevin Reinig (CA), withdrew as a candidate for president and George Williams won the election by a large majority of votes of the remaining candidate, Steve Schubert (MA). Kevin Reinig will serve out the remainder of his term as vice president. Former NCDCTA treasurer, Lorraine Musselman, ran unopposed for her second term as USDF treasurer and new regional directors were elected in Regions 6 and 8.

Executive Director Stephan Hienzsch reported that USDF is seeing a significant rebound in 2021 from the last "normal" year (2019). He presented a lot of interesting statistics. USDF had 26,747 total members in 2021 - 836 fewer than in 2019 but more than in 2020. While the number of Participating Members increased in 2021, the number of GMO members decreased. Horse registration was up in 2021 over 2019. Competitions also rebounded – in 2019 there were 13, 748 horses competing compared to 13, 404 horses that competed in 2021. The number of total rides in 2019 was 85,784, and in 2021 there were 645 more rides than in 2019. More shows were recognized in 2021 than in 2019 and 2022 looks to increase even more. Rider award applications were up 25% over 2019.



The 2021 US Dressage Finals was the largest in its history, with 567 horse/rider combinations competing, including 75 horse/rider combinations in the inaugural Jr/YR division. \$37,500 in travel grants were awarded to riders coming from the West Coast. 2,546 horses competed in the 2021 GAIG/USDF Regional Championships – which was up 9% over 2019 and 50% more than in 2020. The Regional Championships program continues to attract competitors with qualifying classes usually being the largest classes at most competitions.

USDF's online presence is also growing. "Your Dressage", USDF's online publication reported 95,000 new users with a 12.8% return rate, averaging 8700 new users per month in 2021. This is particularly significant because it shows that USDF's educational platforms are reaching outside the membership to attract more members and educate more people in dressage. *Continued on pg. 3*

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President's Message NCDCTA Winter Edition

As 2021 comes to an end, we all have to wonder which year was harder? 2020 or 2021? These two years have never been tougher for all of us as a whole. When the pandemic started no one knew what to do when our world shut down. Everything was put on hold. Equestrian sports were the first sport to come back into play, and nothing has slowed down since. The beauty of our sport is it allows us to get outside and enjoy our horses and nature, what a blessing. Shows have been oversubscribed more than ever and our membership increased.



Our board members stayed on when the pandemic hit. We were used to seeing each other in person, and it was tough via telephone. We all had to focus on our day jobs and how this impact would affect us. Remember we are a volunteer board, and everyone was feeling run down and defeated.

Many of the board members stepped up high and did everything for our membership we could, within our power. I can't thank these people enough. NCDCTA is super important to me with its traditions and support. I want 2022 to see big changes and improvement. We can't wait to share and can't thank our members enough for sticking with us when times got tough.

We look forward to celebrating with you at the Gala in February. It will be a great time coming back together, seeing our membership, and receiving well deserved awards. Always feel free to reach out and contact us! Looking forward to seeing everyone out at the shows in 2022! Amanda Miller

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USDF's social media platforms are also reaching many potential new members. The US Dressage Finals on "USEF Network" had 32 hours of live streaming with 3095 users as of early December.

USDF has also switched to a lot of online education due to the pandemic and has found the programs are very popular. As a result, it is anticipated that they will expand in the future. The programs range from targeted sessions for licensed officials to programs for the general membership. In 2021, USDF will award 327 USDF University certificates, which is the largest in its history. USDF also supports GMO programs and grants. Treasurer, Lorraine Musselman, reported on USDF's strong financial position. However, USDF has not yet returned to pre-pandemic levels and has budgeted conservatively for the next fiscal year.

During a "normal" convention each of the USDF committees have meetings which are open to all attendees. However, during the virtual convention, all committee reports were posted online in advance and each of the three councils (Activities, Technical and Administrative) held open forums via Zoom. During each council meeting, reports were given by the committee chairs of all of the standing committees within the council. After the reports, any attendee could ask questions through the Zoom Q&A feature. USDF has a total of eighteen standing committees, as well as several ad hoc committees.

