

I would call the 2024 season a success. We held multiple events, clinics, and fun days which were all successful.

In May we had 15 competitors, 7 of which were juniors and 5 of which were reciprocity. July had 23 competitors, 12 juniors and 9 reciprocity. September had 22 competitors, 13 juniors, 11 reciprocity and 1 temporary member. Our October fun day had 11 competitors, 7 of which were juniors and only 4 of which were MHT members (as we did not require MHT memberships for this show). Unfortunately, we had to cancel the August Fun Day due to lack of volunteers for course prep.

For next year, I recommend selecting the dressage test for each division at the beginning of the year and keeping the same throughout the season. It was easier to prep for the shows and competitors were able to see the progress made through the season. I do recommend changing the Starter dressage test from the CPC Pretraining test 1 to something similar to the EC tests as the judges do not like the rubric of the CPC test. I would recommend something along the lines of USEF 2023 Training Test 1 or the USEF Introductory Test.

We introduced the EV 65 Introductory Division this year to great success. The inclusion of a cross rail stadium, and cross country course consisting of only hydro poles was very beneficial in encouraging newcomers to the sport. I believe that keeping the new number colour system will be beneficial as there was less confusion due to similar colours.

The provincial park in which our course resides now requires permits in order for us to host events or have any clean up days. I handled these all year and therefore recommend permits either become the job of the Events Chair or it changes to the secretary as it involves paperwork and tracking. There are two different permits. The permits for clean up days are free to submit and must be submitted no later than 2 weeks in advance. Special events permits may include all show dates on one application and must be submitted no less than 4 weeks in advance of the earliest dates. There is a fee of \$52.50 and must be paid via credit card.

This year we decided that in order to encourage more people to volunteer, we would pay certain positions. I do not recommend continuing to do so unless it is someone who has signed up to do it more than once. It did not work as an incentive to fill those positions as they are some of the least essential to fill as it is easy for someone to step in and do it day of. I recommend prioritizing finding people for the preparation for a show over filling positions on show day as it is easiest to drag people to volunteer when they are already there. I also recommend implementing a volunteer requirement where each competitor must provide one volunteer at the show or days prior to.

I also recommend having a TD or someone to look over the decorations and be present day of, to have conversations with competitors and coaches who may not be following the rules.

With the jumps requiring painting I recommend that someone familiarize themselves with the EC guidelines or ensure approval from a TD or course designer. I also recommend that the club invests in some brush as we now have many jumps that could benefit from it.

Great year overall. Thanks.

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