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The St. Louis Area Dressage Society Newsletter

October, 2010

SLADS is a USDF Group Member Organization (GMO) and SLADS members are automatically USDF Group Members (GMs). For USDF Participating Membership, members must apply directly to USDF.

Hello,

It seems the weather is finally changing, I love the Fall. The cool air, the changing of the leaves and it is great riding weather. As we look forward to the changing of the seasons we will also be looking at the updated changes to SLADS bylaws and standing rules. The committee has been working very hard to create documents that clearly outline all aspects of SLADS.

This has not been an easy process. Many subjects inspired passionate discussions among the board members which we talked through and came to a general consensus on the final wording. I was very proud to be part of this process. We have a board of very passionate horse people that came together with the common goal and incorporated all of their ideas (and compromises) into the document that you will be reading soon and voting on at the year-end banquet. I want to thank everyone for their input and their respect for others ideas that did not always agree with theirs.

In case I forget later, I would like to thank everyone for a successful Region 4 Championship show. We have a great show committee team and everyone has been working very hard to ensure we have a great show. If you haven't volunteered or find you have some time while you are at the show, please stop by the office to see if we can use you somewhere. Many time things come up at the show where we could use some additional assistance, so please check in with Sarah Szachnieski, the volunteer coordinator.

For those of you who are showing, good luck and I look forward to watching you ride. For those of you volunteering, thank you and I look forward to working with you.

See you at the show,
Ann



PLEASE HELP

SLADS is looking for volunteer help during lunch breaks during the **Region 4 Championships and SLADS Fall Class October 8-10th, 2010** to take down and reset arenas after they have been worked. If you have grooms, relatives, friends, etc that are willing to help make this go quickly so we can get the afternoon rides started on time please email or call Sarah Szachnieski at seszachnieski@gmail.com or 314 608 5299. Thanks!

The next SLADS General Meeting will be held on: **Monday, October 18th at 7:00** at Weinhardt Party Rentals, 11601 Manchester Rd.

The following article is reprinted with the permission of Equestrian Event Management, Inc. and is in no way an endorsement for EEMI. The article highlights how volunteering is a labor of love and reminds everyone these people are there because they want to help, not because they have to be.

WHAT MAKES A SUCCESSFUL HORSE SHOW? **VOLUNTEERS!!**

A competent secretary and manager can organize a horse show and keep the paperwork straight. Licensed officials and support staff—EMT, vet, farrier, judges and TD—also keep the show in good standing with USEF, and help make it a safe and worthwhile competition. Even with those resources in place, you still don't have a horse show.

Add a nice facility—still no horse show!

Add the competitors—STILL no horse show!!

Add the noble steeds—STILL no horse show!!!

What it takes to make a successful, safe, fun horse show is a crew of **VOLUNTEERS!**

Many competitors don't realize that the final report on the show completed by the technical delegate includes specific issues relating to volunteers: Were there enough? Did they get the training they needed to do their assigned jobs? Did show management take care of them adequately in terms of food, drink, and reasonable shift lengths? If the answers to those questions aren't what the licensing organization needs to hear, then the license itself is in jeopardy.

Realizing that volunteering is a labor of love, EEMI enforces some basic rules regarding volunteers. When someone volunteers for us, we promise them that:

- A) They will be well fed, and have plenty to drink throughout the day.
- B) They will get breaks!
- C) They will be trained for any job they are asked to do.
- D) They will have back-up if unforeseen problems arise during the day.
- E) They will have our expressed thanks, including a small gift at the end of the day.

Finally, it must be mentioned that a volunteer should NEVER bear the brunt of an unhappy competitor's unsportsmanlike behavior. At all times, volunteers must be able to rely on show management's intervention (and the TD's if necessary) should a competitor become difficult.

Save this date! January 22, 2010 is the SLADS

Year End Celebration to be held at the Hacienda!

(Located at McKnight and Manchester). Great food,

cash bar, guest speaker, year end awards, and silent

auction add up to a great time to be had by all!

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2010-2011 Calendar of Events

October 8-10: Region 4 Regionals and SLADS Fall Classic, NEC, Lake St. Louis, MO. Sandi Lewis at Sandi@SLADS.org. For more information, visit www.SLADS.org.

October 23: Benefit Horse Show for the Central Missouri Humane Society. Amulette Equestrian Center, Columbia, MO. Contact Terri Wright at 573-489-7799.

October 29-31: Maryal Barnett Dressage Clinic at Stony Hill Farm. Columbia, MO. Contact Liz Hotchkiss at LHotck@aol.com.

October 30: SLADS Dressage Schooling Show, NEC, Lake St. Louis, MO. See www.slads.org for more info.

November 14: Hunter Pace at Queeny Park. Contact Christy DeMauro at CDeMauro@centurytel.net.

