

**DVCTA BOARD MEETING**  
**February 10, 2014**

The DVCTA Board held its re-scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, February 10, 2014, at 7:30 p.m., in the New Bolton cafeteria. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

Copies of the DVCTA Bylaws were presented to all Board members. Information books for each Committee, in which information pertinent to the running of each Committee will be recorded, were presented to Committee Chairs.

Written Committee reports that were submitted in advance of tonight's meeting are summarized below. The original reports are attached to the archived minutes.

**ATTENDANCE**

Officers attending: Danni Toscano, President; Karen Walsh and Rita Lowry, co-Vice Presidents; Elsie Kellerman, Treasurer; Marty Detering, Corresponding Secretary, and Elizabeth C. Bailey, Recording Secretary.

Board members attending: Karen Rubin; Aneesa Romans; Regan Walsh; Liz Brenner; Megan Mendenhall; Sara Gartland; Sue Van Norman; Anne Miller; MaryAnne Ost; Tracy Basler; Connie Scholtz, and Alix Jenner.

Board members excused: Gaye Bergstrom; Rebecca Cord; Carol Lippa and Angela Dion.

Board members absent: Karen Schlingman, Sue Livesay, Sue Neilson and Barbara Bird.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes from the Board's last meeting in 2013 will be circulated to the presently-constituted Board members for their review. Approval of the minutes was postponed until the March, 2014 meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Elsie Kellerman**

The checking account contains about \$11,000. Total cash on hand, including a CD, is almost \$40,000. The silent auction brought in \$4,400 to the General Fund, while the club paid out \$4,000 for this year's insurance.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Chair: Elsie Kellerman**

No report as the Finance Committee has not yet met this year. President Danni Toscano requested that the Finance Committee meet before the March Board meeting to prepare budgets for the Committees.

### **B. SCHOOLING SHOWS**

**Chair:**

Doreen Garland is listed as the Committee secretary but a volunteer for Committee Chair is still needed. Five schooling shows are presently scheduled, as follows: April 12, 2014 (at Blue Rock Farm); May 24, 2014 (at Blue Rock Farm); June 27, 2014 (at Dunmovin' Farm); July 25, 2014 (at Dunmovin' Farm), August 16, 2014 (at Blue Rock Farm).

### **C. CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW**

**Chair:**

The Championship Show is scheduled for September 6, 2014, at Blue Goose Farm. Whether ribbons will be awarded by category, i.e., adult amateur, etc. will be further discussed in Committee. A volunteer is needed to fill the Chair position.

### **D. EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**Chair: Gaye Bergstrom**

No scheduled events yet but the Committee is working on a clinic with Rick Pelicano ("bombproof your horse"), and also is considering other activities such as: visiting dressage clinicians, sport horse conformation clinic; cavaletti clinic; jumping clinic; fitness for the aging rider; long-lining clinic, and veterinary clinics. The Committee also is looking into obtaining discounts for DVCTA members for a clinic Phillip Dutton will be holding clinic this year.

### **E. WEBSITE COMMITTEE**

**Chair: Lauren Annett**

The Committee has not yet met this year but the general goal of the Committee is to simplify the website this year.

## **F. JUNIOR/ADULT TEAM COMMITTEES**

### **Chair(s)**

President Danni Toscano would like to see two separate Committees, with separate Chairs, for the Junior and Adult teams. The Junior Committee currently has three members. Karen Rubin was nominated to head the Junior Committee.

Volunteers are needed for the Adult Committee.

## **G. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

### **Chair: Elsie Kellerman**

DVCTA currently has 142 members, compared to 186 this time last year. Memberships are coming in at a rate of about 1-2 per day.

## **H. DVCTA SPRING DRESSAGE SHOW RADNOR COMMITTEE**

### **Chair: Carol Lippa**

The DVCTA Spring Show has been renamed The DVCTA Spring Dressage Show at Radnor to reflect the show's change of venue this year. This year, the Show will run one day only; on June 7, 2014.

## **I. CAROUSEL HORSE TRIALS COMMITTEE**

### **Chair:**

The Horse Trials currently are scheduled for June 22, 2014 and August 24, 2014 at Carousel Park. A Chair is needed for the Committee.

## **J. NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE**

### **Chair: Angela Dion**

No report.

## **K. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

### **Chair:**

No report.

## **L. DVCTA SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

### **Chair: Melissa Gallagher**

The Committee has not yet met this year.

## **M. MARILYN O. HEATH JUDGES EDUCATION FUND COMMITTEE**

### **Chair:**

The Committee has not yet met this year and the position of Chair is still open. The 2012-2013 "L" Judges Program was successfully completed last year.

## **N. SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE**

### **Chair: Anne Moss**

No report.

