

2026 Region 9 GMO Meeting
Dallas Dressage Club Report
7/16/2026

The Dallas Dressage Club board members are:

President:	Becky Brown	Vice President:	Barbara Lewis
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As of this writing membership stands at 148 which is on track as, generally, we reach 170 by year's end. We are exploring the possibility of adding a business membership which would initiate in 2027.

We always start our year with the annual Awards Banquet. Our awards chair, Maggie Kitts, does an exceptional job! Excellent food, good friends and lots of wonderful recognition for our riders.

DDC hosted 8 recognized shows in 2025 and 5 schooling shows. We, also continue to sponsor the Regional Championships, CDI, and SWDC.

DDC added a recognized breed and dressage show for the past 2 years. Unfortunately, it is difficult to find an available facility that has an open date. Therefore, this show is also at Texas Rose but only 3 weeks after our regular spring show. We were pleased that the breed classes had more entries this year, however, the regular show entries were quite small. We knew we would probably lose money for the first 2 years but with overall entries down during the year, we will have to evaluate if we can continue to hold this show. We have had breeders for years request it and the classes were bigger this year than the show last year. It is needed for our local breeders! However, we can't keep running red ink. Our schooling shows continue to do well. We feel the lower cost of attending is the contributing factor. We have been talking to several breeders about sponsorship opportunities with good feedback. Fingers crossed!

DDC also is having the same problem as other clubs. Lack of volunteers. It seems it is not part of the culture anymore. We offer incentives, we personally send emails, we give thank you gifts but it doesn't move the needle.

One of the aspects of our competitions that we feel is important is that we allow up and coming judges to mentor or scribe whenever asked. Case in point, Celeste Brown asked to scribe for the breeding class. We actually got a thank you note from USEF for providing that opportunity!

We also believe in scholarships for our members. Four hours of volunteer work is one of the prerequisites. We awarded two scholarships this year. They were each \$500. One was awarded to an amateur and the other to a professional.

After hosting the USDF Freestyle Seminar for over 9 years, we released the program and were thrilled that the Arkansas club immediately picked it up!

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Brown

President