Each of the nine USDF regions also held meetings using Zoom. These meetings were better attended than the "in person" meetings within most regions and at the live conventions. In the Region 1 meeting, attendees were asked to consider the future of the CBLM Championships. Should the divisions be revamped to be like the regional championships, or should they continue to be held in a "peer to peer" format, where rider divisions are based on rider experience, as the program has been for almost forty years? Regional Director, Bettina Longaker, will send an online survey to members to help guide any changes to this popular championships program. [The 40th Annual CBLM Championships will be hosted by NCDCTA and held in Raeford, NC at the Carolina Horse Park on September 23-25, 2022.]

The convention also featured a "USDF Dressage Finals Open Forum" where updates on the future were discussed and members could ask questions. The 2022 US Dressage Finals will be held again at the Kentucky Horse Park on November 10-13, 2022. The 2022 convention will be in Lexington, KY from November 30-December 3. In 2023, the convention will be in Omaha, NE. In 2024 the convention will be in Houston, TX.

In 2022, USDF will hold several live education events, including "L" Education programs, Jr/YR clinics, judge, and instructor/trainer programs and possibly a live TD clinic. Several virtual educational events are also being scheduled for 2022

The convention also included an Olympic/Paralympic tribute with discussions and Q&A with the U.S. Silver Medal winning Dressage team members and Paralympic team members. A Virtual "Salute Gala" was also held with rider and breeder awards.

A "USEF/USDF Open Forum – Trending Topics in Sport & USEF Rule Changes" was also held where I gave a presentation on new USEF dressage rules, effective for the 2022 competition year, and proposed rules that will be put forward in 2022. Lisa Gorretta, chair of the USEF Dressage Sport Committee, and I answered rules questions from members. The new dress code for dressage generated a lot of questions and lively discussion. Stay tuned for more info on new rules in a future issue of this newsletter.

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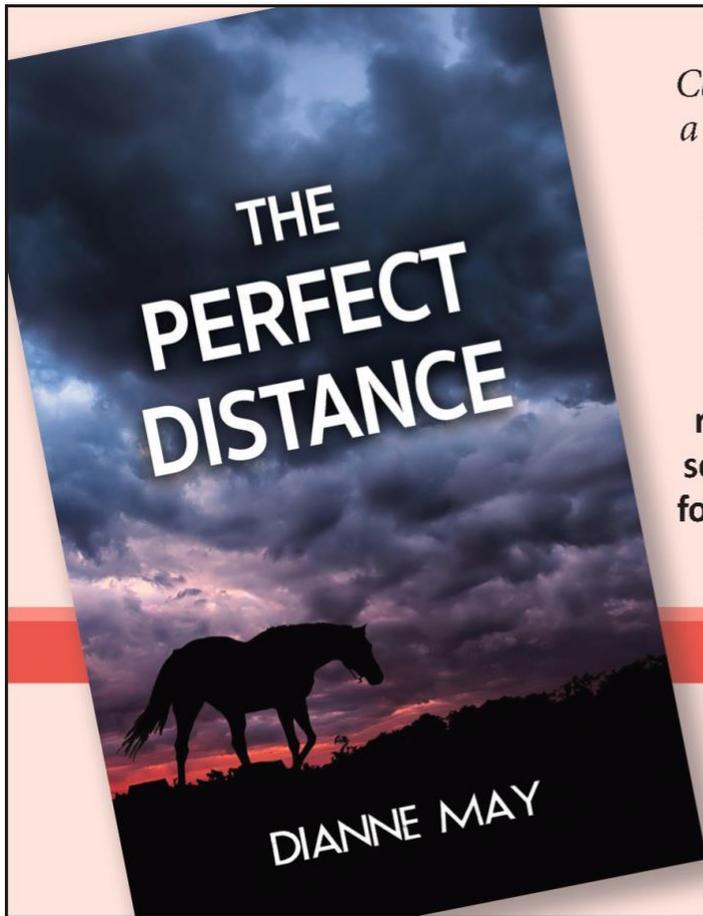
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2021 NCDCTA Eventing Champions

Congratulations to all! (Only Champion and Reserve Champions listed for space)

Modified:

AA/Open - Heidi Grimm Powell riding Finntastic -Champion

Training:

AA - Don Warren riding Sunny One -Champion

Jr/YR - Dylan Phillips riding FVF Top Gun -Champion

Novice:

Jr/YR - Elizabeth Love riding That's Right Officer - Champion

- Kylee Narron riding Woodstock Renegade – Reserve Champion

AA - Audrey Wiggins riding Spookhill at Last – Champion

- Stephanie Bristol riding Ballenger – Reserve Champion

Beginner Novice:

