

# Transitions

## **Minutes of KDEA Meeting Held on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at John & Sue Clarke's**

### **Apologies for Absence:**

Kathy Massey, Lisa Sutherland, Pam Wrona & Jennifer Grossi

**In Attendance:** Lisa Bryant, Missy Bartel, Susan Lang, Abigail Anderson, Anna Howell, Bekki Moore, Maribeth bWillard, Kathryn Breese, Cassie Black, Natalie Petz, Laura Wesselius, Barb Deenihan, Marie Maloney, Sherry Engel, Nancy Hervieux, Blair & Fern McGehee, Annette Pulliam, Cher Borgman, Becky Arheart, Amanda Drechsler, Simone Mackay, Ariel Fletcher, Mandy Huckins, Stacey Reser, Randee Lipman, Hannah & Christa Wolansky, Karla Dolatta, Wes Dolatta, Patricia McEwen, Erin McEwen, Marilyn Lee, Cindy Mullen, John & Sue Clarke, Patricia Kaufman, Jane Cannefax. Visitors were welcomed to the meeting.

### **Minutes of October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

The minutes were approved as written – proposed by Bekki Moore, seconded by Cassie Black.

### **Treasurer's Report**

In the absence of Pam Wrona, Susan Lang reported that the checking balance as of 10/05/09 was XXXXXX. The Education Fund as of 01/10/10 was \$XXXXXX. Income included \$950.00 for the Laura Hedlund Clinic, \$1,194.00 in Membership dues and \$10 for newsletter advertisements. Expenses included awards, clinic expenses, Fox Village software and a new judge's stand. The Treasurer's report was approved – proposed by Sue Clarke and seconded by Bekki Moore.

### **KDEA Recognized Show**

The TD will be Diana Stanley. The S Judge will be Joan Darnell and Bonnie Griest will be the second judge (r judge). To hold an American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) dressage class, the judge has to be a member – Joan declined even if we paid her membership fee.

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### **Minutes of Meeting, Continued.**

In 2010, we are trying to get Dolly Hannon as our judge and Caroline Vanderberg as our TD. Cassie Black was the only person to produce a list of possible sponsors. Fox Village software has been purchased for score reporting at a cost of \$344.00. We will be holding opportunity classes. For these, the competitor does not have to be a member of the USEF or USDF. They will be Intro and T1 & T2. The only fees will be entry & stabling.

**USDF Convention.** Susan Lang reported that there will be new tests for 2011. There will also be a \$20 dues increase in 2011 for each member.

**USEA Convention.** Susan Clarke brought back information about becoming Affiliate members. We would then be listed in the Omnibus and on their website. We would receive a copy of Eventing USA magazine and the Omnibus 3 times a year. It was proposed by Missy Bartel and seconded by Cassie Black that the KDEA become an affiliate member of the USEA. The motion carried. Sue Clarke will send in the form & \$75 check. The Omnibus & magazine will be kept with the library.

**Insurance.** Maribeth Willard proposed and Missy Malone seconded that we pay \$475 to Blue Bridle for our 2010 insurance – the motion was approved.

**Schooling Shows for 2010.** The dates will be May 15<sup>th</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup> and September 18<sup>th</sup>. Bekki Moore will find judges. Thanks are due to the McEwens for putting the jumps away for the winter.

**Tax Exempt Status.** Susan Lang suggested that we talk with an accountant and make sure we are in compliance with all the tax rules. Missy Bartel recommended her accountant, Jill Long of Winfield. Natalie Petx proposed & Bekki Moore seconded that we spend up to \$300 for professional diagnostics of the club's tax situation. The motion was approved.

**Equifest 2010 (February 12 -14).** Kay Meredith is the guest dressage clinician. Our booth will close during her sessions. Abby Anderson will have promotional items to sell at the booth. New members signing up will receive a gift – a tote bag for example. Equilates Clinic flyers will be handed out. Volunteers are needed to man the booth.

**Education Committee.** Mini-education sessions will continue. At the February meeting, Dr. Sullivan will talk about annual horse health issues including worming. At the April meeting there will be a Pilates instructor.

**Betsy Steiner Equilates Clinic (May 7 – 9, 2010).** Her fees are \$1800 per day. Abby Anderson has applied for a \$1000 Dressage Foundation grant. The audit fee will be \$50. 8 riders is the maximum. If there are more than 8 applicants, names will be drawn. Rider applications are needed before February 28<sup>th</sup>. They must be KDEA members and fulfill their volunteer hours this year.

