

Region 9 Report

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2011 Fall Executive Board Meeting, November 30 – December 4 San Diego, California

Nicole Landrenau, the regional webmaster, is doing an excellent job with keeping the Region 9 website updated so our members stay informed. The goal is for an all inclusive website to benefit our GMO's and participating members. Banner ads are offered, and we now accept credit cards for all transactions. Also, check out Region 9 on Facebook.

The Region 9 Summer Meeting in Galveston, Texas was productive and fun. The Tremont Hotel set the precedence for future regional meeting hotel sites. Thanks to Houston Dressage Society for their work and support in making it a success. Regional and GMO reports, along with the summer meeting minutes and financial statements are posted on the Region 9 website.

Though the region is financially stable, one very important aspect that came out of the meeting is Region 9 setting up an emergency fund for future use...in case of an economic downfall.

Fund raising was the hot topic at the meeting, with some excellent brainstorming and proposals going forward.

Both our Youth and Adult Amateur Committees are working towards new goals to give back to those two very important member groups. Funds have been established for each group. Thanks to Alan Fox for his contribution to the Adult Amateur Fund, and to Mary Wetzel for her donation of the Youth Fund.

A full slate of PM and GM delegates are going to the USDF convention, prepared to represent our members.

Our 2012 Summer Meeting will be in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, with Oklahoma Dressage Society as host. These meetings are very important for our region's GMOs and members to get together to brainstorm, discuss, and plan the future of our region so dressage will continue to grow.

Region 9 was the name sponsor for the regions first CDI in eons. Region 9 CDI was held in April, at Great Southwest Equestrian Center. Thanks to Houston Dressage Society, and the many volunteers from around the region for a very successful show. Plans are already in the works for next year's CDI – the last weekend in April.

We are gearing up for a huge (record breaking number of riders / horses) Region 9 GAIG/USDF/SWDC (four day) Championship Show in Katy, Texas. Kathy Jones, HDS, and the show committee have worked long hours planning and preparing. It is an arduous task to say the least. Over 100 volunteers (along with hopefully good weather) will help to make it a success. At last year's championships, there was a total of 1000 volunteer hours- FORT WORTH, ADA, BACH, CTDS, MSED, TRISTATE all sent volunteers and donated to the raffle. The clubs received a total of \$2200.

At present, over \$16,000 in sponsorship has been given for the show. The fun part of the championship show will be Saturday night – dinner and masquerade ball.

A new fund has been established in memory of Bee Pape, a life-long USDF member from Oklahoma. Bee has set the bar for enthusiasm, dedication, and love of our sport. The Bee Pape Scholarship Fund will be utilized to help the Region 9 youth.

The 16th edition of the Region 9 Omnibus - 2012 will be available by the end of November, as a PDF on the Region 9 website, or for purchase as a printed book, CD, or flash drive. Thanks to Bruce and JoHannah Lawrie and Gloria Beduhn for their patience and long hours of work.

Since our region is financially stable, we offer grants for GMO's to help with dressage camps, judges, and instructor/trainer seminars. A couple of GMO's have already applied this year for the Region 9 Educational Grant. We also offer a Region 9 GMO Board Travel Grant to help a GMO send a member to either the regional summer meeting or the USDF convention.

We have finished paying for the beautiful Region 9 Bench which proudly sits in the USDF National Education Center courtyard. Thanks again for all your support!!!!

Two major Regional Awards are given each year:

Region 9 Horse Person of the Year – its 19th year, Meg Flemming is the much deserved recipient for 2011.

Region 9 Teaching Excellence Award - its 3rd year, with congratulations to Ashley Hammill for a job well done.

The Region 9 FEI Jr/YR's were busy fundraising this year. They pay for the entry fees and give each NAJYRC rider, and the chef, funds to help with NAJYRC travel expenses. Also in the planning stages is the upcoming January 2012 FEI Jr/YR clinic with Jeremy Steinberg, at North Texas Equestrian Center.

Richard Howard just resigned as the regional rep. Thanks Richard for your dedication. Ed Lavallee is the new FEI Jr/YR regional rep, and I know he will work well in unifying the program.

The USDF Region 9 Adult Amateur Clinic with Lilo Fore will be March 2012, at Stormin' G Ranch in College Station, hosted by BACH.

Our GMOs, shows, clinics, and members remain active, offering camps, seminars, "L" Program, Judges continuing education, Youth and Adult Team competitions, and instructor certification workshops.

Thanks to all the regional board for their hard work and dedication. They keep our members informed, and make the business side of our region more effective and efficient.