DVCTA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2011

The annual meeting of the membership was held February 4, 2011, at the Kennnett Square Fire House , after the members enjoyed dinner, viewed extensive items in a silent auction and participated in the award of door prizes. The Annual Meeting then was held, after Elsie Kellerman gave the call-to-order.

ATTENDENCE:

Officers present: Elsie Kellerman; Elizabeth Bailey, and Anecia Delduco.

Board members present: Melissa Gallagher, Megan Mendenhall, Danni Toscano, Sarah Campbell; Sandy Issler; Carol Lippa, Pam Wiedemannn; Marty Detering; Mary Beth Heiser; .

Excused/absent: Terri Monturano; Linda Tascano; Kate Hicks; Carol Swetlin, and Suzette Bowen.

The minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting were unanimously approved by the membership, after one correction to minutes noting that the Andy Gilbert Award winner for 2010 was Ashleigh LePore.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer/Finance
Elsie Kellerman

Overall, DVCTA's financial state is in good shape. The General Fund has approximately $20,000 in its checking account and bank CD. The Horse Trials made a profit of about $4800 this year, and while Dressage at Fair Hill did not make a profit, it has operating funds for the upcoming show season. March meeting will discuss the budget and the relationship between separate checking accounts. The payout to the Junior Team of money being held for it by the General Fund was reflected as a debit on the books, but that was an accounting debt, not a real one. We were able to save over $1000 on this year's insurance costs. In March, the Finance Committee will meet to prepare a budget and will consider at that time the issue of separate checking accounts.

Upon motion by Melissa Gallagher, seconded by Pam Wiedemann, the Treaurer's was accepted.

Equipment
Marty Detering

Jumps and other equipment for the Horse Trials are currently being stored at Pam Wiedemann's barn, since a bin rental turned out to be prohibitively expensive. Dressage arena equipment is protected under multiple tarps near Marty Detering's farm.

Dressage at Fair Hill
Marty Detering

DFH broke even this year. DFH decided to take on a new beneficiary, Mid Atlantic Horse Rescue, as a way of bringing new support to the show. The new beneficiary and DVCTA will both benefit from the show.

The Committee also decided to have different awards for 2011. Accordingly, the trophies previously awarded have been retired and are up for bid at the silent auction. Additionally, Marty reported that DFH will not utilize professional managers for the 2011 show and issued a call for volunteers.

Dressage Teams
Anecia Delduco

DVCTA did not have an adult team in 2010, and a committee needs to be put together for the adult teams. Deb Tsang is already on board to head the Committee but more volunteers are needed. The Junior Team competition will be held this year on July 23 and 24. Fundraising efforts are under way for the Junior Team, including the silent auction, for which 75% of the proceeds go to the Junior Team, with 25% going to DVCTA's General fund. The Junior Team has already had meetings to discuss arrangements for taking a group of Junior riders to Virginia for training.

Horse trials
Pam Wiedemann

Pam Wiedemann presented a written report for the Horse Trials Committee, which is summarized here. The Horse Trials Committee held two unrecognized 3-phase horse trials at Carousel Park in Wilmington, Delaware. Divisions included Elementary, Beginner novice, Novice and Training levels. Improvement to the cross-country course included adding and replacing old logs, extensive painting and repair of existing fences, and rebuilding the training corner jump to allow it to conform to the current USEA/USEF training level standards.

The Horse Trials made a profit in 2010 of $4,520.47, which resulted from revenue from the shows of $19,376.70, and expenses of $14,847.23. This includes all expenses that ran through the account includes the DVCTA audit fee. The Horse Trials currently bank balances are $9,711.37 in its checking account, and $15,501.64 in it savings account.

For 2011, the Committee has hired a hired professional course designer and builder, Jeff Kibbe, to help improve the course. The Committee also is looking to replace and upgrade worn-out show-jumping equipment. Pam proposes budgeting $3000 for those improvements. The permits with the park for the 2011 events have been obtained.

The dates for this year's Horse Trials are June 26 and August 21, 2011. The first Committee meeting is Wednesday, February 16, 2011, 6:00 p.m., at the Aurora Pizza, Jennersville. Volunteers are needed.

DVCTA Scholarships
Melissa Gallagher

2010 recipients of scholarships were: Jill Murray, to attend a USDF Dressage clinic; and Mary Beth Heiser, to attend a Lucinda Green eventing clinic. So far this year, the Committee has received two applications for scholarships: Jill Murray, for dressage training at Hassler Dressage, and JoAnne Nightingale.

Marilyn O. Heath Judges Education Fund
Darcy Miller-Brown

The Committee's finances are in the black and the Committee awarded a scholarship to Mary Grace to continue her education as a judge. In the next year the Committee will be discussing plans to hold Part of the L Judges Program in 2012 or 2013.

Web Site
Sandy Issler

Sandy reported that the new site is now up and running. It is still a work in progress, however, and ideas from the membership to improve the site are welcomed. Ralph Connor and Sandy put files and messages on the site for members wishing to post information. They will be covering the website for the rest of the year.

Educatiion Membership,
JoAnne Nightingale
Carol Swetlin

The education calendar is still being worked on. Currently, the Committee has scheduled a fix-a-test clinic by Jeanne McDonald for March 27/28; clinics with: Jose Mendez and Colleen Kelly (April); Jean Corneille (May 6,7,8); and Marilyn Heath (May). Other clinics being discussed are with Jim Kofford; Pierre St. Jacques or George Williams. Fall clinics being discussed are with Roddy Strang; Beth Barnett and Lynne Sprinsky (rider bio-mechanics).

