

THE READER

CenterLine Dressage is a Group Member Organization of USDF founded in 1972. CLD members are automatically members of the United States Dressage Federation.



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- ◆ **SCHOOLING SHOW MARCH 6 @ ILLINOIS STATE FAIRGROUNDS**
JEANNE CRAVER, SECRETARY ENTRIES CLOSE FEBRUARY 25
- ◆ **CLD ICEBREAKER MAY 1 @ TOWER HILL EQUESTRIAN CENTER**

2021

More info on all events online at centerlinedressage.com/calendar

Letter from the President

by Teresa Litchfield, President

Hello CLD members and friends!

Since this is the first newsletter for 2021, let me start by wishing you a Happy New Year!!! I do plan on 2021 being better than 2020. Not that I foresee us being back to "normal" per se, however I do see us moving forward.

We have set our dates for Icebreaker (May 1) and Firecracker (July 10), our two schooling shows. Mark Your Calendars!!! Tower Hill Equestrian Centre has graciously allowed us to use their wonderful facility for those shows. More details on COVID-19 guidelines to come as we get closer to the events.

Classic I & II are a go this year. It may be a little different than previous years with USEF COVID guidelines being followed for the safety of all. I believe we are all getting adjusted to showing under these guidelines, whether we like them or not.

The board has reinstated our volunteer requirements for 2021. All members must volunteer at least three hours of time to be eligible for our year end awards. We will need all of our members' help in making our shows successful. With that said I am needing volunteers for Icebreaker, please let me know if you are interested.

With the pandemic still making news everyday, we have decided to hold off on scheduling any educational clinics or social events. Hopefully soon!

Please stay safe, wear your mask, stay 6 ft. apart, get your shots, and ride your ponies!!!

Your CLD President,
Teresa Litchfield

USDF Annual Convention Report

by Leslie Burket

Here we are in sunny Savannah and it is gorgeous! The grounds of the hotel are stunning and designed for us to just wander the area and check out all the birds, ducks, fish (really can't see them) and all the stunning things that are growing! So far - so good! Wonder where our meetings will be?

Oh - that's right - I'm home, sitting in my comfy little chair, (that will become my best friend after a few more meetings!), in my comfy little house, wearing my comfy 'go to convention clothes' and ready to take notes. You wonder why I am in my own little chair? We owe that to the Covid-19 Pandemic as it is quite robust, across the world! Yes - it has been ten months since we first learned of the nasty little bug that seems to thrive, sharing with humans, cats and ferrets! Covid-19 continues to linger, and infect, making it difficult to schedule our USDF Annual Convention. Many a schedule has been changed, rescheduled and altered again before USDF decided it was most important to have the Convention - so here we are - 'virtual'!

This year was the perfect opportunity for those that have wanted to experience a USDF Convention to hop on board and join us! Being 'virtual' opened the meeting up to any USDF/ GMO member that wished to attend - No charge and No travel and you have a comfy chair and access to a computer and water! Many members took advantage of this unique offering and participated in many meetings. Hope you were one of them!

So what is the Annual USDF Convention and why do so many people look forward to attending?

Simply put, it is the USDF Annual Business Meeting where we review the past and plan for the future of USDF. Sounds boring but it isn't! It's important to understand the structure of USDF. It starts with three councils: Administrative Council, Technical Council and Activities Council. Each council has a variety of Committees that pursue the mission and goals of their particular committee. There are a total of 18 committees. Take a look at the many committees - see if any are calling your name! Members are always welcome to sit in on any meeting that sparks an interest. Could be more than one! You can review the list of committees at the end of this article and see if you might be interested in working on one or more of them! Your choice! It's fun, you learn a lot and you meet wonderful people!

Yes - Convention consists of many meetings, running about an hour each. Convention Schedules are provided so you can pick and choose your meetings throughout the convention. It can be hard to decide sometimes!

There are two meetings that all should attend - Their Regional Meeting (each region has its own room and agenda) guided by their Regional Director and the BOG (Board of Governor's Meeting), led by the Board. The Regional Meetings are the first meeting each morning and the BOG is the last meeting of the day!

Now you have an understanding of the USDF structure. In the next edition, we will discuss the fun, the work and "Baskets". You won't want to miss that! I leave you with the list of the

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Committees and how they are structured. And, truth be known - the Convention is always the first weekend in December!