November 20: Free Dressage Show and Exhibition at Fairfax Farms. Rocheport, MO. Contact Beth Hussey at ESHussey@gmail.com.

January 22, 2011: SLADS Year End Celebration at Hacienda restaurant in Rock Hill, MO.

January 21-23, 2011: Missouri Equine Council Equine Extravaganza. Boone County Fairgrounds, Columbia, MO.

SLADS General Membership Meeting
Weinhardt Party Rentals-Des Peres, MO
September 8, 2010

Ann Gioia, President opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Those present were Libby Abbott, Mari Jebens, Liz Drew, Sally Waite, Leslie Burket, Judy Simms, Ann Gioia, Debbie Price, Sandi Lewis and Lisa Hollenbeck.

October 2010 open and Regional show- Judy Simms discussed the awards procedure and the exhibitor dinners immediately following the show. The approximate time for the dinners will be right after the award ceremony at an approximate time of 5:30pm. The exhibitors will listen for the announcement of this via our announcer.

Judy Simms discussed a Cancer survivor recognition during the exhibitor party. A suggestion by Lisa Hollenbeck that we go on the "Trust your journey" website that has inspirational items and pick out a few to give to the survivors. Lisa Hollenbeck said this company may even donate some items for this presentation.

Judy Simms stated that the water has been donated by SBF. It will be put in a tub outside of the arenas to hand out to the exhibitors and grooms.

Judy Simms commented on the Signage. The Centerline Dressage club will loan us the signs they have for our use at the regionals. A friend of Judy's at the Y did sponsor the rest of the signs that needed to be made at her cost. This cost only \$100 vs. \$2000. Alice Martin said we can borrow arena. Queeny said we could use their arena for a fee. We do not know a fee as of yet.

Judy Simms showed the tote bags. Trish Dalton designed the bags. Ann Gioia said we can borrow SLU's radios there are approximately 12 or 13. The hospitality and decorations are covered. Stuffing bags for the exhibitors will be Wednesday before at the NEC. The Exhibitor party cost is still being investigated by Lori Kirby. She is waiting on Liz at the NEC for final price. She may do one party herself with others chipping in because of costs. Sarah Szachnieski needs more volunteers. There will be Tents for outside Ring Stewards. The Arenas will be staked on Wednesday and set up Thursday morning.

The bids for the **Show Manager for 2011** shows were reviewed. Sandi Lewis was hired for 2011 by the board. The bids for the **Show secretary for 2011** shows were reviewed. The Board hired Susan England for the June, 2011 show and Libby Abbot for the October, 2011 show. The 2011 Judges for the June show have been hired. They are Eliza Madler, Kristy Hastings and Fran Dearing. The 2011 Judges for the October show are Tammy Bates, Marilyn Heath and Barbara Ebner.

Judy Simms reported we have not paid the license fee for the 2012 shows. A vote of which weekend in June to hold the Summer Festival was held. It was decided by the majority of the board to hold the show on **June 15-17, 2012**. The Judges that have been hired so far for the June, 2012 show are Lelo Fore and Axel Steinard. The Judges that have been hired so far for the October, 2012 show are Debbie Reo-Rodriguez and Sarah Geikie.

Pam Davies brought up adding **breeding classes** to show. Judy Simms will check to see if any judges have a card for 2011. If none have a card, then we will look into 2012 to do this.

Website manager will now be Debbie Price.

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SLADS General Membership Meeting Minutes—Continued

Committee updates

Education committee-Pam Davies thinks the October schooling show to be held October 30, 2010 will be crazy busy might need 2nd ring. Pam Davies will contact NEC to see about 2nd ring. The Tack Trunk is sponsoring this show.

Awards committee-Sally Waite showed prizes for the open show in October, 2010.

Sally Waite also reported that on **January 22, 2011 the SLADS banquet will be held at the Hacienda Restaurant on McKnight and Manchester**. This will be a Buffet with a Private Room. There will be a speaker and silent auction. One suggestion for a speaker was Emily Wagner. We must spend a minimum of \$3500 to have it at the Hacienda Restaurant.

Bylaws Committee-Debbie Price passed out the Draft standing rules and by laws for the board to review. All present discussed a few changes. The Board will look over and make additional suggestions to Debbie Price.

The Meeting Adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Lewis
Secretary

Lessons with Lotta Eklund

Lessons will be available with Lotta Eklund in Waterloo, Illinois. Call for details and we have some limited stabling as well. Lessons will be conducted in a sand/rubber indoor arena with **full length mirrors** on the short side to aid with instruction.

Call Barbara Wood at 1.618.473.3638 for any details or further information.

Lotta teaches all levels of dressage and has ridden and competed through I-2. I find her style sincere and helpful and feel much gratitude to have her come to this area.

