

President's Report July 2025

Well second show down and two clinics. We are almost done our show season.

A few updates. Coffin jumps (ditches) are finished and seeded. A big thank you to Pat and Dennis with Hayden Construction for volunteering time and equipment. They were reimbursed for the cost of gas. They also have an 8' mower and zero turn mower that they used to clean up around jumps and mow paths. Eric from Eastridge also donated time and equipment to mow the two biggest fields. Also a big thank you to Autumn as Liberty Equine for the generous gift for division winners. The participants were excited to win free horse massage.

The July show is finished, another success, with more learning opportunities. We didn't have a runner for x-country which proved to be a very important role for the scorer to be able to keep up with scores as they come in. We also need to communicate at least one week before the show with volunteers and officials. The volunteers are finding that the Wed. before the show is too last minute to be reminded that they committed to helping us. For the x-country it would be helpful to have a checklist of things to be done on show morning; put up signs on the road, flag warm up jumps (x-country and jump standards), place start/finish standards. It would be helpful for board members to have a quick meeting after the show on the Sat. just to go over anything that needs to be addressed for the day. If officials have relayed information that needs to be shared, if jumps have been mis-numbered on course, wasp nests discovered, or other debris that competitors have found while walking that needs to be cleaned up before the Sunday.

Suggestions for the September show. It would be nice to have new courses with the coffins and the corner jumps. Perhaps talk to Lesa about designing some new courses and getting Larry to come with the tractor to move the new jumps. Would also be nice to have a competitor dinner on the Saturday (selling tickets in advance). This would be a great way to build community and we have several people who are camping/stabling horses. Maybe Danny's Whole Hog?

October show. If we want to do a one day show with two phases we need to talk to Larry about moving some x-country jumps to the grand prix ring. We also need to see how Dianna runs the ICE competition in Willville to see if we can copy the format.

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