President's Report May 2025

Well, first show finished and was successful!! Things that went really well: we had so many positive comments about using the two locations! Teaming up with First Steps brought in additional SJ rounds. We saved in the cost of the base/rate which was 200\$ for Sat. Competitors liked having the warmup over fences and access to the dressage ring the day before. The canteen worked very well and was well run. Positive comments about Hugh's jump courses and being in the big ring. When competitors had questions or conflicts, they were pleased with the resolution.

Things to consider going forward: On the Website for reciprocity, we need to put the year. That way if the website doesn't get updated members can't say that we have renewed when we haven't. I have noticed that several other clubs are also not able to keep everything updated on their websites, but they always have the date so members know that it is old information. Paper work was challenging because too many people had not done that job. We have now had a run through of what needs to be printed, but possibly get together in the future to do that as a group? Warmup jumps are not in good shape. Chris and I will see if we can repair the standards. I have white rails that we were able to use instead. We also need flags for warmup jumps. We need a list of volunteers on the drive with contact info. We need to keep the pinny numbers on the drive so that they don't have to be re-made for every show, just printed.

Next projects. Jeff has started working on the corner jumps. He has been consulting with Karla to make sure the measurements are correct. I have spoken to the park about fixing the ditches in the main field, and the ditch in the lower field that used to have a log on it. They said that yes we can repair them. The work permit needs to be submitted min. 30 days in advance. Due to fire risks we need to indicate what equipment will be used and how to mitigate fire risk. I have spoken to Dennis and will speak with him again tonight about what he needs to do this. Dennis can also fix the footing at the top of the banks. I can contact Eric and Danae about mowing the grass for sometime in June, but we will need to put in a permit right away for that.

Clinic. I have a rough draft for Dianna of the stabling and camping requirements for participants. I will be speaking with her this evening to talk about dinner tickets, ordering shavings etc. We have Paige still on the waitlist who has reached out to ask if there is any way for her to get in. There is still a possibility if we make group 1 – 6 people for a two hour slot. This would fit with the parameters that the clinician set. Gillian Storsley just asked to be added to the waitlist incase anyone cancels last minute.

I have spoken to the park about the July 13th show. There is a possibility that they could approve our permit. We would need to make sure that we monitor for people wanting to walk across the field while our show was going on. We would also need participants to use the hwy 59 entrance to the park and not the east gate.

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