WakeUp Represents US in WCYDH

At the World Championships for Young Dressage Horses, US representative **Emily Wagner and WakeUp (Wagnis/Macho)** placed 18th out of 41 entries in the 5-year-old division and fourth place in the consolation finals. Wagner and her American Warmblood stallion were the sole US entries at the Championships, held in Verden, Germany.

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Horse Show Committee Meeting
9/20/10, Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:40PM. Present were: Judy Halter, Sandi Lewis, Leslie Burket, Trish Dalton, Sally Waite, Sarah Szachnieski, and Judy Simms.

Sarah gave an update on the volunteer shirts. She has ordered them and got an even better price than originally quoted, \$4.90, so our total is \$995 for 200 shirts. She also gave an update on the volunteer situation. We will be staggering the lunch breaks as we have to drag all of the rings during the break and this makes it easier on the volunteers. We have 6 runners, one for each ring and one extra! We still don't have an answer from St. Patrick's Center about crews for the ring dragging but Sarah is sure we have enough volunteers to handle it smoothly.

Trish reported that the platforms are finished. They have handholds to make them easier to move. Arena B has 2 judge's stands already so we don't have to make an additional platform for that arena.

The program is coming along. We have many ads, most of them in color. We will use card stock in white for the front and back covers as we have colored ads on both front and back covers which will show up better on a white background. We will print 350 to be sure we have enough and send electronic copies of the program to the advertisers and sponsors.

Leslie reported on the Awards ceremonies. She has contacted USDF and they said we don't need to ask for IDs from people picking up their awards. We will keep the awards area open for a couple of hours in the afternoon (perhaps from 2-4) and a couple of hours in the evening (7-9) for winners to pick up their awards. We will have a sign on the door to the second floor stating the hours. Leslie will need 2 copies of the class sheets after the classes have been scored. One of these will be given to the announcer. We discussed how long the awards ceremony would be during the noon hour and decided we need 1.25 hours--40 minutes for the ceremony and 45 minutes to drag the ring before the afternoon session. We will need 3 more white boards as we may have as many as 7 classes in the warm up ring during the ceremonies.

Janis was not able to attend but we discussed the need for a second announcer as the PA system doesn't connect Arenas A&B. Sarah spoke with someone who volunteered to help with the announcing and she will contact that person and get back to Judy with the information. The PA system in Arena B doesn't have a mixer so we can't play music for the freestyles.

In Lori's absence, Judy gave her report. Lori has ordered the tables, chairs, linens, etc. we need for the VIP seating, judge's area and the parties. Ed and Barb will deliver the large pots of mums for use in decorating the rings in A&B and Lori will go to Weithops to pick up the smaller pots for table decorations and photo booth decorations.

Liz at the NEC is catering both of our parties and will do them for our budgeted price. The menu Lori gave her is for a Pasta night on Fri and a Mexican night on Sat which Liz assures us she can do for our price. Lori will also order donuts for morning hospitality as well as coffee, etc. She will go to Sam's and pick up the snax we use in the back packs for the volunteers as well as for use on the VIP tables. Lori also has gotten together a group of volunteers from Liz Drew's barn and her family to help stuff the exhibitor bags on Wed night. She said that Maura from the Tack Trunk is donating coupons for the bags. Leslie reported that the juniors will be on hand to help with this. The juniors also will have a get together for all the junior exhibitors at the show.

We made arrangements for everyone to meet at the NEC on Wed night at 6PM to stuff the exhibitor bags. In addition, Trish, Sally, Judy and Sarah will meet at the NEC at 1 PM on Wed to unload the awards from Sally's truck and go to the locker and pick up our supplies for the show. Ann, Christy and Donna DeMauro will come out Wed to stake out the arenas. Judy reported on the signage and the VIP seating arrangements. She asked about recognizing cancer survivors at the Sat night party and the committee agreed. She will write a press release this week.

Sandi gave her report. There are 231 entries at the present time. Susan is scheduling them and mentioned the need for either moving judges around during the day or adding a 5th ring. The committee decided it would be easier on everyone to add a 5th ring. We discussed different people we could borrow a ring from and as Queeny is the closest, we will pay \$250 for renting their arena. Ann will pick it up. Sandi has heard from all the judges and has their itineraries. She will send them all a welcoming email and give them Sarah's contact information. Sandi has the stabling information and will get it in order to send to Sarah so she can print the stall cards by the end of this week. Sandi will also get a total count on the number of tests needed and see that they are printed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.



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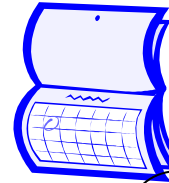
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The show will be at the National
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The entry form can be found on the
SLADS website: www.slads.org

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