Jr/YR - Parker Foley riding Hailey's Comet – Champion

- Kenton Willard riding One Fine Bay – Reserve Champion

AA - Eliz Bagsby riding Dreaming of Clare – Champion

- Joni Shrimp riding Fernhill Black Mamba – Reserve Champion

Maiden:

Jr/YR - Hailey Hudspeth riding Cookies n Cream – Champion

- Nielly Quinones riding Bella with Me – Reserve Champion

AA - Joan Hillsman riding Talisman – Champion

- Courtney Bauer riding Good Girl Pearl – Reserve Champion

Green as Grass:

Jr/YR – Rebecca Banta riding Fool's Golde – Champion

- Anna Erickson riding Truth or Dare – Reserve Champion



We want to thank Carolina Horse Park and the War Horse Series for their partnership.

Eventing Grant

Spring Eventing Grant: Due March 1 annually

Fall Eventing Grant: Due August 1 annually

NCDCTA will award two (2) grants for \$375 each.

Any grants requests received after the deadline will be disregarded.

Applications will not be considered complete until the eventing committee has received all parts of the application.

Any questions emailed to: eventing@ncdcta.org

For more details and application: www.ncdcta.org/eventing-grant



February Is Equine Dental Awareness Month!

By Shellie Sommerson

Horses should have their first check-up at 1.5 to 2.5 years of age, then annually until they are in their 20s.

Then our older horses may need their teeth checked more frequently so that they can get the most value from their food, and in all age ranges more frequent check-ups are warranted in any of the following situations:



When were your horse's teeth last checked? Photo courtesy of Banixx.

- Chomping the bit, difficulty taking and/or dropping the bit
- Twisting his head in the bridle
- Hangs on one rein
- Difficulty turning one direction
- Ulcers on the inside of the cheeks
- Dropping grain/feed, hay 'balls' found on the ground
- Choking
- Colic
- Front teeth do not line up – uneven incisors (affects the jaw alignment too!). This could also mean malocclusions (jaw and teeth not lining up).
- Lumps seen from outside on cheeks
- Behavior changes
- Weight loss
- Smelly mouth

It is important to monitor a young horse's teeth and particularly check for wolf teeth and caps (the baby teeth that fall out/get pushed out by adult teeth). Caps can get jammed between other teeth rather than fall out on their own.

In general, most horses need at least an annual check-up/floating. However, horses in regular work may need a check-up every six to nine months to avoid ulcerated cheeks and/or tooth issues. Sharp points, uneven edges, etc. may be more problematic for a horse that wears a bridle, for instance.

More frequent check-ups may also be warranted for horses with dental issues. Although cavities are uncommon in horses, they do occur. More common dental ailments are painful points, uneven arcades (tops and bottom rows of teeth), but a periapical infection, or infection at the root of the tooth, can also occur. Also, a cracked tooth may go undetected without a dental exam.

It is so easy to skip having your horse's teeth checked but it is such an important part of their health! We ask so much of our horses and their mouth is vital – do the right thing! Get your horse's teeth checked!

Shellie Sommerson is a NCDCTA member who is passionate about Eventing! She lives in Southern Pines and trains with J. Michael Plumb. She is a blogger and writer for Banixx Horse & Pet Care Products. www.BANIXX.com



NCDCTA CALENDAR

FULL SCHEDULE CAN BE FOUND AT www.NCDCTA.org/calender

SHOWS & EVENTS for 2022 - Please check the Calendar online to stay up to date!

