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Dear USDF members,

As I write this message, the state of Ohio, like many other states, has entered a two-week lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This afternoon, US Equestrian announced that they are extending the moratorium on recording horse show results through May 3rd from the originally announced April 16th. This evening, your Executive Board approved at my request, a similar extension for both Dressage Competitions and any submitted schooling show results. In short, we are not through this yet. The impact is being felt worldwide and this deliberate, measured extension will provide, we hope, a sufficient cushion for the tide to turn.

I know that everyone is worried, if not downright frightened for their families, their livelihood, and their way of life; especially that part determined by a passion for horses and the sport of dressage. Some of you have even been told that you cannot visit, much less care for and ride your boarded dressage partner. As USDF President, I really want to be able to provide you with answers and solid solutions to the upheaval we are experiencing, but I can't... at least not as of today.

As a licensed official (Dressage TD and FEI Steward), I have been educated in the need to look at all sides of a situation, consider the facts, and rely upon the rules before calmly arriving at a decision or recommendation. That is exactly how we need to approach this mess. You have questions, I know: your plans and goals for this year – will you be able to achieve them? NAYC? The Festival of Champions? Regional Championships? How will you be able to qualify when your shows have been cancelled? How will you get your last, or your first, score toward your rider medals? What if your young horse or your yearling cannot compete this season?

At this point, I can tell you that USDF, our staff, committees, and your Executive Board are committed to providing reasonable solutions and answers for your questions when, and as soon as, we can. Today, we can only hope that everyone takes this crisis very seriously so that it passes sooner over later. We must take this one day at a time. We dressage people tend to be longer range planners and many of us do not deal well with obstacles placed in our paths. But I fervently request that you do your best to summon patience now. We are closely following all related equestrian organizations, as well as the directions and mandates from the government. When an “all clear“ is sounded, we will look at the “where, when, and how” of our programs and competitions, with all due speed and concern for a (nationally) reasonable, level playing field. This, I can promise, to all USDF members.

We will all get through this eventually, but only with your continued support, your shared concern for everyone in our sport at every level, and everyone's agreement that it is better to get accurate information and details than fast fake news and ever changing information because it is based upon erroneous or unsupported information. Let us keep our eye on the ball. This is a potentially life-threatening disease. It has a real chance to be devastating on so many levels in the US. First, we must deal with these undeniable facts and then we can direct our focus to our sport.

Thank you for your e-mails and letters of support. Please take care of yourself and others.

Sincerely,



Lisa Gorretta

USDF President

Have you heard yet?

Dear USEF Members,

Your health, safety and well-being and that of your horses is paramount to USEF. We are continuing to closely monitor communications on the COVID-19 Pandemic from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), the U.S. Department of State, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC) and the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI).

Effective Monday, March 16, 2020, all USEF owned events, selection trials, training camps, clinics, and activities will be suspended for the next 30 days. Additionally, USEF strongly recommends that competition organizers suspend all USEF licensed competitions across the country for the next 30 days and that equestrians do not compete for the next 30 days. For those competitions that do run, there will be no accumulation of points, scores, money won, qualifications, or rankings toward any USEF awards programs, USEF owned event, or selection to a US team during this 30-day time period. This includes USEF National Championships.

If you choose to compete, USEF recommends that you take immediate steps to limit your exposure and create social distancing. Based on information and guidance, in particular, from the CDC, the USEF provides the following recommendations to our membership. Participate in events that:

- Are venues within close proximity (driving distance) to your residence;
- Limit out of state competitors (and for currently operating winter circuits limit new out of state competitors);
- Restrict free access in stabling areas to only essential personnel (ie; riders, grooms, farriers, vets, officials);
- Provide alcohol-based hand sanitizer at in-gates, competition offices, vendors and convenient places throughout the competition grounds;
- Ensure restroom facilities are regularly cleaned;
- Operate without spectators;
- Limit social gatherings to less than 250 people as recommended by the CDC; and
- Ensure that food services are of the type that limit contamination, buffets are strongly discouraged.

We are providing these same recommendations to Competition Organizers and asking them to comply within the next few days. Some may choose not to cancel their event but, all are expected to take steps to limit exposure and create social distancing. Some may impose additional restrictions and safety measures in line with guidance from local public health authorities. Therefore, we are requiring organizers to post all relevant information to their website and provide it to the USEF Competitions Department.

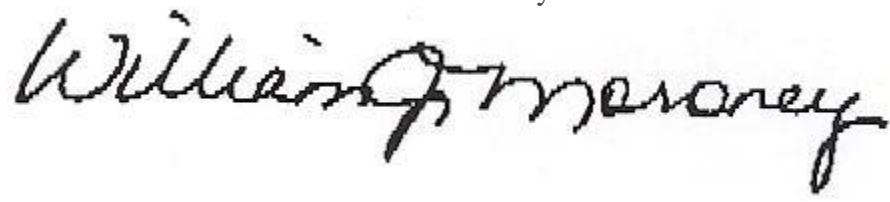
We are counting on you to make responsible decisions based on the information available, the conditions in your geographic area and the recommendations from your local public health authorities. USEF will continue to assess the situation on a daily basis and will update our position as circumstances warrant.