**Re-Vamp Committee.** A mission statement has been prepared. It was decided that a condensed statement was needed for the media. The committee will work on it and report back in February. Re-Vamp is a temporary committee. Publicity needs its own committee. Equifest should fall under Publicity not Education. We will also advertise KDEA in the Cimarron Region US Pony Club Directory.

**Board Members as Chairs.** All those nominated to the Board will be expected to be on a committee. Under review are a volunteer incentive program e.g. prizes, low cost clinics, competitors party at our recognized show, awards/ribbons for KDEA competitors at BFF Horse Trials (if the Griests are in agreement).

**Web Site.** Our website urgently needs updating. Currently our webmaster only charges us the domain fee. WSU does a web site design course. Abby Anderson, Lisa Sutherland & Barbara Deenihan would be willing to take this course if KDEA would pay the fees. There will be further discussion on this.

**Promotional Items.** We need promotional items to market KDEA to the community and as gifts for volunteers. Items selected range from \$5 for a notebook to \$40 for a jacket. Samples & order forms were available at the meeting. Cassie Black proposed and Nancy Hervieux seconded that we expend up to \$3500 on promotional items. The motion was approved.

**Breed Awards.** End of Year awards will include breed awards of a trophy for Champion & rosette for Reserve. Three scores need be submitted from schooling or recognized dressage or eventing shows. The breeds would be Thoroughbred, Warmblood, Quarter Horse, Gaited/Morgan, Pony, Draft, Colored, Arab, & Other. The categories would be Intro through First, Second through Fourth, FEI and in CTs & HTs dressage & final scores.

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**Elections.** The following nominations were presented three times (as required by Robert's Rules of Order) by Cassie Black:

President	Susan Lang	Secretary	Natalie Petz
Vice President	Bekki Moore	Treasurer	Pam Wrona
Board	Marie Maloney, Sherry Engel, Lisa Bryant, Barb Deenihan, Missy Malone, Blair McGehee and Karla Dolatta. There was a floor motion for Abby Anderson & Anna Howell to also be on the Board. There was a motion proposed by Sherry Engel & seconded by Nancy Harvieux that the above officers & Board members be approved for 2010 – motion carried.		

**Next Meeting** This will be on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at Barb Deenihan's at 6:00pm.

Following the meeting, Annual Awards were presented. See information elsewhere in newsletter for Award winners! Submitted by Sue Clarke, outgoing Secretary

**Nominating Committee:** Cassie Black is our nominating person for the 2010 Officer and Board nominations. Here are your fellow members who have stepped up to work for you in 2010 (and will be calling on you to help make this YOUR organization).

President: Susan Lang  
VP: Bekki Moore  
Treasurer: Pam Wrona  
Secretary: Natalie Petz

Officers serve a 1 year term, with 3 year term limits. Must attend meetings

**Board Members**  
Barb Deenihan-Awards  
Sherry Engel -Volunteer Coord  
Marie Maloney-Education  
Lisa Bryant-Membership  
Carla Dolatta – Pony Club Liaison  
Blair McGehee – Junior Member  
Missy Malone –  
Abby Anderson -Website  
Anna Howell – Eventing

Board members serve a 1 year term, with no term limits. Must attend meetings.

Thank you to all who will serve this year and thanks to those outgoing Officers and Board from last year.

### **KDEA Classifieds:**

**For Sale:** Large Black Dover Saddlery Shipping Boots. Wide Straps. NEVER WORN. Priced new at \$149.00, asking \$80.00. Contact Bekki Moore @ 619 - 7270

**For Sale:** 2003 Sundowner Gooseneck with ramp and 4' dressing room. Used very little and in excellent condition. Asking \$10,000 firm. Contact Bekki at 619-7270

**For Sale:** Justice is approx. 10 years old Belgian/Quarter cross. Training level dressage but has not been ridden or he would be at a higher level. About 14'3 and would be great for a kid with experience. Asking \$3,000 or make an offer. Contact Bekki at 619-7270.

**SADDLES WANTED:** Wide tree jumping and dressage saddles needed for part-draft horse located at Briar Fox Farm. Lisa Sutherland 316 619 6109, [sutherlandlisa@msn.com](mailto:sutherlandlisa@msn.com)

**Boy Is It Cold** (from Pam Wrona, whose horse is currently in Michigan): “Ok, riding in 19 degrees. Remove all three blankets and hood, groom very quickly, tack up; put on quarter sheet and one blanket while I peel off three layers, put my boots on. Back out, remove blanket and warm up with quarter sheet (what a pain getting those off!); take my lesson. Put the quarter sheet back on while we cool off. Untack and put at least one blanket on while she gets a drink (no outside water this time of year). Take off my boots, put extra layers back on. Put the remaining two blankets on Metaphor and her hood; take her out to pasture. Who gets to walk on manure "sanded" path, Metaphor or me?”