## **O. PUB COMMITTEE**

### **Chair: Lisa Knox**

No report; the Committee has not met yet this year.

## **P. QUADRILLE COMMITTEE**

### **Chair: Anne Miller**

The Squad Teams performed at 3 different venues in 2013: PVDA's Ride for Life Dancing Horse Challenge, Dressage at Fair Hill and Dressage at Devon. The Committee also held two Quadrille Playdates coached by Deb Tsang. Over 40 riders have participated on Dvcta quadrille teams since they started in August 2011.

Currently planned for 2014 are three Quadrille Playdates, which are on the calendar, coached by Gail O'Neil, Deb Tsang and Anne Moss. Date/venue changes required cancellation of a performance at Ride for Life but the Committee is considering other exhibition opportunities for this team. The First Level Team will be selected at the March 26 Quadrille dinner. They will perform to a medley of Beach Boys tunes at the DVCTA Spring Dressage Show at Radnor on June 7. A Second Level team will perform at Dressage at Devon in September. That team will be selected in July.

## **Q. SILENT AUCTION COMMITTEE**

### **Chair: Anne Miller**

The Silent Auction netted \$4457.30 in 2014. One Hundred members and guests attended the Annual Dinner this year and 78 items were available for bids. The Committee's goal for 2014 was to reduce the number of items presented but increase the variety. Twenty-one Barn Baskets were contributed to the auction, resulting in 30% of the gross proceeds. The most popular item was Blue Rock Farm's "Toasty Toes," a basket of wool socks. Other popular items were Willow Way Farm's "Basket of Cheers," the metallic-trimmed leather halter from Perri's leathers and the horsehair bracelet by Stephanie Daphne. The biggest selling item was the overnight training session with Scott Hassler.

Historically, the highest income-producing year for the Silent Auction was 2013 (\$5313), when the auction had fewer items but the highest attendance. The Committee's goal for 2015, therefore, is to encourage more attendance at the next Annual Dinner.

After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed with respect to the reapportionment of the 2014 Silent Auction proceeds. *See, below*, New Business.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The Board discussed disposal of equipment that has been unused for some time, in particular, a trailer and arenas. Marty suggested a closed bid process and offered to handle the bidding for the Board. The Board decided that more discussion was needed before making a final decision.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Banners** – New club banners are needed. Danni Toscano will contact Doug Walsh about the banners because he is familiar with the location and condition of the banners.
- **New Committees** – Danni has determined that new committees in addition to those listed in the By-Laws should be named. We need to determine whether this would require amendment of the By-Laws.
- **Reapportionment of Silent Auction Proceeds** – Proceeds from the Silent Auction have traditionally been divided 25% to DVCTA General Fund and 75% for them to the DVCTA Junior Team. The Silent Auction Committee proposed a reapportionment of those proceeds to include the Quadrille teams. The rationale for the reapportionment is that fewer Junior riders are expected to go to the Region 1 Competition this summer, so not as much money is needed as before. The Silent Auction Committee has concluded that \$150/rider will help defray entry fees for the juniors and any extra funds needed can be raised by the Juniors who plan to ride this summer. In exchange for this grant, as in past years, each Junior Team rider will be expected to volunteer 8 hours for any DVCTA event in 2014. Additionally, Quadrille-riding has become very popular with the club: the first two Playdates in 2014 sold out with a waiting list and there is enough interest to file three teams at different levels. Quadrille is also a great marketing tool for DVCTA: just recently a photo from the DAD THINK PINK ride (which we did not submit) appeared in *USDF Connection* magazine. Riders are joining DVCTA just to ride in quadrille. Funding is needed to cover rider costumes, saddle pads and brow band bling, rig fees, insurance, team shirts, travel expenses, etc.

**MOTION:** After discussion, a motion was made by Alix Brenner, and seconded by Rita Lowry, as follows: motion to redistribute the silent auction proceeds from 2014 as follows: 25% to the DVCTA General Fund; \$150/rider to the Junior team up to a cap of 15 riders, i.e, a cap of \$2250.00, and the

balance of the proceeds to the Quadrille Team. (The question whether to continue this apportionment will be revisited in 2015.)

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Dispersal of Pub Proceeds** – DAD contributed \$10,000 of its 2013 Pub proceeds to DVCTA, with the condition that the money be used for educational purposes. The Board discussed a number of options for the use of that money (and any amounts remaining from DAD's 2012 Pub contribution), e.g., funding educational scholarships, funding for the Junior teams, an eventing scholarship for junior riders, or help in funding recurring and popular clinics such as Jean Luc Cornille's. The issue was not settled and will be discussed further at future meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Elizabeth C. Bailey  
Recording Secretary