- 2/5/2022 - Britches & Bridles I: Heidi Evans Medlin, 704-609-6175, medlinheidi@yahoo.com, <http://unioncountysaddleclub.weebly.com>
- 2/5/2022 - HOY Gala: Jessica L Brown, 919-548-6324, gala@ncdcta.org, <https://www.ncdcta.org/hoy-gala>**
- 2/6/2022 - Pinehurst Winter Dressage Schooling 3: Patricia D Hildreth, 919-210-5899, ssdlcinfo@gmail.com, <http://www.sportingservices.net>
- 2/12/2022 - Hanover Stables Dressage: Brittany Wilhelm, 301-742-1116, brittwilh@gmail.com, <http://hanoverstables.net>
- 2/12/2022 - Portofino Dressage Series: Sandra S Thompson, 919-270-0089, portofinoequestriancenter@gmail.com, www.portofinoequestrian.com
- 2/19/2022 - Pipe Opener II: Abby M Schlicht, 910-875-2074, abby@carolinahorsepark.com, www.carolinahorsepark.com
- 2/26/2022 - Low Country Dressage I: Carol Freligh, 843-876-6229, carol@scdcta.com, www.scdcta.com**
- 2/27/2022 - Low Country Dressage II: Carol Freligh, 843-876-6229, carol@scdcta.com, www.scdcta.com**
- 2/27/2022 - Pinehurst Winter Dressage Schooling 4: Patricia D Hildreth, 919-210-5899, ssdlcinfo@gmail.com, <http://www.sportingservices.net>
- 3/5/2022 - Buckhorn D/CT: Bridget Gibbons MacNair, 919-795-0511, bfcnc@gmail.com, www.BuckhornFarmSP.com
- 3/5-6/2022 - Raleigh Winter Dressage: Janine W Malone, 919-602-6203, jemrph@aol.com, www.rosinburg-events.com**
- 3/6/2022 - Antares Dressage: Vicki M Kelley, 910-610-8511, vicki@antaresdressage.com, www.antaresdressage.com
- 3/12/2022 - Explore the Park Dressage: Todd A Erickson, 919-889-9445, tah@sportofhorses.com, www.SportOfHorses.com
- 3/12/2022 - Portofino Dressage Series: Sandra S Thompson, 919-270-0089, portofinoequestriancenter@gmail.com, www.portofinoequestrian.com
- 3/12-13/2022 - Southern Pines HT: Abby M Schlicht, 910-875-2074, abby@carolinahorsepark.com, www.carolinahorsepark.com**
- 3/13/2022 - Cattolica Farm Spring Dressage 1: Lorraine Musselman, 919-218-6802, ltmddriving@aol.com, www.cattolicafarm.com
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- 3/19/2022 - Hillcrest Farm D/CT/WD: Janet Southgate Cagle, 336-918-4329, cagle.janet@gmail.com, www.hillcrestfarms.blogspot.com
- 3/19/2022 - HRF D/CT/HT/WD: Heather Boyer, 910-224-1719, hlhamilton07@gmail.com, www.HeatherRidgeFarm.org
- 3/23-27/2022 - Carolina Int CIC*** & HT: Abby M Schlicht, 910-875-2074, abby@carolinahorsepark.com, www.carolinahorsepark.com**
- 3/26-27/2022 - March Magic: Patricia D Hildreth, 919-210-5899, ssdlcinfo@gmail.com, <http://www.sportingservices.net>**
- 4/2/2022 - Hanover Stables Dressage: Brittany Wilhelm, 301-742-1116, brittwilh@gmail.com, <http://hanoverstables.net>
- 4/2-3/2022 - Springtime Dressage: Martie Healy, 352-363-0085, contactmartie@gmail.com, <https://www.equestriansecretarialservices.com>**
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- 4/10/2022 - Antares Dressage: Vicki M Kelley, 910-610-8511, vicki@antaresdressage.com, www.antaresdressage.com
- 4/10/2022 - Cattolica Farm Spring Dressage 2: Lorraine Musselman, 919-218-6802, ltmddriving@aol.com, www.cattolicafarm.com
- 4/16/2022 - Explore the Park D/CT: Todd A Erickson, 919-889-9445, tah@sportofhorses.com, www.SportOfHorses.com
- 4/16/2022 - Longleaf Pines HT: Abby M Schlicht, 910-875-2074, abby@carolinahorsepark.com, www.carolinahorsepark.com**
- 4/22-24/2022 - Tryon Spring Dressage 1: Monica Meyers Fitzgerald, 954-647-7940, mon1206@aol.com, <http://tryon.couth.com>**
- 4/23/2022 - In The Irons Equestrian Dressage Classic: Courtney Beaver, 828-200-2343, intheironsequus@gmail.com, <https://www.intheironsequestrian.com/blank-page-1>

