



Eastern Iowa Dressage &
Combined Training Association
A Charter Group Member Organization of the USDF.
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FROM THE PREZ, DIVIDED WE STAND

First, let me say that I found the January meeting very enjoyable. I was pleased at the turn-out, and the enthusiasm of our members. Now, everyone needs to come to the next meeting in February. We'll be hearing a presentation given by Sarah Hauschild on "Conditioning the Event Horse".

One of our main points of discussion at the January meeting was the proposed name change for our group. The two main reasons for changing our current name are: one – we are adding an affiliation with the USA Eventing Association and two — to distinguish ourselves from the Iowa Dressage and Combined Training Association (IDCTA). Whatever the name is, from now on "A Charter Group Member Organization of the USDF" will appear (in smaller letters) below our new name. The USDF has requested that we do this. We're proud of being a charter member and so we're glad to add this under our new name.

If you have any other questions or concerns, call or email Chuck Bennett at 319-377-7868 or email cben113@mchsi.com.

THE QUIZ – I have a question, and the person who has the correct answer will receive a wonderful prize. Question: Why is a 10 meter square better training for the horse than a 10 meter round pen? Also, what is this 10 meter square called?

Minutes of the EID&CTA meeting Tuesday, January 7, 2003

Submitted by Barbara Hall, Secretary

Our new president Chuck Bennett passed out the agenda, introduced new officers, and asked everyone to introduce themselves to the group.

Chuck announced that we are sponsoring a stall at Kirkwood – we have \$100 collected, we need \$400 more – give checks to Nan Barta if you wish to donate.

Treasurer's Report – treasurer Jan Vlasak passed around the printed report and mentioned that there

were still outstanding bills – if you have any please give them to her immediately. Also, we have been operating all of this time without a tax ID, so we are now getting one. We don't need it for fund raising for our own activities, but we still need one.

Membership renewals are due – there needs to be a renewal form in the next newsletter – our roster needs to be to USDF by March 1

Discussion of Name Change - Because the United States Combined Training Association name has changed to the United States Eventing Association, many members believe that we should change our name also. And as long as we are changing it, we might look at some other options.

It was moved and seconded that we change our name to Iowa Dressage and Eventing Association (IDEA), and much lively discussion followed. Some felt this would be confusing because of the Des Moines organization. Several other suggestions were brought up and discussed. It was decided to wait until the February meeting to vote on a name change. In the mean time we could notify members, and allow them to offer other ideas. An email/telephone vote could narrow the choices down to two before the meeting. The motion was withdrawn.

Ali Hayford announced that Apples and Oats will give our organization an article in each issue to share news and goings-on. She has graciously volunteered to write the feature for us. The next issue deadline is Feb. 5. Email any info and/or pictures you would like included to her before then please.

Region 4 Adult Clinic – in October sometime at Clearwater Farm or Winds Reach. Bill Coester will host Walter Zettl. There was much discussion about volunteering as an organization to help out with the clinic. It was moved and seconded that we do so, and the motion passed.

Gene Wehrheim announced the organization of the First Annual Rare Breed Show to be held August 22-24th at the Kirkwood Equestrian Center. Rare breeds will include Lipizzans, Lusitanos, Friesians, Andalusians, and possibly others. There will be demonstrations of classical dressage given by some really outstanding classical dres-



sage riders, and even demonstrations of flamenco dancing – this is going to be a fantastic show! The show will be dedicated to Vern Upmier, undoubtedly one of the most influential horsemen in the area. Class sponsorships are available for \$30/class. Volunteers are needed – please contact Rachel Wehrheim at IALippizan@yahoo.com, Ali Hayford, Sandy Edwards, or check on the website: www.geocities.com/IALippizan.

Committees were discussed – We will be able to get so much more done without burning out all the same people if we establish and staff committees. There are several people who have volunteered to serve on or chair some of the committees suggested by our new president. (Do you want to list all of the committees we already have here?) Ali and Nan volunteered to co-chair the Region 4 Adult Clinic Committee. We still need a membership chair, and others – please speak with Chuck to volunteer before he appoints you.

