

2020 Region 9 Report
Central Plains Dressage Society
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Membership:

We are at 150 members which is a little ahead of this time last year.

Activities:

Our goal is to offer affordable, fun and educational activities.

Schooling shows are divided into two areas: East and West.

- Eight west shows, usually in conjunction with Working Equitation or Western Dressage shows. There are 6 Working Equitation, 1 Arab show and 6 Western Dressage (4 are Lite shows)
- Four East schooling shows. Two were cancelled during state closure.
- We had three schooling shows before state shut down in March and started again May 31 with Phases 2 opening in Oklahoma. We operate schooling shows under mandates in state regarding sporting events.

The first recognized show on June 27-28 fulfilled all USEF requirements for participants and staff.

- Five recognized shows. A sixth was cancelled in April.
- Six clinics.

Shows are difficult due to resistance of facemask use and social distancing requirements. There has been regular and constant information provided to members about rules for showing. The recognized shows are almost easier due to USEF rules and having a TD on the grounds. Finding volunteers has also been challenging because of potential exposure and/or nervousness about being in a new group.

We are cancelling the Summer AGM to minimize face-to-face meetings.

Live streaming averages about 250 views. However, the first recognized show had over 600 views.

To stay in touch with members we utilize a monthly newsletter, Facebook, newsblasts and a website.

Some members participated in virtual scavenger hunts.

The Board has been meeting via Zoom once a month.

Finances:

We currently have about \$2000 in accounts.

Have received some small grants from members who have employers who reward volunteer service. Amounts to about \$1000.

Moving forward:

We will continue with an ambitious schedule of shows and clinics for 2021.

Continue to maintain and improve communication with members.

Fun, Friendly and Forward thinking.