

DVCTA BOARD MEETING
July 1, 2015

Members of the DVCTA Board met for its regularly-scheduled monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 1, 2015, in the New Bolton cafeteria. A quorum was not present, however, so no business was conducted nor motions made or passed. Under the guidance of Vice President Alix James, the Board analyzed various issues presently before it. Written Committee reports submitted in advance of the meeting are summarized below.

ATTENDANCE

Officers attending: Alix James and Karen Walsh, Co- Vice Presidents; Elizabeth Bailey, Recording Secretary; Elsie Kellerman, Treasurer; Marty Detering, Corresponding Secretary.

Board members attending: Megan Mendenhall; Theresa Monturano; Sara Gartland; Susan Neilson; Susan Springsteen, and Gaye Bergstrom.

Board members excused: Danni Toscano, President; Elizabeth Brenner; Carol Lippa; Sue Van Norman; Sheelagh Christensen; Lisa Knox, and Rita Lowry.

Board members absent: Anne Miller; Mary Anne Ost; Tracy Basler, and Karen Webb [and Sue Berkowitz].

Guest: Doreen Garland.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes from the Board's June 3, 2015 meeting was tabled due to the lack of a quorum.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. TREASURER/FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair: Elsie Kellerman

We have \$27,00 in cash in the bank. The Jean Luc Cornille clinics are breaking even and paid up for the July event. The Margaret Freeman clinic received \$500 from the MOH fund. Ms. Freeman's room still needs to be paid for. The schooling shows just about breaking even, with help from the MOH fund, which is paying for the second judge.

The juniors used their carry-over from last to send riders to Dressage for Kids. Their total expenses are \$3423, their income (from the silent auction) is \$1506, with the carryover being \$2131. This leaves them with a small margin of \$214.

The Finance Committee is still working on the budget.

B. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**Chair: Elsie Kellerman**

The club currently has 235 members, less than last year's membership at this time of 241.

C. SCHOOLING SHOW COMMITTEE**Chair: Doreen Garland**

The last schooling show was rainy but successful. Entries are coming in for the next schooling show on Friday, July 14, at Blue Goose Stable.

The Board discussed but made no decision on holding a DVCTA schooling show series, adding non-DVDCTA schooling show series for the award program, or possibly just basing the awards program completely on non-DVCTA schooling shows.

D. CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW COMMITTEE**Chair: Doreen Garland**

The committee is still looking for a judge for the September 12 show, and is looking for judges' names.

E. EDUCATION COMMITTEE**Chair: Karen Walsh**

The Committee recommended going forward with a proposal from Sue Springsteen to partner with Dressage Training Online (DTO). Benefits to DVCTA include: 25% discount to DVCTA members; rebates to DVCTA from memberships in DTO; donation to DVCTA of DTO memberships for auctions and recognition and well as other goodies for rider's bags. DVCTA's obligations to DTO would include: hanging DTO's banner at events; placing DTO's logo on the DVCTA website and in DVCTA's e-news and print publications; giving DTO first option to film and webcast (at our cost) DVCTA's sponsored special events, symposiums and clinics.

The Committee also will put on an unmounted rider cross-training clinic by Meg Farrugia, which Dover has offered to host in its Hockessin store. The Committee is looking for a date in August.

F. DVCTA SPRING SHOW COMMITTEE**Chair: Carol Lippa**

Despite previous recommendations and votes by the Board, The Committee has reconsidered and recommended we hold a 2016 recognized show. The show venue would again be DunMovin' Farm, and Doreen and Carol would commit to run the show. Carol has an email out to WPDA to see which weekend they are slating so as to propose an appropriate date for our show. No vote could be taken because of the lack of quorum.

The Board also discussed the current practice of insurance and auditing cost-allocations to the various committees that hold separate checkbooks. The separate checkbook procedure has created higher costs all-around and the Board members would like to take another look at

that procedure. Marty will redo the Profit/Loss Statement for the 2015 Spring show without including the insurance and auditing cost allocation, to allow the Board to get a better idea of the actual financial performance of the 2015 Spring Show.

G. HORSE TRIALS COMMITTEE

Chair: Lisa Knox

No report.

H. NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Chair: Angela Dion

No report.

I. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair: Lisa Leana

No report.

J. DVCTA SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair: Karen Walsh

No report.

K. MARILYN O. HEATH JUDGES EDUCATION FUND

Chair: Rita Lowry

The Committee continues to pay for judges at DVCTA schooling shows.

L. EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

Chair: Danni Toscano

No report.

M. VOLUNTEERS COMMITTEE

Chair: Elizabeth Brenner

Elizabeth still needs volunteer hours from the Devon and Dun Movin' Quadrilles; Blue Goose Schooling Show and the Horse Trials. She has also made the DVCTA Bucks electronic for easier use by show organizers.

N. AWARDS COMMITTEE

Chair: Sara Gartland

Sara badly needs an assistant. Sara will budget for a ribbon/certificate award program for this year and submit the budget to the Board for its review and approval.

O. QUADRILLE TEAMS COMMITTEE

Chair: Anne Miller

The First Level Squad performed to Michael Jackson at the DVCTA Spring Show on June 6 and did an amazing job.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Bailey,
Recording Secretary