4/23-24/2022 - Prime Time Dressage: Patricia D Hildreth, 919-210-5899, ssdlcinfo@gmail.com, <http://www.sportingservices.net>
 4/24/2022 - Starter HT at Whistling H Farm: Carrie Everhart, 919-413-0917, shawneeacres@gmail.com, <https://www.facebook.com/whistlinghfarms>
 4/25/2022 - OPEN: Capital Dressage Classic: M Teresa Uddo, 352-636-2669, tuddo66@gmail.com, www.ncdcta.org/cdc
 5/1/2022 - Buckhorn D/CT: Bridget Gibbons MacNair, 919-795-0511, bfcnc@gmail.com, www.BuckhornFarmSP.com
 5/1/2022 - Cattolica Farm Spring Dressage 3: Lorraine Musselman, 919-218-6802, ltmrding@aol.com, www.cattolicafarm.com
5/6-8/2022 - Dressage in the Sandhills: Kay Whitlock, 9106928467, kaydq@fastmail.fm, www.carolinadressage.com
 5/7/2022 - Hillcrest Farm Schooling HT: Janet Southgate Cagle, 336-918-4329, cagle.janet@gmail.com, www.hillcrestfarms.blogspot.com
5/7-8/2022 - Tryon Spring Dressage 2: Monica Meyers Fitzgerald, 954-647-7940, mon1206@aol.com, <http://tryon.couth.com>
 5/11/2022 - HRF Wednesday D/CT/HT/WD: Heather Boyer, 910-224-1719, hlhamilton07@gmail.com, www.HeatherRidgeFarm.org
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 5/21/2022 - Britches & Bridles III: Heidi Evans Medlin, 704-609-6175, medlinheidi@yahoo.com, <http://unioncountysaddleclub.weebly.com>
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 5/28/2022 - Steeple Hill D/CT: Will Barrus, 336-410-1301, shfentry@gmail.com, <http://www.steeplehillfarm.com>
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 6/5/2022 - Antares Dressage: Vicki M Kelley, 910-610-8511, vicki@antaresdressage.com, www.antaresdressage.com
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 7/9-10/2022 - WHES July HT: Abby M Schlicht, 910-875-2074, abby@carolinahorsepark.com, www.carolinahorsepark.com
7/16-17/2022 - Rise 'n Shine: Kay Whitlock, 9106928467, kaydq@fastmail.fm, www.carolinadressage.com
 7/23/2022 - OPEN: Labor of Love I & II: Lori Kaminski, 302-545-8855, kaminski.lori@gmail.com, www.ncdcta.org/lo
7/23-24/2022 - Summer Breeze: Martie Healy, 352-363-0085, contactmartie@gmail.com, <https://www.EquestrianSecretarialServices.com>
7/30/2022 - Raleigh Summer Dressage I: Janine W Malone, 919-602-6203, jemrph@aol.com, www.rosinburg-events.com
7/31/2022 - Raleigh Summer Dressage II: Janine W Malone, 919-602-6203, jemrph@aol.com, www.rosinburg-events.com
8/6-7/2022 - Early Morning Blues: Kay Whitlock, 9106928467, kaydq@fastmail.fm, www.carolinadressage.com
8/13/2022 - Made in the Shade I: Martie Healy, 352-363-0085, contactmartie@gmail.com, <https://www.EquestrianSecretarialServices.com>

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8/20/2022 - Explore the Park Dressage: Todd A Erickson, 919-889-9445, tah@sportofhorses.com, www.SportOfHorses.com

8/20-21/2022 - Dressage at Endless Summer: Cassidy Oeltjen, 618-201-3290, cassidy.sitton@gmail.com, <https://www.sportingservices.net>

8/27-28/2022 - WHES August HT: Abby M Schlicht, 910-875-2074, abby@carolinahorsepark.com, www.carolinahorsepark.com

9/3/2022 - Labor of Love I: Lori Kaminski, 302-545-8855, kaminski.lori@gmail.com, www.ncdcta.org/lo

9/3-4/2022 - Cooldown Dressage: Kay Whitlock, 9106928467, kaydq@fastmail.fm, www.carolinadressage.com

9/4/2022 - Labor of Love II: Lori Kaminski, 302-545-8855, kaminski.lori@gmail.com, www.ncdcta.org/lo

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9/18/2022 - Tryon Fall Dressage 2: Monica Meyers Fitzgerald, 954-647-7940, mon1206@aol.com, <http://tryon.couth.com>

