

DVCTA BOARD MEETING

February 4, 2015

The DVCTA Board held its regularly-scheduled monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 4, 2015, in the New Bolton cafeteria. A quorum was present and President Danni Toscano called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Written Committee reports submitted in advance of the meeting have been summarized and incorporated below (the original reports are attached to the archived minutes).

The following business was conducted and actions were taken by appropriate motion duly made, seconded and adopted by unanimous vote of the directors (unless a lesser voting approval is stated). The Board passed one motion this session.

ATTENDANCE

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

Board members attending: Elizabeth Brenner; Megan Mendenhall; Carol Lippa; Sara Gartland; Anne Miller; MaryAnn Ost; Gaye Bergstrom Sheelagh Christensen; Lisa Knox; Ellie Rawle, and Rita Lowry.

Board members excused: Sue Van Norman; Susan Neilson, and Sue Berkowitz.

Board members absent: Angela Dion; Tracey Basler; Susan Springsteen; Karen Webb, and Cathy Huston.

Visitors: Fran Keller; Claire Glenn; Doreen Garland.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board unanimously approved the Minutes from the Board's December 3, 2014 meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. TREASURER/FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair: Elsie Kellerman

The Budget Committee has not yet met but will be meeting soon.

The checking account balance is \$4725. The Annual Dinner netted about \$90 profit and we have money coming in from the Silent Auction, which raised approximately \$5800. There are no outstanding bills but we can expect a bill from the accountant for the audit which has begun.

B. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair: Elsie Kellerman

We currently have 138 members, compared with 141 members this time last year. Alix James just sent out post cards to last year's members who have not renewed as yet.

C. SCHOOLING SHOW COMMITTEE

Chair: Doreen Garland

Saturday schooling shows will be held by class; Friday shows also are being offered. Two judges will be scheduled for each show.

D. CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW COMMITTEE

Chair: Doreen Garland

The Championship Show is scheduled to be held September 12, 2015.

E. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Chair: Gaye Bergstrom

Karen Walsh will Chair the Committee this year and Gaye Bergstrom will continue to serve as a Committee member.

F. DIGITAL MEDIA COMMITTEE

Chair: Alix James

The FaceBook page has 2140 followers. The Committee's goal is to scan the liability and photo releases signed by the membership and store them on the "cloud."in

G. JUNIORS TEAMS COMMITTEE

Chair: Lisa Knox

A meeting is scheduled at New Bolton on February 20, 2015 for those interested in participating in the Juniors events, including Dressage for Kids. About 25 juniors have expressed interest so far.

H. ADULT TEAMS

Chair: Sara Gartland

Karen Walsh and Sara will be meeting to plan for the Adult teams.

I. QUADRILLE TEAMS COMMITTEE

Chair: Anne Miller

The first Quadrille playdate for 2015 had to be rescheduled twice, due to the wether. The Playdate set for February 15 at Ardara SportHorses sold out, with a waiting list. Deb Tsang will be running the session. There are still spots available for the March 8 Playdate at Kealania Farm, which Ann Moss will be running.

The Committee is looking to hold a First Level exhibition ride at the DVCTA Spring Dressage Show at DunMovin' Farm on June 6. Practices will be begin in April. The Third Level Team has been invited to perform at the Devon Horse Show on May 30. Practices will be held in April/May. The Second Level Team will be performing "Motown Showdown" at Plantation Field on September 18. Practices will be held in August/September. The DVCAT Quadrille Team also was invited to perform in the "Equine Affaire" in Massachusetts and Ohio this year. Due to conflicts, the Teams are unable to participate but will revisit those venues in the future is there is sufficient interest.

The third annual Quad Squad Dinner will be held at Anne Miller's house on March 25, at 6:30 p.m. The dinner is open to anyone interested in participating in any of the quadrille activities.

J. FEI CAMP COMMITTEE

Chair: Darcy Miller

No meeting has yet been scheduled. Darcy's status as head of the Committee needs to be determined.

K. DVCTA SPRING SHOW COMMITTEE

Chair: Carol Lippa

The Spring Show Committee held a meeting immediately prior to the Board's meeting. Ribbons for the show have been obtained and COIs have been sent to the Federations. The Prize List is being reviewed in order to finalize and publish it.

The Committee needs volunteers for set up, tear down, and a few "day-of" volunteers.

L. HORSE TRIALS COMMITTEE

Chair: Lisa Knox

The Committee is planning to hold two horse trials, and a combined training event has been scheduled for April 25, 2015 and Boyd and Sylva Martin's farm. A CT also is being planned for July, and another in the fall, which will serve as the Championship Show. Venues are being investigated.

M. NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Chair: Angela Dion

No report.

N. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair: Lisa Leana

No report.

O. VOLUNTEERS COMMITTEE

Chair: Lisa Leana

No report.

P. DVCTA SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair: Karen Walsh

A meeting will be scheduled to establish guidelines for the scholarships.

Q. MARILYN O. HEATH JUDGES EDUCATION FUND

Chair: Rita Lowry

No report.

R. SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair: Ellie Rawle

Danni Toscano and Ellie Rawle will be getting together to review the status of the sponsorships and will report to the Board next month.

S. PUB AT DEVON COMMITTEE

Chair: Lisa Knox

No report.

T. AWARDS COMMITTEE

Chair: Sara Gartland

Sara is interested in finding sponsors for awards.

U. BANQUET COMMITTEE

Chair: Lisa Leana

No report.

V. EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

Chair: Danni Toscano

The storage shed is working well but there still is equipment being stored by Pam Wiedeman that we need to retrieve.

W. GIFTS/PRIZES COMMITTEE

Chair: Danni Toscano

Danni is interested in ideas for gifts and prizes, and plans to get polos for the spring show season.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board decided to apply for the DAD Charitable Beneficiaries program. Submissions need to be in by February 28; decisions will be made by DAD in March, 2015. Awards will be made sometime in spring, 2015. Alix James will send in our submission.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Bailey,
Recording Secretary