

## USDF EXECUTIVE BOARD (EB) MEETING

Teleconference – November 20, 2023

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### **Members Present:**

George Williams, President	Kevin Reinig, Vice President
Debra Reinhardt, Secretary	Lorraine Musselman, Treasurer
Bettina Longaker, Region 1 Director	Debby Savage, Region 2 Director
Charlotte Trentelman, Region 3 Director	Anne Sushko, Region 4 Director
Heather Petersen, Region 5 Director	Noah Rattner, Region 6 Director
Carol Tice, Region 7 Director	
Bess Bruton, Region 9 Director	Susan Mandas, Activities Council Director
Sue McKeown, Technical Council Director	Barbara Cadwell, Administrative Council Director

**Members Absent:** Helen van der Voort, Region 8 Director

**Staff Attending:** Sarah Garn, Ross Creech, Kathie Robertson, Connie Huy, Sharon Vander Ziel, Melissa Schoedlbauer, Sarah Delahanty, Krystina Wright, Stephan Hienzsch

**Guest in attendance:** Roberta Williams and Rosalind Kinstler joined the meeting for agenda item: Request to reconsider decision to remove FEI Young Rider and Junior team tests from the regional championships.

The meeting commenced at 4:00 p.m. EST by Zoom teleconference.

### **Determination of quorum, roll call and conflicts of interest**

#### **Approval of agenda**

Heather Petersen moved and Sue McKeown seconded **to approve the agenda**. Motion carried.

#### **President's remarks**

Update on integration of para dressage into USDF. We are moving forward with integrating para dressage to come under the umbrella of USDF as the USEF affiliate for dressage and para dressage. George and Stephan spoke to Chris Trentelman, chair of the Bylaws Committee, about possible amendments that may be needed on the bylaws. A task force will also be put together to help with implementation. There will be more information to share at the upcoming fall meeting in Omaha.

Regarding the FEI Children's division at the North American Youth Championships (NAYC), we anticipate this will happen in 2025.

#### **Executive Director's remarks**

Convention registrations are tracking about the same as last year with perhaps a bit more. Gala/Awards dinner ticket sales are slightly below last year.

## **Policy and actions needed for Standing Working Groups – Stephan Hienzsch**

### VIII. COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES

#### D. USDF Council and Committee Structure, page 52, paragraphs 5a and 5b

Change to read:

a. Rules Advisory Working Group: appointed by the President and approved by the EB to a two-year term. **Appointments are effective June 1.** ~~A minimum rotation of 25% of the members that populate the working group will occur.~~

1. To work in support with USDF staff and make recommendations to the EB regarding USEF rule change proposals originating within USDF or sent to USDF by USEF or the Dressage Sport Committee for review.
2. Gather input from all relevant USDF Committees on new and revised rule change proposals.
3. Structure representation: technical delegates (TDs), judges, and competition management.

b. Licensed Official Education Working Group: appointed by the President and approved by the EB to a two-year term. **Appointments are effective January 1.** ~~A minimum rotation of 25% of the members that populate the working group will occur.~~

1. To advise USDF staff, as needed, on licensed official education activities and protocols.
2. Structure representation: TDs, judges, sport horse and freestyle officials. Smaller working groups may be assigned as needed.

Bess Bruton moved and Kevin Reinig seconded **to approve these proposed edits for standing working groups.** Motion carried.

#### **FEI Youth Committee proposal: Backpacks for NAYC chef's**

Bess Bruton moved and Sue Mandas seconded **to approve the backpacks for NAYC chef's.** Charlotte Trentelman, Heather Petersen, and Noah Rattner abstained. Motions carried

#### **FEI Youth Committee proposal: Request to reconsider decision to remove FEI Young Rider and Junior team tests from the regional championships**

Rosalind Kinstler and Roberta Williams joined the meeting to explain the committee's position on the decision to remove FEI Young Rider and FEI Junior team tests from the regional championships.

After Rosalind and Roberta left the meeting, the Executive Board decided no further action would be taken and the previous motion to remove the FEI Young Rider and Junior team tests from the regional championships would stand. This topic will be put on the agenda for the fall meeting for further discussion on providing a pathway for these riders to the US Dressage Finals.

#### **L Program Committee proposal: Adding the option of a classroom only D1**

Heather Petersen moved and Charlotte Trentelman seconded **to approve giving L Program organizers the option of having a classroom only D1.** Motion carried.

#### **Sitting/Rising Division proposal – committee feedback**

The plan is for Executive Board members to get feedback by asking a few schooling shows to try a 'no sitting' division. This will give the Executive Board more data.

**Committee and LO Education Working Group chair appointments for the two-year term starting January 1, 2024**

Carol Tice moved and Debra Reinhardt seconded **to approve the committee chair and vice chair appointments as outlined**. Charlotte Trentelman abstained. Motion carried.

***Administrative Council***

1. Bylaws – Chris Trentelman
2. Nominating – Linda Mendenhall
3. Group Member Organizations – Loretta Lucas
4. Historical – Jennifer Bryant

***Technical Council***

1. Competition Management
  - Chair: Marinea St. Amand
  - Vice Chair: Kevin Bradbury
2. Instructor/Trainer
  - Co-Chairs: Lilo Fore and Sarah Geikie
3. Judges
  - Chair: Gary Rockwell
  - Vice Chair: Michael Osinski
4. L Program
  - Chair: Joan Darnell
  - Vice Chair: Kathy Rowse
5. Technical Delegates – Jean Kraus

***Activities Council***

1. Adult Programs
  - Chair: Holly Hilliard
  - Vice Chair: Gwen Ka'awaloa
2. Awards – Amy Swerdlin
3. FEI Youth – Roberta Williams
4. National Youth – Roz Kinstler
5. Regional Championships
  - Chair: Angela Goodwin-Volpert
  - Vice Chair: Janine Malone
6. Sport Horse
  - Chair: Kristi Wysocki
  - Vice Chair: Regina Milliken

***Independent Committee***

1. Audit – Guilherme Schmidt

Debra Reinhardt moved and Sue Mandas seconded **to approve Jean Kraus as the LO Education Working Group chair and adding Joan Darnell as a new addition to the working group**. The rest of the working group will remain the same. Heather Petersen, Sue McKeown and Anne Sushko abstained. Motion carried.

**New Business/Miscellaneous**

Bess Bruton asked for feedback on high profile clinicians coming to private barns, but not being open for public auditing. The feedback from the board is this is normal procedure.

The meeting adjourned at 6 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Reinhardt  
USDF Secretary