The Tack Swap at Kirkwood January 18 and 19 – Susan Bennett will chair the committee to host a table at the Swap. Barb will look for USDF info to pass out. Volunteers are needed to help at the table. It was moved and seconded that we either donate stuff to sell at the table, or donate 10% of the selling price to the organization. Motion passed.

Some dates to remember: August 19 & 20 will be the Timber Ridge Pony Club and Carol's Dressage Show and possibly Hunter Jumper Show at Kirkwood. September 13 and 14 will be the TRPC Horse Trials at Pienkos' farm.

Please email any meeting topic ideas to Leanne Ebsen who is the chairman of the Education committee.

Meeting was adjourned.

TREASURER'S REPORT - January 7, 2003

Submitted by Jan Vlasak, Treasurer

Beginning Balance (11-25-02)	\$1332.87
Debits	- 60.00
Deposits	+ 6.00
Current Balance	\$1,278.87

Steering Committee Report Name Change Process Suggestions

Though we had no formal meetings a plan was discussed this with as many people as possible.

#1 We recommend that we slow down this process. At the January meeting some members felt this was the first time it had been discussed. Other members who were familiar with the subject had formed new opinions. Members who could not attend have not been able to comment. We all need time to mull it over, to come up

with more name options and to feel comfortable that the decision we are making is a good one.

#2 Set a deadline for name submissions. We would suggest Feb 15th so all names could be included in the newsletter prior to the March meeting.

#3 Have the memberships weed down the list of all names submitted to the top three. This will keep the process inclusive and the members involved. We suggest this be done at the March meeting. Those unable to attend could vote by email or phone prior to the meeting. We suggest Ali Hayford as the vote contact person.

#4 Publish the top three picks in the newsletter along with comments and information on voting.

#5 Hold a vote at the April meeting. Those unable to attend the meeting could vote by email or phone prior to the meeting. We suggest Ali Hayford as the vote contact person.

#6 Delay the official change date. Changing the name is only a part of the process. We need to notify organizations, change all our marketing materials, newsletter, forms, web site, etc. Logos can take a long time to create and even longer to be approved. If we have all of these things in place prior to the official change it will be a smooth transition.

#7 Hold an unveiling at the Walter Zettl clinic in October to celebrate the official name change. This will give us the opportunity to publicize our name change to a wide audience. It could end up being covered in the USDF Connection.

#8 Logo and marketing work can begin once the name has been decided on. Belinda Jones has volunteered to create a logo. We suggest EID&CTA form an Ad Hoc committee or assign to a current committee.

#9 Discuss this with other people. Submit more names. Be a part of the process - it is your organization!

Name Options Submitted

- Eastern Iowa Dressage & Combined Training Association - EID&CTA (no change)
- Eastern Iowa Dressage & Eventing Association - EIDEA
- Iowa Dressage & Eventing Association - IDEA
- CR Dressage & Eventing Group - CRDEG
- IC Dressage & Eventing Association - ICDEA
- Cedar Rapids Eventing & Dressage Enthusiasts - CREDE
- Cedar Valley Dressage & Eventing Association - CVDEA
- Cedar Dressage & Eventing Club - CDEC
- Society for Dressage & Eventing - SDE
- Friends of Dressage & Eventing - FDE
- Iowa Society for Dressage & Eventing - ISDE
- Four Seasons Dressage & Eventing Association - FSDEA
- River Cities Dressage & Eventing Association - RCDEA
- Tri-Rivers Dressage & Eventing Association - TRDEA

- Three Rivers Dressage & Eventing Association - TRDEA
- Dressage & Eventing in the Heartland Club - DEHC
- Hawkeye Dressage & Eventing Association - HDEA
- Club D & E - CDE
- Halt at Xers - HX or HAXs (like Hacks)
- Dressage & Event Riders of Iowa - DERI
- Corn Belt Dressage & Eventing Group - CBDEF

Ending Possibilities:

Alliance, Association, Club, Coalition, Enthusiasts, Group, Herd, League, Organization, Society.