9/23-25/2022 - Harvest Moon - CBLM Championship: Patti Hildreth, 919-210-5899, ssdlcinfo@gmail.com, www.ncdcta.org/hm

9/24/2022 - Britches & Bridles IV: Heidi Evans Medlin, 704-609-6175, medlinheidi@yahoo.com, <http://unioncountysaddleclub.weebly.com>

10/1/2022 - Hanover Stables Dressage: Brittany Wilhelm, 301-742-1116, brittwilh@gmail.com, <http://hanoverstables.net>

10/1/2022 - Steeple Hill D/CT: Will Barrus, 336-410-1301, shfentry@gmail.com, <http://www.steeplehillfarm.com>

10/2/2022 - Buckhorn D/CT: Bridget Gibbons MacNair, 919-795-0511, bfecnc@gmail.com, www.BuckhornFarmSP.com

10/8-9/2022 - Pinehurst Fall Dressage: Patricia D Hildreth, 919-210-5899, whinfarm@bellsouth.net, <http://www.sportingservices.net>

10/15/2022 - Explore the Park Dressage: Todd A Erickson, 919-889-9445, tah@sportofhorses.com, www.SportOfHorses.com

10/22-23/2022 - SPEA Oct WHES: Abby M Schlicht, 910-875-2074, abby@carolinahorsepark.com, www.carolinahorsepark.com

10/22-23/2022 - Tryon Riding and Hunt Club "Morris the Horse" Trials: Erin Stormont, 910-617-2531, stormshavenfarm@gmail.com, <https://tryonridingandhuntclub.org>

10/28-30/2022 - Tryon Fall Dressage 3: Monica Meyers Fitzgerald, 954-647-7940, mon1206@aol.com, <http://tryon.couth.com>

10/29/2022 - HRF D/CT/HT/WD: Heather Boyer, 910-224-1719, hlhamilton07@gmail.com, www.HeatherRidgeFarm.org

10/29/2022 - Steeple Hill D/CT: Will Barrus, 336-410-1301, shfentry@gmail.com, <http://www.steeplehillfarm.com>

11/5-6/2022 - Autumn Leaves - NCDCTA Dressage Championship: M Teresa Uddo, 352-636-2669, tuddo66@gmail.com, www.ncdcta.org/al

11/12/2022 - Britches & Bridles V: Heidi Evans Medlin, 704-609-6175, medlinheidi@yahoo.com, <http://unioncountysaddleclub.weebly.com>

11/12-13/2022 - WHES Nov Championships & NCDCTA Eventing Championships: Abby M Schlicht, 910-875-2074, abby@carolinahorsepark.com, www.carolinahorsepark.com

11/19/2022 - Explore the Park D/CT: Todd A Erickson, 919-889-9445, tah@sportofhorses.com, www.SportOfHorses.com

11/20/2022 - Buckhorn D/CT: Bridget Gibbons MacNair, 919-795-0511, bfecnc@gmail.com, www.BuckhornFarmSP.com

11/23/2022 - HRF Wednesday D/CT/HT/WD: Heather Boyer, 910-224-1719, hlhamilton07@gmail.com, www.HeatherRidgeFarm.org

12/4/2022 - Starter HT at Whistling H Farm: Carrie Everhart, 919-413-0917, shawneeacres@gmail.com, <https://www.facebook.com/whistlinghfarms>

12/17/2022 - HRF Wednesday D/CT/HT/WD: Heather Boyer, 910-224-1719, hlhamilton07@gmail.com, www.HeatherRidgeFarm.org

NCDCTA Board Meeting

December 7th, 2021

The NCDCTA Executive Board met in person on December 7th, 2021.

Board Members Present: Amanda Miller, Joan Hilsman, Jessica Brown, Deb Branson, Tonya Bruno, Alex Martini, and Will Barrus. Excused were Tiana Darling, Wendy Warner, Rachel Edwards, Emme Johnston, Amy Warren, and Tyler James.

President Amanda Miller called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Amanda announced Patti Hildreth will manage our CBLMS this year since she has now received her level 4 license. The Board also unanimously voted to hire Patti as our liaison at all our shows this year to help things run smoothly. Tonya also pointed out to see what contracts we have present with hired people for NCDCTA and get contracts out for the upcoming year. A Nominating committee has been put together to vote in the future board.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Joan Hilsman reported the membership numbers as of 12/07/21

Total Members: 668

Total Horses: 481

Membership is 80% Adult Amateurs.

