

## **Eventing Committee Meeting Agenda** **January 11, 2021 7:00pm**

**Attendees:** Denise Hanna, Lisa (Elizabeth) Weber, Cece Conway, Erin Nielsen, Sandra Barclay, William Barclay, Ruth Flanagan, Amy Barrett, Molly Fine, Eric Dierks.

**Apologies:** Jennifer Rousseau

**Call to order:** Confirmation of last meeting minutes and approval. Motion: Amy Second: Molly. All present in favor.

Objective of this call: To see how everyone is getting along with their projects and to brainstorm any ways we can help.

**Denny Emmerson virtual Clinic** “Four Attributes That Make A Good Rider” Wednesday January 13 at 7pm. Have had a great response with around 500 interested, Denny shared on his Social Media accounts which has proved successful is spreading the word.

**Revised Mission Statement:** IDCTA Board approved a revised mission statement at past board meeting.

*“The Illinois Dressage and Combined Training Association, is a non-profit organization that embraces the contribution toward education, self-accomplishment and community in dressage and combined training. Through educational events, scheduled competitions and social activities, we as an organization would like to support our members, equestrian and non-equestrian, toward personal goals in understanding theory to enhance horsemanship, skills to improve performance, and promotion to maximize the enjoyment equestrian sport has to offer.”*

**Introduction of the Mill Creek Hunt and Educational Opportunity for Collaboration: Amy Barrett.** Amy is working on this initiative and is currently reaching out to Keith Grey at Mill Creek Hunt Club. Hunt season begins in the Fall.

**Three Day Mini-event Clinic and Practice Horse Trials: Denise Hanna and Lisa Weber.**

- Looking to do two 3DE camps in April and May. 10 participants per camp with two instructors. If further interest, will add additional instructors. Held at Hannaberry Farm.
- Concentrating on dressage mechanics, stadium technique, XC and the importance of rider fitness.
- First day at Hannaberry Farm, second day at Barrington Horse Park to school XC and third day a mini event.
- Targeted audience pre-starter to novice.
- Looking at ways to have IDCTA affiliation/advertising/membership/grants.
- See attached flyer. If obtain IDCTA affiliation add IDCTA logo to flyer.
- Denise/Lisa to confirm IDCTA affiliation with Molly.

**Horse and Rider Conditioning: Denise Hanna and Lisa Weber.**

- See attached well thought out proposal!
- Purpose is to offer to IDCTA members, to educate and promote the importance of appropriate conditioning in dressage and eventing, especially as combinations move up eventing levels. Beginning at pre-starter.

- Suggested a rider journal – tracking form – end of season follow up/result – participation/completion awards/ribbons.
- Follow up:
  - o Molly – Denise take to IDCTA Board for approval and approval of any budget requirements.
  - o Tracking forms to be developed
  - o Order/confirm participation/completion awards/ribbons

### **Schooling Show Guidelines and Competitor feedback form: Molly Fine and Cece Conway**

- How can IDCTA help advertising?
- Newbee competitors from last year to find out what they need to know before competing.
- Virtual educational late March/early April
- Competitor feedback forms, thinking of adding to IDCTA web page
- Thank you Cece, giving the organizers a voice!
- Cece to keep working with Molly and show organizers.

### **Mentoring Program and Resource Identification for Aiding in Learning about Competition: Erin Nielson and Ruth Flanagan**

- Erin has prepared a well flowing starting point to keep this initiative simple and on an achievable path.
- Erin to share proposal before the next meeting.
- Turning this project into phases. Phase 1 mission statement is:  
*“To give eventers a resource and network of fellow eventers to help them learn or relearn the details and nuances of the sport. A program to take the guesswork and fear of the unknown out of the equation of a rider’s first recognized shows. To help build a sense of community and friendship among eventers and help bridge the gap between the newer riders and those that have been in the game for longer.”*
- Need to identify potential IDCTA mentors, and be able to have them easily identified at events with an IDCTA hat/badge/etc. Ruth/Erin to work on.
- Create a mentor “one pager” highlighting role and responsibility of a mentor. Please note: The Amateur mentor’s job is to help and answer questions, **but not coach about the riding itself.** Ruth/Erin to work on.
- Advertise this IDCTA member benefit in Scribe and see if organizers will add to their show program to help promote the program. Ruth/Erin to work on with Molly.
- Create a list of shows we will have IDCTA mentors at. Ruth/Erin to work on.
- Fun idea is to collate a document “50 Ways to Get Eliminated”. Ruth/Erin to work on.

**Meeting Closed at 8:02pm:** Motion: Eric Second: Amy.

### **\*\*\* Future Meeting Dates Second Monday of Month @ 7:00pm\*\*\***

- February 8<sup>th</sup>
- March 8<sup>th</sup>
- April 12<sup>th</sup>

