

USDF Board of Governors (BOG) Meeting

December 2, 2023

Omaha, NE

The meeting was called to order at 8 a.m. CST on Saturday, December 2.

Delegate roll call – Debra Reinhardt, Secretary

A quorum was reached.

Approval of committee motions and their reports

- Sport Horse Committee – Kristi Wysocki, Chair

The USDF Adult Amateur (AA) and Junior/Young Rider (Jr/YR) Handler Year-End Awards proposal was presented.

Kathy Grisolia moved and Anne Snipes Moss seconded **to approve the creation of two new USDF year-end awards: AA and Jr/YR Handler as proposed by the Sport Horse Committee.** Robert Higgins called the question. Discussion closed. Motion carried.

The Dressage Foundation (TDF) report – Beth Baumert, President & CEO and Jenny Johnson, Executive Director

Beth Baumert: TDF was founded to ease the financial burden of this sport by raising money for dressage programs, riders, and officials. The foundation's three activities are: 1) Raising money by donations, 2) Managing these funds based on the market place and 3) Giving it away based on need or merit. Donors Mary Anne and Walter McPhail established the Judge Education Fund. The smaller donor is key as well. If \$25 was given by each USDF member, that would be more than \$682,000. So any size donation is important.

Jenny Johnson, Executive Director: Introduction of new staff members Sara Weiss, Director of Grants and Programs, and Kimberly Tebrugge, Director of Donor Relations. Jenny expressed that the generosity of the people in the sport is amazing. She gave a very heartwarming donation story from a Century Club member who sends two new crisp \$1 bills every year.

Elections for USDF Administrative Council At-Large Director (ALD) and Technical Council ALD – Linda Mendenhall, Nominating Committee Chair

USDF Activities Council ALD – Sue Mandas was elected by acclamation.

Votes cast for USDF Administrative Council ALD: Anne Snipes Moss received 780 votes, Cindi Rose Wylie received 530 votes, and Barbara Cadwell received 42 votes. Anne Snipes Moss was elected Administrative Council ALD.

Votes cast for USDF Technical Council: Sue McKeown received 1108 votes and Janet Foy received 242 votes. Sue McKeown was elected Technical Council ALD.

Voting on proposed membership dues increases (to be effective 12/1/2024) – Lorraine Musselman, Treasurer

Paul Cormier moved and Fie Andersen seconded **to accept the proposed membership dues increases.**

Paula Langan moved and Rebecca Harris seconded **to accept all proposed dues increases except the \$1 group member dues increase.** Kate O'Connor called the question. Discussion closed. Motion defeated by voice vote. Rebecca Harris called for roll call.

Votes cast: Yes-329 and No-1010. Motion defeated.

Lisa Gorretta called the question on the original motion. Discussion closed. Motion carried.

Voting on the proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget – Lorraine Musselman, Treasurer

Paul Cormier moved and Fie Andersen seconded moved **to accept the proposed 2024-2025 budget.** Motion carried.

Recognition of outgoing Executive Board members and committee chairs – George Williams, President

Barbara Cadwell is the outgoing Administrative Council ALD on the Executive Board.
Kevin Bradbury is stepping down as chair of the Competition Management Committee.
Cindi Rose Wylie is stepping down as chair of the Group Member Organizations Committee.
Lois Yukins is stepping down as chair of the L Program Committee.

Presentation of GMO Awards – Cindi Wylie, Group Member Organization Committee Chair and George Williams, President

In recognizing USDF's 50th anniversary, the Charter GMOS were:

- *Andover (Massachusetts) Dressage Club
- California Dressage Society
- Deep South Dressage Association (now Dressage and Combined Training Association)
- Delaware Valley Combined Training Association
- Dressage and Combined Training Association (later Central States Dressage and Combined Training Association, and now Central States Dressage & Eventing Association)
- Eastern States Dressage Association (now DCTA)
- Equestrians' Institute (Washington state)
- *Florida Dressage Society (Now Alpha Dressage Association)
- Illinois Dressage Association (now DCTA)
- Indiana Dressage Association (now Society)
- International Equestrian Association (Pennsylvania)
- Kansas City Dressage Society
- Long Island Dressage and Combined Training Association
- Midwest Dressage Association
- Nebraska Dressage Association
- New England Dressage Association
- *Ohio Valley Dressage and Combined Training Association
- Oregon Dressage Society
- Potomac Valley Dressage Association
- Rocky Mountain Dressage Society
- St. Louis Area Dressage Society
- Texas Dressage Society (now Alamo Dressage Association)
- Virginia Dressage Association
- *Westchester-Fairfield Dressage Association
- Winds Reach Dressage and Combined Training Association (now Eastern Iowa Dressage & Eventing Association)
- Wisconsin Dressage Association (now DCTA).

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The GMO awards were presented.

The Ruth Arvanette Memorial Fund Grant went to Jen Lowe from South Dakota Dressage Association.

GMOs marking their 50-year anniversary in 2023 were Illinois Dressage and Combined Training Association, Iowa Dressage and Combined Training Association, Kansas City Dressage Society, and Nebraska Dressage Association.

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m. CST.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Reinhardt
USDF Secretary