**KDEA Recognized Show Update.**

**Date: June 5-6, 2010 at Kansas State Fairgrounds.**

Judge: Joan Darnell, "S" – TD: Dianne Stanley, "R"

Manager: Maribeth Willard

Secretary: Susan Lang

Sponsor Solicitations to go out soon for raffle items!

**Save the  
Date!**

***Opportunity Classes....New for 2010 Show Year.***

KDEA will be offering Training Level Test 1 and Training Level Test 2 as "Opportunity Classes" at the June 5-6 recognized dressage show in Hutchinson. So what is an Opportunity Class? If you enter these classes, less fees apply....see below.

- ***What rules apply for these classes?***

Since these classes may only be offered at Licensed Dressage Competitions and Regular/Local Competitions with Open Dressage Divisions, all USEF Dressage Division (DR) rules apply, including dress and saddlery requirements, in addition to all applicable General Rules, such as Drugs & Medications (see below).

- ***What memberships are required for these classes?***

Per Rule GR821.2e(5), horses and riders competing in "opportunity" classes are exempt from USEF and USDF membership requirements, and do not have to pay non-member or Horse ID fees. (In addition, owners, trainers, and coaches are exempt from membership requirements.)

- ***Can a horse and rider cross-enter into other dressage classes?***

Yes. The prize list must state if "opportunity" riders/horses will be allowed to cross-enter into other recognized classes at your show (KDEA does allow cross entering). Please note, however, if a horse or rider enters other non-opportunity classes in which membership by participants is required, all USEF and USDF membership requirements apply for horse, rider, owner, trainer, etc. (See GR901.9 for more information.)

- ***What about the USEF Drugs & Medications fee?***

Per Rule GR821.3 & .4, horses entered only in "opportunity" classes are exempt from the Federation fee, including the Drugs & Medications fee. However, horses entered in these classes are still subject to and must comply with all D&M rules and are subject to testing at your competition.

- ***Introductory (Walk/Trot) Classes:*** These classes are exempt from all membership requirements as well, but the Drug and Medication fee is applicable.

So what is the bottom line? If you want to enter Walk Trot A or B and Training 1 and/or Training 2 ONLY at the KDEA show, you do not have to be a USDF or USEF member (or pay non member fees) and your horse also does not need to be registered. SO--find a friend who is interested in dressage and get them to come to the show. They do need to be properly attired...but the entry fees for someone new to dressage will be a lot smaller!

We need volunteers to help with the show – long before the show date! We need folks to help with stuffing envelopes for sponsor letters, following up on sponsor letters, helping with setting up the program, etc. Don't wait to get your volunteer hours in this year....help out early! Contact Maribeth Willard at [mbwillard@live.com](mailto:mbwillard@live.com)

**Quote of the Month:** Love is attention, which means looking after the things we love. We call this stable management.  
- George H. Morris

**Laurie Hedlund Clinic.** Bekki Moore is sponsoring a Laurie Hedlund dressage clinic on Feb 6-7 at Kaufman Farm. If you are interested in riding, the cost is \$87.50 per ride. Contact Bekki at [moore1275@sbcglobal.net](mailto:moore1275@sbcglobal.net) or XXXXXXXX. If you remember, Laurie did a clinic for KDEA last year, and judged one of our shows. She will return this year to judge.

Come visit our booth at Equifest! If you want to volunteer to help run the booth, please contact Marie Maloney at [marie.Maloney@hotmail.com](mailto:marie.Maloney@hotmail.com) .

