

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 8th
- March 8th
- April 12th

