



KDEA E-Newsletter – December



Awards Meeting: 2016 Awards will be handed out at the Awards Meeting on **January 7th at the 5pm at the Rose Hill Recreation Center, 400 S. Rose Hill Road** (also known as Andover Road/Rose Hill Road or Butler Road), Rose Hill, KS 67133 (Plan to attend....and get your award, or cheer on one of your friends who is getting an award. Please note that this meeting was originally

announced as being at the Rose Room in Rose Hill, but that ended up being booked so we are at the Rose Hill Rec Center. Directions from the North...heading South into Rose Hill: Come into Rose Hill on Andover/RoseHill/Butler Road and come through town. Rec Center is on the left (east) side, at the stop light. If you get to the high school, you've gone too far. Thanks to Natalie for all her work in doing Awards this year..

KDEA Memberships and Awards. Don't forget that KDEA memberships were due by November 30th....to continue your USDF Connection magazine and to keep getting the KDEA and USDF email information. The membership form is attached, and Maribeth Willard is our Membership Chair for this year. **Click here** for 2017 Membership Application.

The Awards program has been revamped for 2017, and now you just nominate your horse for \$10.00 annually, and that makes you eligible for all awards, both year end (Horse of the Year, Rider of the Year) and the lifetime awards (Dressage and Eventing Medals, Certificates of Achievement). Check out the new awards flyer and the Awards sign up form. Awards Chair is Natalie McTaggart..and she is seeking another person for her committee? Contact her at bar.m.quarterhorses@gmail.com**KDEA Click Here** for 2017 Award Sign Up. **Click Here** for Award Flyer with Award program info.

KDEA Member Profiles: Sarah Hansen, a new KDEA member in 2016, has taken on the task of gathering Member Profiles and each newsletter will add new members to the list. Click Here for Member Profiles So – if you get a call or email, let her get some information from you to introduce you to our membership. For some of us who have known each other for years (decades), we probably still don't know how we first got into horses, the first horse we had, or what our best moment has been so far with horses...so you may learn something about a new friend, or an old one! If Sarah hasn't contacted you, and you'd like to provide a Member Profile, email president@kdea.org and your information will be forwarded on.

Competition Management:

KDEA Schooling Shows for 2017. The Competition Committee met in mid November and worked on the schedule for 2017. As of right now (see attached Calendar), we have 2 Jump For Joy shows at Flying Diamond (July 8 and August 5th) and 2 Dressage only schooling shows at Eagle View (the old Grandview at Harry and 127th). We also have one show at Windermere which has dressage, combined tests and jumper classes (our old format with both dressage and jumping at the same show). Watch for more info, and see the 2017 Calendar attached to this newsletter. Click Here for Calendar.

Hutchinson Show – The Hutch recognized dressage show is June 3-4, 2017 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds. The judge is Maryal Barnett from Michigan. Put the date on your calendar, and it is not too early to start drumming up sponsorships for this show! Susan, Maribeth and Natalie McTaggard

(MB's new co manager) will be calling on you soon to work on sponsors.

USDF Convention Notes – from Susan Lang

Judge's Committee – Judges are being encouraged to make sure that they accept a few shows a year where they are part of a “panel” (i.e. judge at E and at C) so that they can assure that their scores are similar to that of the other judges. It is a concern that if a judge only judges where they are the single judge on the ring, they do not get the feedback that is common at shows with multiple judges on a ring. Judges who are on panels frequently discuss rides (after scores go in) and will compare their relative scores (how they placed the horses overall) to see if they “saw” the same ride, thus developing or confirming their “eye. While the scores at C and at E will vary some because of the perspective of the judge from the side versus from the end, the variation should not be such that the judges would have placed the horses in significantly different placings (if they had judged individually). From the rider's perspective, there are some who feel that they always get a lower score if they have two judges scores averaged when there are two judges on the ring. The rider sees the 61% and the 59%, averaged for 60%, and believes that “if I just hadn't been judged by two judges, I would have gotten a higher score, so therefore I don't like being judged by two judges.” Although both scores may be accurate (again, depending on the location of the judge), if the judge at C gave the 59%, the reality is that if the judge at C had been the only judge, they would have gotten a LOWER score than the average (something most riders don't consider when they see the 59% and the 61%). So – if you are judged by a panel, remember that scores do vary from C to E, that the average is just that, and average (and you could have had a lower score, or higher score, with the one judge), and that the judges are furthering their education when they get to judge as part of a panel.