Did anyone leave a pair of breeches at the last KDEA meeting? Contact Sue at [president@kdea.org](mailto:president@kdea.org)

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***President's Message and USDF Convention Report.*** I attended the USDF Convention in Austin, TX in December and went to many meetings with other dressage people. In attendance were many show officials (judges, TDs) as well as club officers and members who make up the "Board of Governors" of the Convention. Each club elects a representative(s) to the Convention (KDEA elected me) and we vote on the various items that come before the Board. These may be issues regarding national awards, election of national and regional officers, membership dues, member benefits, and finally, adopting an operating budget for 2010. Because I attended the FoxVillage dressage show software training sessions (if you remember, we had to go to commercial software because we now have to electronic report results), I did not get the opportunity to attend many of the educational sessions. However, here is a mixed bag of highlights of the convention:

- New President: George Williams. Sam Barish was President from 2000 to 2009, and had served USDF as a Regional Director or Board or Officer since 1987.
- New VP (appointed, as Williams had been VP): Melissa Creswick
- New Treasurer: Steven Schubert (Barbara Tuohino Funk outgoing)
- New Region 4 Director: Lloyd Landkamer (see his message elsewhere in newsletter)
- New Dues beginning 12/1/10:
  - Participating member: \$75 (from \$62)
  - Group member: \$20.00 to USDF (up from \$17.00)
  - Family member: \$10.00 to USDF (up from \$10.00)
  - Lifetime member: \$1500 to USDF (up from \$1000)
  - Education Member: new category: \$35.00 (non-compete, non-award)
- There are approximately 17,000 USDF Participating members and 24,000 group members (such as KDEA members). 14,530 are only group members, while another 10,000 are both Group and Participating members. Some Participating Members do not belong to any local group.
- 2010 USDF Convention: Jacksonville, FL and 2011 USDF Convention: San Diego, CA
- All FEI Tests ridden at National shows (i.e. not CDIs) can be ridden in the snaffle bridle. Other saddlery and attire rules still apply.
- AQHA is still developing its dressage recognition program, whereby AQHA members riding AQHA-registered horses can earn points toward their awards program. The horses can be entered at any dressage competition, but the judge must be an AQHA member and the show must comply with AQHA guidelines. This is still a work in progress, but might provide KDEA with an opportunity to introduce others to dressage.
- New tests will be published effective 12/1/10. There will only be 3 tests at Training, First and Second (which corresponds to only 3 at Third and Fourth as well).
- Not yet confirmed, but most likely will allow rising trot at First Level as well as at Training Level and Walk Trot.
- Fourth Level has now been "lightened" so that there is really a distinction between Fourth and Prix St George. There were many who thought that PSG was easier than Fourth 2 and Fourth 3.
- Performance Standards (i.e. having to acquire specific scores before being allowed to show at a particular level) have not been able to be developed and are no longer "a hot topic."
- In all the judges and competition management meetings, there were discussions of "santa claus" judges (those who give high scores) and how their unrealistic scores were a disservice to riders. There are riders who get a 67% from these judges, qualify for Regionals, and then get a 52% at Regionals and wonder what happened. On the other hand, there are judges who score so low that they do not reward what they see that is positive in a test. These judges tend not to give such extreme scores when they are on a panel (i.e. 2 or more judges on a ring) but when judging by themselves at a one-ring show, there is no comparison and no check-balance. There was a general discussion of need for more judge education, but the fact remains that some of these judges are unwilling to change for various reasons. Legal considerations restrict USEF in any efforts to monitor or sanction these judges, as scoring is subjective.
- The definition of a "5" on the dressage score range is now "Marginal" not "Sufficient."
- New Volunteer Requirements: At the KDEA show, we will have to appoint a designated "Safety Officer" with very specific requirements/duties at the show. We will also have to appoint someone to hand tests directly to the competitor.
- Judge's Education Session. Because I am an L-graduate, I can go to all the judge's meetings, both open and closed. I attended several sessions, but in one of them we were given a First 4 and Second 4 test, and then judged the test as seen on a video (scribing for myself brought back memories of my L-program days). Then we were split up in to about 10 groups (4 people in each) and we dissected the tests movement by movement, discussing any particular problems we had with arriving at a score. If we had more than a 1-point difference in scores, we

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then very specifically discussed this movement to see why there was a discrepancy. Those in my group included an “I” judge, the head of the L-program (and “S” judge) and another L-graduate who was beginning her quest for her ‘r’ license. This was a very useful exercise, and when we were done discussing we then looked at the videos of the rides again (a luxury that does not exist [and isn’t legal] in the real world at a show). We also discussed the comments given in each box, and made sure that every score of a 6 or less had a comment (which is what judges are taught these days, so if you get a test back at a show with no comments for movements of 6 or less, then you need to pick up an evaluation form at the show office and submit the form and a copy of the test to the USEF. Your comments/submission are confidential. This is the only way USEF can keep track of the judges who are/are not complying with requirements).