The Committee welcomes ideas for clinics or lecture topics from the membership.

Membership
Elsie Kellerman

DVCTA currently has 104 members. Most are renewals but also some new members.

Newsletter
Sandy Issler

New editor for the newsletter is Michelle Jester, who, unfortunately could not be here tonight. Michelle is considering new content ideas, such as a question and answer column; horse of the month column; rider profiles; in memory of favorite horses; humor column, and member profiles are being looked at. Michelle is planning to have a newsletter published in February or March, and thereafter every other month.

Comments and/or submissions for the newsletter from members are welcomed.

Schooling Shows
Kathy King

Kathy thanked members of the Schooling Show Committee, i.e., Danni Toscanno; Sue Springsteen; Theresa Monturano; Susan Livesay; Sandy Issler; Elizabeth Bailey, for helping to troubleshoot, obtain judges, and find show locations.

Two major changes to the schooling show schedule for 2011 are offering combined training classes at the Championship show and holding 6 shows instead of 5, in addition to the Championship show. Exciting new prizes will be offered, including a cooler to the show high point horse/rider and a halter with engraved name plate to the high point horse/rider for each level.

Volunteers are needed for each schooling show.

E-news
Jill Murray

Jill Murray oversees the e-news, which sends out often short-notice information by email to keep the club up-to-date. Anytime a member needs to broadcast a message to the club, Jill is the person to contact. She will send out the message but may need to edit to keep the message short. It would be a great help if anyone asking for an e-news broadcast would keep their messages succinct so that editing is kept to a minimum.

Public Relations
Kathy King

DVCTA is currently in need of a volunteer to take on public relations duties. In the interim, Kathy King has graciously seen to it that ads were placed in the Horse of Delaware Valley for upcoming schooling show.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTIONS

Carol Lippa read the 2011 Slate of Nominees for Officers and Members of the Board. No additional nominations were made from the floor. Marty Detering moved to approve the entire slate; Sarah Campbell seconded the motion, and the Slate of Nominees was passed unanimously by the membership. The following Slate was approved by the membership:

Officers

President	Anne Moss
Vice President	Melissa Gallagher
Recording Secretary	Elizabeth Bailey
Treasurer	Elsie Kellerman
Corresponding Secretary	Anecia Delduco

Third Term Governors

Sandy Issler
Carol Lippa
Carol Swetlin
Pam Wiedemann
Sarah Campbell

Second Term Governors

MaryBeth Heiser
Marty Detering

First Term Governors

Lauren Annett	Barbara Kirkland	Lisa Knox
Paula Birkebile	Lisa Leanna	
Fiona Gowers	Darcy Miller-Brown	
Kathy King	Donna Pelura	

YEAR END AWARDS

Fiona Gowers presented the year-end awards as follows:

Combined Training/Horse Trials

Elementary Masters Champion	Carol Lippa	Salfords Merrick
Beginner Novice Champion	Brandi Williams	Another Appeal
Beginner Novice Champion, JR/YR	Haley Miller	Smart Playboy
Novice Adult Amateur Champion	Lea Purcell	Applejack
Novice Reserve Adult Am. Champ.	Stephanie de Crevecouer	Kharyzma

DVCTA Recognized Show Award Winners

Training Level

Adult Amateur Champion	Anesa Romans	Paradoks
Adult Amateur Reserve Champion	Kathy King	Noble Impression
Professional Champion	Danni Toscano	Gabriella
Reserve Professional Champion	Danni Toscano	Ralph Lauren
Masters Champion	Carol Lippa	Salfords Merrick

First Level

Professional Champion	Angie Bean	BR Danny's Secret
Reserve Professional Champion	Angie Bean	SA Pentacle Reserve

Second Level

Professional Champion	Angie Bean	BR Danny's Secret

Third Level

Professional Champion	Anecia Delduco	Flacon
Free-Style Professional Champion	Anecia Deldluco	Flacon

Fourth Level

Professional Champion	Danni Toscano	Lord Ludger

DVCTA Schooling Show Award Winners

Training Level

Adult Amateur Champion	Aneesa Romans	Paradoks
Masters Champion	Paula Berkebile	Breeze
Master Reserve Champion	Marty Detering	Absolute Hero
Masters Third Place	Patricia Stout	Roo

First Level

Masters Champion	Carol Lippa	Jy Suis
Professional Champion	Gail O'Neill	Gaugin

Second Level

Adult Amateur Champion	Elsie Kellerlman	Legolas
Reserve Champion	Mollie Cameron	Safe Journey

Third Level

Professional Champion	Anecia Delduco	Flacon

Andy Gilbert Award	Danni Toscanno	Intrigue

Honorable Mention Sara Jones and Melanie Delduco

Championship Class Winners at DVCTA Championship Show

Training Level	Roberta Odell	NoMo
First Level	Carol Lippa	J'Y Suis
Second Level	Mollie Cameron	Safe Journey
Third Level	Anecia Delduco	Flacon

The meeting of the Board at the Annual Membership Dinner then adjourned.

Elizabeth C. Bailey
Recording Secretary