Of note, in Australia, when a CDI has a panel of judges which differ more than 4% points in their score, they are required by their national federation to have a discussion between them (after the ride) as to why the scores were so varied. This helps the judges all stay with the same judging methodology and makes scores more consistent country-wide.

Qualifying Rides – for 2017, recognized shows can choose to offer riders two chances to get their qualifying scores. They can do this by offering the standards Training Level Test 3* (for example) and then offer “Test of Choice, Training and First” *Qualifying. This means that you can enter the Training 3 class as Qualifying, and then in the same day, enter the Tests of Choice at Training 3, and make it Qualifying as well. If this class is judged by different judges, then both scores could count toward your Qualifying rides, but if it is the same judge, then only one score counts (but you had two chances).
FEI Tests – 2017. If you are riding at FEI levels, make sure that you download the new 2017 FEI tests (www.horsesport.org) as although the patterns have not changed, the “boxes” have changed (i.e. some movements are now grouped or scored differently) and the error calculation is different (1 error = minus 2% points, 2nd error is elimination).

Freestyle rides – for 2019, there will be new freestyle tests (effective 12/1/18), and the scoresheets and level requirements will be much clearer (especially as to what transitions are allowable or forbidden). It was mentioned that at the Nationals, there were numerous riders who were given penalties for performing forbidden movements, and they said that they had been riding that test/pattern all year (so maybe the movement was poorly performed so the judge could not see it, or it was performed incorrectly? Both judges and riders need to be clear on what is allowed and what is

not so that similar issues do not arise in the future.

World Cup - Dressage and Jumping. The 2017 Longines FEI World Cup is being held at the CenturyLink Center in Omaha, NE on March 29 through April 2nd. Tickets are now available at www.omahaworldcup2017.com. Mike West, one of the organizers, spoke to us several times about the plans for the show. He states that the FEI warmup will be surrounded by all the vendor booths (the European model, where warmup is very visible) and he told the women at the Convention that he has built a “woman's tailgate party” in the form of all the vendors available before the main event competition. He states that the stabling will not be open to the public (that is an FEI rule) but that there will be many other horse activities, including one that are kid friendly. They also plan to host thousands of schoolchildren to the show, providing an educational event which introduces as many schoolchildren to a horse as possible (including letting them pet a horse).

From the Group Member Organization meeting

One club has “Volunteer Medals” in Bronze (300 volunteer hours), Silver (500 hours) and Gold (1000 hours). Each event coordinator turns in the hours, and non member hours are tracked (so if the person becomes a member, their hours earned when a non member will count)

Volunteer sign in sheet has “waiver of liability” statement for club protection.

One club requires 5 hours of volunteer time each year, or if in a bind, the member can pay \$25.00 for their hours.

Local facility donates the use of an arena, and local instructors all donate a lesson, for one full day of lessons by numerous instructors. There is then on line bidding for each instructor's lesson, and the proceeds go to a local horse rescue. They call it the “Horses Helping Horses” benefit.

New National Education Initiative where USDF GMOs (such as KDEA) can get up to \$1000 grant to hold a clinic/symposium, camp, or an unmounted event. The club gets support with budgeting, organization, format. The idea is that the club will use a USDF certified instructor, but exemptions can be granted for non USDF certified staff. These events will also be publicized in USDF Connection and will be USDF University credited. There will be 3 application deadlines per year.

General Notes from Various Meetings

881 total recognized competitions for 2017. Training level rides were down, but FEI rides were up.

National Finals in Kentucky. 408 total entries, with 1014 total rides scheduled. Number of Riders By Region:

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| Region 1 | 59 | Region 2 | 94 | Region 3 | 72 |
| Region 4 | 41 (Ours) | Region 5 | 10 | Region 6 | 9 |
| Region 7 | 15 | Region 8 | 42 | Region 9 | 36 |

- There were 80 to 100 volunteers, and all bit checkers on all ring were volunteer Technical Delegates. There were 31 breed organizations sponsoring breed awards.

Officers and Board for 2017:

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