- **Pony Measurement.** As a requirement to maintain my USEF ‘r’ Technical Delegate license, I had to attend a class put on by the USEF Education Department on “Pony Measurement.” Two weeks prior to this class, all participants received a power point, an FEI document on identifying horses, and several other handouts to review. Dressage shows can offer classes restricted to ponies, and in order to enter these classes, ponies must hold a ‘measurement card’ indicating whether they are at or under 148 centimeters (without shoes) or at or under 149 centimeters (with shoes). Although it may sound easy to measure a pony, it is required to be done with a USEF-registered measuring stick (they have serial #s), at a USEF-recognized competition, with a veterinarian in attendance (the pony is jogged for soundness and aged by its teeth), by a TD licensed to measure ponies. There is a very specific form to fill out with all the pony’s markings (do you know the *specific* FEI definition of a blaze, stripe, star, snip, white face, bald face?) including all leg markings (white to mid cannon is the appropriate phrase, not ‘high sock’). The form must show all white markings in red, and all other marks (scars, prophet’s thumb, flesh marks, brands) must be drawn on the form in black. Whorls must be distinguished from ‘tufts’ and whorls are marked with an X on the diagram – the form must show at least one face whorl and one whorl on each side of the horse. When the pony is measured, it must be “set up” in a particular manner, measured only on concrete (not dirt, grass, gravel or on a piece of plywood), and the ground must be checked to confirm that it is level. The owner must also be informed of the measurement process, and the TD must be able to answer any questions about the measurement procedure and the processing of the form by USEF. At the clinic, we had a 3- hour lecture, a 2-hour hands-on demonstration/practicum, and then all 20 of us had to test individually (with the hands-on measurement, form completion, and ‘discussion’ with a fake owner taking about 20 minutes). The testers evaluated on the TD’s demeanor with the owner and ability to answer questions, the proper completion of the form with markings (in the right color, the right description, at least 3 whorls, etc), and the actual measurement of the pony. Then there was a 25-question T/F test to take that had to be passed with a 75% or better. Whew! I’ll know after the first of the year whether I passed (and I assume that I did). But – moral of the story – it is not as easy at it would seem!

As always, I encourage any of you to attend the USDF Convention each year to see that KDEA is a small part of a very large organization dedicated to dressage. Go out to the USDF website ([www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org)) and check out the national and regional programs that are offered....we are but a small part of the whole. Next year’s convention will be in Jacksonville, FL and the 2011 Convention will be in San Diego, CA.

Susan

**KDEA Schooling Shows for 2010.** Once again we are putting out a call for show managers and secretaries for the 2010 Schooling Show year. As Susan is implementing the new show management software, she will volunteer to secretary the May schooling show (as a test run of the software). We will assign a mentor to each “newbie” that signs up to run a show this year...and it really isn’t all that difficult to organize or secretary a show. The manager and/or secretary does NOT have to: send out the entry form, get the judge, or secure the facility....that is already done. So – won’t you volunteer today (and get your volunteer hours done early...). There is also a handbook that tells you the ins and outs of running a show. Bekki Moore will be acquiring judges for this year, so if there is someone you want to recommend, contact Bekki at [moore1275@sbcglobal.net](mailto:moore1275@sbcglobal.net)

May 15 – Susan Lang will secretary – need manager

July 10 – Missy Malone will Secretary – need manager

September 18 --- Meadowlark Pony club will secretary/manager w/SLang help

### **Upcoming KDEA Educational Sessions (brought to you by the Education Committee)**

February Education Topic: Spring Vaccinations and Health Maintenance

April Education Topic: Pilates Demo/Work out as Prep for Equilates Clinic

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### **The View from the (US Eventing Association Area IV) Chair**

I'm still not quite sure how it came about but, on December 5<sup>th</sup> 2009, I became the new USEA Area IV Chairman. I think the process started when Beth Stoker, my predecessor, asked me would I like to be on the Area Council - "It's only answering the occasional e-mail". Since then things rapidly evolved via volunteering and then announcing at the American Eventing Championships to last year in Reston - you know you're doomed when the majority of your eventing friends are on the USEA Board of Governors.

The USEA Annual Meeting at Reston may well prove to a turning point in more ways than one. It marked the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the USEA itself and, if you missed it, the Gala was both historic - the cake was cut with a cavalry sword and hilarious - Jimmy Wofford and Denny Emerson could both have careers as stand-up comedians. In many ways, from the increased emphasis on safety & care for the horse to closer ties to mainstream dressage (USDF L Faculty members taught & evaluated the USEF Eventing judge candidates during their dressage training), 2009 may be the start of more cooperation between all the English riding disciplines.