Resources from the CDC, WHO, USOPC, and the FEI are available on the USEF website ([click here](#)). Links found on this webpage provide you with direct access to valuable information on each organization's website which is updated regularly.

If you have any questions, please contact us using this email: CustomerCare@usef.org and your inquiry will be addressed by the appropriate department.

Sincerely,

 Murray S. Kessler

 William J. Moroney

2020 Ride-A-Test



SUMMER RIDE-A-TEST

WITH KATHLEEN DONNELLY, USDF 'L' JUDGE

WHEN: Sunday, June 28, 2020

WHERE: Lil' Wykota | 1526 Fox Chase Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009 | Jane Swanhorst

ENTRIES: Mail completed entry and liability forms and payment to

On The Bit Dressage

PO Box 2081

Laramie, WY 82073

Entries must be postmarked by June 23, 2020

Questions: Call or Email Stephanie at info@onthebitdressage.com or 307-399-7847

EVENT REQUIREMENTS: Must have proof of negative coggins, Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus vaccinations within 6 months of date of event.

FEES: OTB Members: \$35.00 per ride Non-Members: \$40.00 per ride

No refunds will be issued for No Shows. If you are unable to attend, please contact us at the above email or phone number no later than Saturday, June 27th at 5:00 pm.

Recognized Show Coming~ Summer 2020

Put it on your Calendar! Here is the flyer, more information to come. We hope to see you there.



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ON THE BIT SUMMER DRESSAGE SHOW I & II

2 USEF/USDF recognized shows (#338085 & #338086)

RMDS #1002 & #1003

July 18-19, 2020

at

SPUR RIDGE EQUESTRIAN CENTER

1325 Dally Ridge Road, Laramie, WY 82070

Contact: Heather Petersen 303.648.3164 slush@drgw.net

Jessica Ford 307.460.3459 info@onthebitdressage.com

Opening Date: June 22 Closing Date: July 8

Official Prize List at

onthebitdressage.com/events

2whitefeet.com/Calendar/Home

On The Bit Meeting – March 2020

Called to order at 7:14 pm

In attendance: Ginka, Jessica, Stephanie, Tammy, Robert, Jane, Christie, March, Connie, Mary Lynne, Tom and Kelly

February minutes read and accepted by: Stephanie and seconded by Robert

Financial report: We have \$1,770.26 in the bank. Got a check from RMDS but no other activity. Tammy accepts report and Robert seconded.

Old Business:

Stalls: Robert found some material on line and will assess the stalls and see what needs to be fixed and how to build the roof over them.

Need insurance for the show this year. Ginka will reach out to Shannon Vaughn. Robert moved to accept and Stephanie seconded.

Kelly will call Tyson Drew about the judges stage.

Robert's clinic girl, Tamara Mitter (?) out of Afton wy. \$1400 for 6 riders for all day. (8 hours). Ground work in the morning and ride in the afternoon. Could be held at Tammy and Robert's. April 18, 2020.

Movie night at Tom and Kelly's March 26 at 6:00 pm. Bring snacks to share.

Nutrition seminar – Connie is still waiting to hear back from ADM. Connie will reach out to Kerry Edwards and get back to us.

Free Style Clinic – will table it till fall.

Kentucky Derby Party. Planning meeting March 27 at Altitudes at noon.

Ride a test. Possible dates June 28, 2020. Will be held at Jane's barn in Cheyenne.

Judge can be Cathleen Donnelly or Kathy Simard or Michelle Anderson or Kirsi Hussa or Sharon Sharchet. Jane will reach out and try to find someone to be the judge for the ride a test.

Cathleen should be first choice.

Need to put a entry form on the website. We will do that. Need to get a porta potty. Jane will look into that.

Need 2 scribes and 1 or 2 volunteers to get folks to do ring steward.

Judges charge mileage and \$300-\$350.

Entry fee would be \$35 members. \$40 non members.

*whoever gets the high score will get a surprise entry fee refund.

Stephanie moves and Robert seconds the whole thing.

New Business:

Christy volunteered to do the website. 307-274-7866. Text her pictures.

Christyrawlings14@gmail.com

Upcoming Events:

Tack swap March 29, at Hansen Arena. 11-4 pm.

Adult amatur clinic April 4&5 with George Williams

NCDA schooling show Tomorra April 11. Improve your test clinic. Phantom Hill April 12.

NCDA schooling show, May 9 Tomora, Biomechanics clinic May 10 Phantom Hill.

Mary Lynne handed out her notes from her helmet presentation.

Presentation: Mary Lynne – profiling in horses.

March 16 saddle fitting at janes by Jen Wright. Please let Jane now as soon as possible. 720-560-8193. Call or text.

Meeting motion to adjourn by : Robert. Seconded by Steph