

DVCTA BOARD MEETING

April 1, 2015

The DVCTA Board held its regularly-scheduled monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 1, 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 3 motions this session.

ATTENDANCE

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

Board members attending: Elizabeth Brenner; Megan Mendenhall; Carol Lippa; Sara Gartland; Sue Van Norman; Susan Neilson; Anne Miller; Tracey Basler; Susan Springsteen; Gaye Bergstrom; Sue Berkowitz; Lisa Knox; Karen Webb, and Rita Lowry.

Board members excused: Karen Walsh, co-Vice President.

Board members absent: MaryAnne Ost; Sheelagh Christensen, and Ellie Rawle.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board approved a **MOTION** to adopt the Minutes from the Board's March 11, 2015 meeting, with changes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. TREASURER/FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair: Elsie Kellerman

The Finance Committee is still working on the budget and expects to have it finalized by the Boards' next meeting.

The club currently has about \$3,000.00 in the checking account. The money market CD will be cashed out and part of the money will be put into the checking account, with re remainder going into another interest-bearing account which is more accessible than our current CD.

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

The club currently has 187 members, an increase from last year's membership at this time of 173. We have had 17 new memberships this month. The USDF has 173 members listed for us. The remaining numbers will be sent to the USDF in April.

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

The April 11 show has 27 rides so far. Doreen needs an estimate on the spectators to expect so she can prepare for the parking. Doreen will email Rita about prizes and a check for "L" judge. There have been several responses to the email went out calling for volunteers for the show, but more are still needed.

Doreen officially gave notice to President Danni Toscano that Doreen will step down from her position as Schooling Show Manager/Secretary as of September 12, 2015, after completion of this year's Championship Show. We will need to find a replacement.

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

The Committee will need a new Chairperson for the 2016 show.

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

The gymnastic clinic is being rescheduled to April 18th, at Dunmovin' Farm. Doreen Garland will conduct the clinic and Danni will teach advanced riders. Doreen needs a count of the auditors who will be appearing for the Margaret Freeman schooling show on April 11. Doreen has gotten some volunteers for the Freeman clinic schooling show, but more are needed.

F. DIGITAL MEDIA COMMITTEE**Chair: Alix James**

The facebook page continues to do well in attracting followers.

G. JUNIORS TEAMS COMMITTEE**Chair: Lisa Knox**

Lisa reported that as a result of the meetings she held, 26 young riders will be participating on the various team events.

H. ADULT TEAMS COMMITTEE**Chair: Sara Gartland**

No report.

I. QUADRILLE TEAMS COMMITTEE

Chair: Anne Miller

The Playdate scheduled for March 8, 2015 at Kealani Farm was held with four riders. Anne Moss lead the group. The March 22 playdate at Dunmovin' Farm was held with 8 riders, all participating in the First Level Squads. The Quad Squad dinner at Anne's house was well-attended, with 24 people present. The Third Level Squad will be performing "A Chorus Line" at the Devon Horse Show on May 30.

J. FEI CAMP COMMITTEE

Chair: Darcy Miller

Darcy Miller will not be handling the DVCTA Adult Dressage Camp (aka the DVCTA FEI Camp) this year, and we have no volunteers to take on this task. The Board discussed whether to put the event on, if so, who would run it, whether we should hire a manager for the event, and the profitability of the event. After due deliberation, the Board passed a **MOTION** to place the DVCTA Adult Dressage Camp/DVCTA FEI Camp on hiatus for this year (2015).

K. DVCTA SPRING SHOW COMMITTEE

Chair: Carol Lippa

The scheduling issue with the USDF has been resolved and the Spring Show will go on as scheduled. High score Breed Awards will be offered. Rita will act as the volunteer coordinator. The Committee is now waiting for the prize list to be approved and for the USDF to get the paper work Danni sent them. The USDF also requires the date, venue and license fees for the 2016 show, which we do not have lined up, to be submitted April 30, 2015.

The Board then discussed whether and where to hold the recognized show in 2016. The Board reviewed the current staffing and venue issues, as well as recent declining rider interest in this particular show. The Board also discussed the possibility of sponsoring awards for DVCTA members at Blue Goose, Dunmovin' Farm and/or other local recognized shows next season in lieu of holding the DVCTA recognized show. The Board then passed a **MOTION** to put the 2016 DVCTA Recognized Show on hold for one year. The Board also decided to continue to consider and flesh out whether to sponsor DVCTA awards at other local recognized shows.

L. HORSE TRIALS COMMITTEE

Chair: Lisa Knox

There will be no combined test at the 2015 DVCTA Championship Show but riders' combined test scores will count toward combined test year-end awards.

A combined test event is scheduled to be held at Boyd Martin's farm on April 25, 2015.

M. NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Chair: Angela Dion

Angela has received articles from some 2014 scholarship recipients.

N. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair: Lisa Leana

No report.

O. VOLUNTEERS COMMITTEE

Chair: Lisa Leana

No report.

P. DVCTA SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair: Karen Walsh

No report.

Q. MARILYN O. HEATH JUDGES EDUCATION FUND

Chair: Rita Lowry

No report.

R. SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair: Ellie Rawle

No report.

S. PUB AT DEVON COMMITTEE

Chair: Lisa Knox

No report.

T. AWARDS COMMITTEE

Chair: Sara Gartland

No report.

U. BANQUET COMMITTEE

Chair: Lisa Leana

No report.

V. EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

Chair: Danni Toscano

Still have equipment at Pam Wiedeman's that needs to be picked up.

W. Gifts/Prizes

Chair: Danni Toscano

Danni needs to know if anyone needs any gifts for guest speakers, clinicians, instructors, etc.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Cathy Huston submitted her resignation from the Board. The Board is seeking suggestions for people who would be willing to assume that spot.

Sue Springsteen suggested that we create a “perks book,” consisting of discount coupons, to be given each year to DVCTA members. Sue volunteered to look into finding vendors and others to donate coupons and to look into the mechanics of printing and distributing the books. She will report back to Board on these issues.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Bailey,
Recording Secretary