As you may know, Eventing has its roots in the "Military", an Olympic sport originally only for serving cavalry officers. It has a particular home in Kansas as Fort Riley was the Cavalry training depot and the one of the first cross-country courses was at Fort Leavenworth (the oldest in the US is at the horse artillery depot at Fort Sill in Oklahoma). Jimmy Wofford, whose father was at Fort Riley and sister lives in Wichita, is one of the bridges being now one of the foremost eventing clinicians in the country (he'll be doing a clinic just south of us at Woodlands in Oklahoma later this year which will be free to audit).

In Area IV this year, we're lucky that there's a team of enthusiastic & experienced coordinators for both Adult and Young Riders. We will have a full schedule of clinics, schoolings and camps for all levels and age groups. The year starts with the Area IV Annual Meeting in St. Louis on February 20<sup>th</sup>, which will also be my first official duty - wish me luck!

John Clarke

**KDEA 2010 Awards Year.** There was a miscommunication (Susan's) in the last few newsletters regarding the Awards Year. For 2010 (and years thereafter) the awards year is 10/1/XX to 9/30/XX. Scores are to be submitted by 10/15/XX. For those who earned scores in October 2009, these scores were already counted for the 2009 award year, so they will not count (again) for the 2010 award year. So - when 9/30/10 comes around, get your scores in for the 2010 Awards year!



Also - To qualify for awards in 2010, members will need to volunteer FIVE hours sometime throughout the year. We really want you to use the Volunteer Forms to track your hours, so we will have them available at each schooling show and KDEA event.

**EquiFest.** Equifest is February 12-14<sup>th</sup> at the Kansas Coliseum and the dressage clinician is Kay Meredith. She may still be looking for a few more demo riders; if anyone is interested, please email Marie Maloney ([marie.Maloney@gmail.com](mailto:marie.Maloney@gmail.com)) and she will forward your name to Kay. KDEA will have a booth at Equifest, and although we will not be directly sharing space with Kay, we will be across the aisle from her. The club may be asked to help staff her booth as well as our own. We will be sending out times to sign up for in the next few weeks. Marilyn Lee and Abby Anderson are busy working on KDEA logo items to have available for members at Equifest. We will need volunteers to help set up and tear down the booths and well as staffing them throughout the weekend. Our goal for the weekend is to raise awareness and interest in dressage, and hopefully increase our membership. Committee members: Marie Maloney, Abby Anderson, Missy Malone, Lisa Bryant, Cassie Black and Bekki Moore.

**Facility in Lyons, KS.** When traveling through Lyons last week, I stopped at The ArenaAt Celebration Centre. This is a really nice indoor arena (with adjacent outdoor warmup). The indoor arena is 125' x 240, but there are permanent cattle chute in one end that would make it a bit tight for a 20x60 arena. They have 100 horse stalls (the yellow canvas ones like the Coliseum) and washracks. There is also a concession area, under construction office area. It is also a bit far away for KDEA to utilize it as a host facility, but it is very nice. For anyone who lives in the area, they also offer use of the indoor arena for - get this -- \$40.00 per month. Non members can use the arena for \$10.00 per horse for up to 6 hours.



**Poll... Your Response is Requested.** If there is sufficient interest in monthly low-cost dressage and jumping clinics, KDEA will look into working with local instructors to provide our membership with these opportunities. If you are interested, have a suggestion, or want more information, contact Missy Malone at [magistic@prodigy.net](mailto:magistic@prodigy.net)

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**The Hutchinson Prison Program - Saving Horses - Changing Men.** gentles, halter trains and eventually saddle trains some of the wild horses held at their facility. The horses are then offered for adoption.

Not only does this program help the common colored horses find home it helps men in prison, too. The men learn responsibility and discipline. We need basic things like reins, headstalls, saddle pads or blankets, a saddle or two would be wonderful. We are working with wild animals so the light flimsy stuff does not work and can be dangerous for horse and human. All we use for bits are snaffles and variations of snaffles maybe a side pull or bosel. We are a non profit organization so if someone needs a tax deduction I can give them a receipt. Thank you, without your support we would not exist! Dexter = or Natalie Petz (KDEA's new secretary) at secretary@kdea.org



**Next KDEA Meeting – Wednesday, February 3** The next KDEA meeting will be WEDNESDAY, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm at the home of Barb Deenihan.