Other Steering Committee Notes

Members interested in attending a Steering committee meeting should get in touch with Chairperson Megan Ward at 319-362-6210. We would like to set up quarterly meetings. The steering committee is a think tank for EID&CTA. All suggestions welcome. No thought too bizarre for once tempered it may be golden.

Year End Award Committee Report

Submitted by Nan Barta, Megan Green

We are starting with "Achievement Awards". All EID&CTA members will be eligible. We are developing a list of the type of things to be rewarded, such as 'First Clinic' or 'First Schooling Show'. We are researching certificates and/or possible prizes. Comments and suggestions are always welcomed.

TACK SWAP REPORT

By Jan Vlasak - Treasurer

Congratulations and a Big Thank You to all of the members who donated items to the Kirkwood Tack Swap and to all of the workers who made it such a success. Out of total sales of \$983.10, EID&CTA realized a TOTAL of \$307.20. We also increased our membership by 2! Please give coordinator Sue Bennett a big pat on the back for a job well done!

Help:

EIDCTA Stall at Iowa Equestrian Center:

To date we have raised \$300.00 toward naming a stall at the Iowa Equestrian Center. The cost of naming a stall is \$500.00, please think about helping out with a donation. Checks can be made to **Kirkwood Foundation** and sent to:

Nan Barta
48 16 Ave. SW
Cedar Rapids, Ia. 52404.

This is a tax deductible donation in which the foundation will reply with the receipt for your taxes.

USDF REGION 4 YOUTH NEWS

Submitted by Elizabeth Barclay

Notes from the 2003 USDF Convention

The term youth is replacing the term junior/young rider when designating riders under 21 regardless of level. This is mainly to lessen confusion with the definitions of and programs for FEI juniors and young riders.

A new USDF membership category is available for secondary schools and colleges. The Intercollegiate/ Interscholastic Member Organizations (IMOs) and their members have similar benefits to GMOs and their members. Approximately 30 schools have become IMOs, and the number of colleges participating in intercollegiate dressage is growing.

Lettering in dressage in high school may soon be a reality. Read the USDF Connection for the latest on this exciting new program.

USDF Youth Executive Board

I am the Region 4 representative to this board made up of a youth member from each region, and I also serve as the Vice President. We are currently in the process of a name change from the Junior/Young Rider Executive Board. We had a successful educational program at the Convention, and I hope that you can come to this year in Dallas, TX, December 3-7. Another thing we have been working on is a website. Check the newly remodeled USDF Website at <http://www.usdf.org>. Also check out Region 4's website www.usdfregion4.org including the new classifieds section with photo ads benefitting the Lloyd Landkamer Youth Scholarship fund. As Region 4's representative, I represent all Region 4 youth USDF members, so contact me today with your comments, questions, and ideas!

Youth Camp

Would you like to participate in a camp with other youth July 24-27, 2003 in Fulton, MO? If you're interested in this opportunity, please let me know today! Without knowing that people are interested, we cannot go on in organizing this exciting opportunity. Tentatively planned are nearly ten hours of unmounted education along with five lessons and a test ridden by each participant for a judge who then comments on it so you can improve your show scores. This will be a fun and educational event for all involved. To get on the list of interested youth or share your suggestions for the camp, contact me at owner_maggie@yahoo.com or 316-733-8475. Spread the word and have other interested youth contact me. This event

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NEXT MEETING . . .

Tuesday, February 4, 2003 7 PM
Sarah Hauschild will speak on
“Conditioning the Event Horse”.
Washington Hall, Kirkwood.
6:30-7:00 Social Time.

Call Chuck at (319) 377-7868 for info

AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY MEETING

- I. Meeting to order at 7:00 – Chuck Bennett
- II. Minutes from last meeting – Barb Hall
- III. Treasurer’s Report – Jan Vlasak
- IV. Presentation of Committee Chairpersons – Chuck Bennett
- V. Name Chnage – Ali Hayford
- VI. Introduction of Guest Speaker – Leanne Ebsen
- VII. Adjornment

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