Administrative Council Committees	Technical Council Committees	Activities Council Committees
<u>Membership</u>	<u>Judges</u>	<u>Adult Programs</u>
<u>Group Member Org</u>	<u>L Program</u>	<u>Youth Programs</u>
<u>Historical Recognition</u>	<u>Freestyle</u>	<u>Youth Advisory Programs Sub-Committee</u>
<u>Bylaws Committee</u>	<u>Competition Mang</u>	<u>FEI Jr/YR Committee</u>
<u>Nominating Committee</u>	<u>Technical Delegates</u>	<u>Regional Championships</u>
	<u>Instructor/Trainer</u>	<u>Sport Horse</u>
		<u>Awards</u>



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January 24, 2021 CLD Executive Board Meeting Minutes

President Teresa Litchfield called the meeting to order at 2:07pm. Attending our Webex meeting tonight is Alice Martin, Leslie Burket, John Simpson, Marilyn Weber, Paula Briney, Judy Nordstrom and Kate Fleming-Kuhn.

Following are the electronic communications that were executed between board meetings:

Jordan Wilton made a motion and Alice Martin seconded to accept the minutes of the October 19, 2020 meeting of the CLD Board. The October 2020 minutes were approved with one abstention.

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, we realized we could have neither a November or December meeting and we would not be able to gather together for the Annual Year End Awards Banquet. A plan was developed to have all awards delivered to the recipients. We all thank John Simpson for shouldering this task! The recipients were thrilled to receive their awards. THANK YOU John!

Schooling Shows:

- IceBreaker will be May 1st, 2021.
- FireCracker will be July 10th, 2021.
- Locations to be announced. If available, we will be at Tower Hill again.
- Teresa Litchfield will be the Show Manager for both shows.
- Alice Martin will secure judges for each show.

Treasurer Report - Katie Keim

- Bank balance: \$3864.68
- Savings: \$25,973.57
- Current net loss for 2020: (\$1809.34)
- Because there were no payments over \$600, there is no need to file a 1099 this year.
- Katie will be filing the 2020 99N soon.

Next month we look forward to reports for the following: Membership, Web Master, Newsletter, Social Media, Awards, and Symposium.

Teresa announced that John will no longer be our Day Manager for our annual Classic I & II shows. John still plans on helping with the planning of the show, finding the judges, etc for the coming show season. We discussed hiring a show manager. Anyone interested in taking on this task, please contact Teresa Litchfield.

Paula has been working with the Illinois Horse Council in an effort to put together a schooling show that would work for this pandemic environment. She asked if CLD might want to partner with them. It will be an open dressage and western dressage show with hopes of having a one day full show. Horse Fair has now been cancelled, so March 6th and 7th will be available for the show. We will have to decide whether to hold a one day or two day show and how many rides we would need to make it profitable. Paula will get back with us when she has more information.

Our next Webex meeting will be the February 21, 2021 at 4pm.

Marilyn motioned and Judy seconded to adjourn today's meeting at 3:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Burket

All
meeting
minutes online at
centerlinedressage.com/minutes



CenterLine Dressage New Member & Renewal Form

(Membership year is December 1 through November 30)

Name: _____ USDF #: _____

Name: _____ USDF #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Birth Date for Youth Members (21 & Under): _____

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Renewal:	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Member:	<input type="checkbox"/>

Reader Preference		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paper Copy:	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Digital Copy:	<input type="checkbox"/>

Membership Type	Details	Totals
Individual Membership	\$50 Includes 1 Reader, 1 Vote, USDF Membership, Discounts at CLD Shows, Discounts on Advertising, Horse Nomination (requires separate form centerlinedressage.com/horse-nomination-form)	\$ _____
Junior Membership (21 & under)	\$30 Includes 1 Reader, 1 Vote, USDF Membership, Discounts at CLD Shows, Discounts on Advertising, Horse Nomination (requires separate form centerlinedressage.com/horse-nomination-form)	\$ _____
Family Membership	\$70 Includes 1 Reader, 2 Votes, 2 USDF Membership, Discounts at CLD Shows, Discounts on Advertising, Horse Nomination (requires separate form centerlinedressage.com/horse-nomination-form)	\$ _____
Total Dues:		\$ _____

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