**Directions:**

**Educational Session 6:30 to 7:00: Dr. Jenny Sullivan: Spring Vaccinations and Health Maintenance. Meeting to follow.**

**Querying All Members** – does anyone out there have any website design and maintenance experience? Are you willing to help KDEA with our website for the next year or two while we really get our website up and going? If so, contact Cassie Black at XXXXX. We are contemplating sending a couple of members to a website design class, but want to see if anyone else has an interest or background in websites. We currently have Susan Royal doing our website, and are looking for KDEA members to become more active in the management of the website.



**Notice---Notice---- New Eventing Dressage Tests for 2010 – Notice – Notice** You can go out to the US Eventing Association for the new tests. Go to [www.useventing.com](http://www.useventing.com) and then to Competitions, then to Dressage Tests. Watch the upcoming KDEA Schooling show entry forms for the ones we will use in 2010. The USEF Dressage tests will not change until 2011. You can also go to [www.TheDigitalHorse.com](http://www.TheDigitalHorse.com) to get a sample of the tests.

**KDEA As An Affiliate.** At the last meeting, we voted to pay the \$75.00 annual fee to USEA and become an Affiliate of US Eventing. This will get us one subscription to US Eventing, 1 copy of the Omnibus, voting rights, and various other affiliate benefits. If you are interested in any of these publications, contact Sue Clarke

**KDEA Mission Statement.** At the January meeting, the following was proposed as a “Mission Statement” for KDEA. There was some concern that it is too long to be a traditional mission statement, so member input is being solicited to “pare down” the length. Anyone who has any suggestions or comments should contact Bekki Moore at XXXX  
Proposed: “The Kansas Dressage and Eventing Association promotes dressage and eventing through clinics, seminars and meetings. It actively encourages member and rider education and development through schooling shows, recognized shows and riding clinics. It makes an impact on the local horse community by presenting the Association and its activities through media outlets, expositions, and word of mouth. The Association supports local equine charities and provides financial assistance to members participating in educational endeavors. Member excellence is recognized through awards for riding, volunteering and horse performance. The Association exists to fulfill these objectives while enjoying member camaraderie and social interaction.”



**KDEA Website.** We are in the midst of an update to our website. If you haven't been out to [www.kdea.org](http://www.kdea.org) recently, please go there and check out our current website. Make any suggestions for improvement to Cassie Black at XXX or Abby Anderson at XXX

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### Message from our new USDF Region 4 Director

For those that have not met me, I am Lloyd Landkamer and the USDF Region 4 Director as of Jan 1. Just to catch you up to what has been happening since that date, we are working hard to re-vamp the region 4 web site so that it is accessible to everyone. Megan Ward at XXXX has stepped forward to take on that challenge. If you have updates - please feel free to forward onto Megan. By having this up and going, we will be able to provide a very accessible site so everyone can keep up on the information. We had no one to update it for the last few years, so we are really looking forward to having this available to everyone again.

An account has been established with the email service "I Connect" in which we will be able to get information out to our membership in a regular fashion. We have transferred the email addresses from the old Yahoo account over to this...unfortunately there were only 200+ addresses. If your GMO would like to add their membership to this e-letter, please forward me your email list to incorporate into the mailings. Of course, this list is held private and will not be let out to any other organization or individual. Also, if you could send me a list of your upcoming events and the contact for those, I will be glad to submit them to the membership.

Many of you I have already spoken to since the beginning of the year - but everyone should feel that I am accessible to answer questions - give insight or investigate issues on your behalf. My contact information is listed below and feel comfortable to contact me anytime. Sincerely, Lloyd Landkamer

### The USEA 2009 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting was held at a convenient location in the center of Reston, Virginia a short bus ride from Dulles Airport. There was a good choice of restaurants within a couple of blocks and a Panera outlet on site. There was also a very festive air with a skating rink and Christmas trees directly opposite the hotel - we even had snow over the weekend!

The Gala Evening was a lot of fun. This year the USEA celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Being a stand-up comedian must be part of the job description for older eventers - all of the Hall of Fame Inductees kept us in stitches with laughter!

All the rest of the Meeting was pure business. In spite of the economy, the year ended with entries only 3.5% down. Apparently Eventing did a lot better than the Hunter/Jumper world. Because of the economy, more competitors entered at the last minute. There was a lot of discussion on how to prevent this. Middleburg HT already offers a cheaper rate for entries within 5 days of opening. There is also a new rule that allows for post-closing date entries but the refund policy is not extended. It has been found that there is quite a variation in costs to enter equivalent events. The Organizers Committee will look into the fee structure for competitions hoping to make costs more equal.