Joan also commented that we need a yearly budget for each committee. Scholarship deadline has been extended to the end of January. Discussion of there being hardly any applicants and if it should continue in future.

COMMUNICATION CHAIR: Tonya Bruno talked about printed newsletter versus online. She is going to send out a survey to the membership on possibly reducing the number of times it gets printed each year depending on feedback. Social Media needs more presence in current times as well.

HOY GALA CHAIR'S REPORT: Jessica Brown reported that everything is coming together for Gala. We chose to have a plated meal; enough servers have been hired to get food out quickly. Main course will have three food options. There will be a beer/wine cash bar and the plans are to have a signature drink. We need final numbers by January 22nd. Jessica has many ideas that will make this gala better than ever. Joan volunteered to organize basket donations. You can also submit photos for the slideshow. Since we are still in phase 2 with covid restrictions, Jessica is looking at logistics and details. Event deposit can be refunded or rolled over to the following year. Jessica is meeting with Janine about perpetual trophies.

DRESSAGE CHAIRS' REPORT: Emme Johnston reported she is working on future clinics and ideas for 2022.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Will Barrus said he was posting HOY by end of week with time to make corrections. He also said he has had many requests for the calendar and will get back to everyone once HOY is done.

Next board meeting via teleconference January 11, 2022.

Open Board meeting at Gala February 5, 2022, at 4:30.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amanda Miller.

NCDCTA Board Meeting

January 11, 2022

The NCDCTA Executive Board met via teleconference on January 11, 2022.

Board members present: Amanda Miller, Deb Branson, Tonya Bruno, Rachel Edwards, Amy Warren, Joan Hilsman, Tyler James, Jessica Brown, Emme Johnston, Alex Martini, and Tiana Darling. Will Barrus and Bo Belton also joined the call.

The meeting was called to order by President Amanda Miller at 7:00 PM.

Bo Belton has identified a lack of opportunities for r judges to go to the R program. He wants to run a R program and needs NCDCTA to be his sponsoring organization. The NCDCTA Championships two years in a row would be used for the practice testing and then the actual testing. There are no costs to NCDCTA. Bo and his partner Kay Whitlock will run everything. The Board agreed to be his sponsoring organization as more R judges will benefit not just NC dressage but dressage country wide as well.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Janine Malone has proposed a partnership between her shows and NCDCTA shows for Dressage Sport Horse Breeding year end awards. The horse, owner, and rider, if applicable, must be registered with NCDCTA. Will proposed the creation of a committee to determine how to best incorporate this into NCDCTA. Rachel seconded the proposal. Deb, Emme, and Amanda volunteered to serve on the committee, and Will offered support. Amanda also reported that Patti Hildreth is doing an excellent job already on 2022 shows.

VP REPORT: Joan Hilsman reported membership numbers as of Jan 4:

Adult Amateur 132

Paid Horses 88

Jr/YR 26, Open 40

Volunteer Card Horses 38

Total Members 198

Total Horses 126

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tyler James has everything in QuickBooks and will get a report out to Board members. He asked about how to get past contracts, and the people who may have those contracts will be passed to him.

COMMUNICATION CHAIR'S REPORT: Tonya Bruno put together information about the costs involved in having a printed newsletter that needs to go into the newsletter. She also has a ten-question survey. Tonya is also going to get past newsletters scanned at a cost of \$850, including pick up. Once scanned, the Board would like to archive the hard copies of the newsletters.

GALA CHAIR: Jessica has received emails asking about the COVID policy of the Gala. The Board agreed that we will follow NC and Moore County's current policy. Jessica reviewed the menu and bar; there are supply chain issues that may require changes to the menu as we get closer to the date. Ribbons are ordered, in process, and will need to be picked up. NCDCTA will need to purchase a liability insurance policy. Joan Hilsman reviewed the raffle prizes.

EDUCATION CHAIR: Emme Johnston is planning to do Ask the Expert Zoom meetings and an in-person fall clinic in 2022. She is trying to find a co-chair for this coming year.

EVENTING CHAIR: Amy Warren is putting medal winners into the Gala program.

The next meeting will be at the Gala at 4:30pm, and it is open to everyone.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Rachel Edwards.

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