This year there are new dressage tests. There had been complaints that the tests were late being provided by the USEA that had been a problem for HTs in the southern states. There is a new movement in the Preliminary A test. While trotting across the diagonal, give and take the reins forward over X for 5 metres. The horse is expected to lengthen the frame keeping contact with the bit & staying balanced with no lowering of the head. This is not a release or like the stretch circle where the horse's neck goes down & out. There is now a double coefficient in the free or extended walk. Shoulder-in has been removed from Preliminary and replaced by leg-yield. In the short arena there was not enough shoulder-in shown for the judge to properly evaluate. A third Preliminary test has been produced for the large arena (A & B are in the small arena). Intermediate tests will also now be in the large arena because they have been written with more difficult movements.

I had an interesting meeting with Robin Kelly of the DigitalHorse.com. She has both Eventing & Dressage tests on her website shown with animated diagrams, which can be downloaded both from the rider's and the judge's perspective. One change that will be great for eventing dressage, the USEA is trying to tie together eventing dressage and USDF dressage. Eventing learner judges will be sitting in with USDF judges. USDF L Faculty judges were the examiners for dressage this year. There is an official proposal that carrying a whip in dressage incur a deduction for an error rather than elimination. The whip length is back to the original length of 120 cm (47.2 inches) to align with USDF rules. There is also a proposal that there be a \$100 fine, at the Ground Jury's discretion, for failure to present for the saddlery inspection. At the moment there is no penalty in the rules.

As far as drugs are concerned, the USEA will continue to be a therapeutic substance group rather than a no substance group. There is, however, a proposal to allow only one NSAID in the system.

The Safety Committee reported that the FEI has adopted the cross country rule that one fall equals elimination. The USEA already has this rule and the only hold out against this rule is the United Kingdom. They argue that there is insufficient data to suggest more accidents occur when riders continue after a fall. This year in the USA there have been no rider fatalities - perhaps the dangerous riding watch and increased qualifications to move up have helped.

As well as the meetings, there were some great seminars including boots for horses, the coffin canter (or lack of it), working through fear, the performance horse and speed studies (by our local expert, John Staples). There will be articles on these in future newsletters.

Submitted by Sue Clarke

**2009 KDEA Awards**



**Dressage Medals**

Gold: Elaine McEwen  
Silver: Marie Maloney  
Bronze: Patricia McEwen  
Training Level Certificate: Ariel Fletcher

**Rider of the Year - Dressage**

Recognized Show Dressage High Score – Junior Adrian Dolatta – 68.684  
Recognized Show Dressage High Score – Senior Marie Maloney – 73.953  
Schooling Show Dressage High Score – Junior Nick Staples – 62.500  
Schooling Show Dressage High Score – Senior Rebecca Moore – 70.00  
Dressage High Score (Pony Club) - Adrian Dolatta – 68.684

**Rider of the Year - Eventing**

Recognized Event Low Score Junior: Patricia McEwen Little Star Love - 27.4  
Schooling Combined Test or Horse Trial Dressage Low Score – Junior  
Blair McGehee – Red Ruby Slippers – 36.0  
Schooling Combined Test or Horse Trial Dressage Low Score – Senior  
Missy Malone-Bartel – Mongo – 35.5  
Pony Club Member Dressage Low Score – Adrian Dolatta – Maestro – 46.0

**Horse of the Year – Recognized (submitted scores) - Dressage**

Training Level Horse of the Year – Junior – Ariel Fletcher – Snapshot - 64.267  
First Level Horse of the Year – Junior – Patricia McEwen – Little Star Love – 65.328  
Second Level Horse of the Year – Senior – Cassandra Black – Gossamer – 64.639  
Third Level Horse of the Year – Senior – Marie Maloney – Lazulite – 69.308  
Prix St George Horse of the Year – Senior – Elaine McEwen – Jelmer – 63.158  
First Level Horse of the Year - Senior – Missy Malone-Bartel – Ever Ember– 64.174

**Horse of the Year – Schooling Show - Dressage**

Intro – Senior – Bekki Moore – 67.167  
First – Senior – Missy Malone-Bartel – Ever Ember -- 64.638

**KDEA Volunteer of the Year – Marie Maloney – Thank you Marie for your work organizing the Education Committee and Equifest activities!**

**Submitted by: Nancy Harvieux, Awards Chair**

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