

## **DVCTA BOARD MEETING November 4, 2015**

Members of the DVCTA Board met for its regularly-scheduled monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2015, in the New Bolton cafeteria. A quorum was declared present, and President Danni Toscano called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. The Board passed three motions this sessions.

### **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: Megan Mendenhall; Carol Lippa; Theresa Monturano; Susan Neilson; Anne Miller; MaryAnne Ost; Tracy Basler; Susan Springsteen; Gaye Bergstrom, and Lisa Knox.

Board members excused: Karen Walsh, Co-Vice President; Elizabeth Brenner; Sue Van Norman; Sheelagh Christensen, and Rita Lowry.

Guests: Lauren Annette, and Mike Broomall.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes from the Board's August 4, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **A. TREASURER/FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Chair: Elsie Kellerman**

The club has \$20,000 in the checking account. The Spring Show has \$7,800 in its checking account; the MOH has about \$20,000 in its checking, and the HT has \$40,000 in its checking account.

The Finance Committee still has the budget to complete. The Committee needs budgets from all the Committees by December, 2015, including the following Committees: Education; Schooling Shows; Quadrille; Juniors; Adult Teams; FEI Camp; Horse trials; Eventing Camp; Public Relations; Scholarships, and Awards.

The Finance Committee will again discuss the wisdom of having separate checking accounts held by certain committees.

**B. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

**Chair: Elsie Kellerman**

The club has 15 membership renewals for 2016; none yet for Board members.

**C. SCHOOLING SHOW COMMITTEE**

**Chair: Doreen Garland**

No report.

**D. CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW COMMITTEE**

**Chair: Doreen Garland**

The Championship Show went well except for a glitch with some of the prizes. Additional prizes will be awarded at the banquet.

**E. EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**Chair: Karen Walsh**

No report. Danni noted that we still need a budget from this Committee, which we anticipate will be presented at the December meeting.

**F. DVCTA SPRING SHOW COMMITTEE**

**Chair: Carol Lippa**

The Spring Show is scheduled for June 5, 2016, a Sunday, and will be held at Dunmovin' Farm. Carol Lippa reports that the show is on track at this point and anyone interested in being on the Committee should contact her. Also, the Committee is pondering class/division money levels, with Carol thinking \$40 a class or \$100 a division.

**G. HORSE TRIALS COMMITTEE**

**Chair: Lisa Knox**

The Horse Trials needs a treasurer for 2016. Sarah Sprigg currently runs the show by contract with the club.

**H. NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE**

**Chair:**

The Committee is presently not staffed and questions were raised but not answered about whether we need a newsletter.

**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**

No report.

**L. EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Chair: Danni Toscano**

Lisa Knox and Patrick will pick up the rest of the equipment from Pam Wiedemann's.

**M. VOLUNTEERS COMMITTEE**

**Chair: Elizabeth Brenner**

Liz has the latest volunteer hours which will be put on the web. She is having trouble getting volunteer hours from Sarah Sprigg and suggests that be a requirement for continuing her contract for the HT/CT's. She is having similar problems with many clinic organizers and again suggests that DVCTA support for the clinics include reporting requirements.

**N. AWARDS COMMITTEE**

**Chair: Sara Gartland**

Sara Gartland needs rider scores by the end of the month.

**O. QUADRILLE TEAMS COMMITTEE**

**Chair: Anne Miller**

The Second Level Team performed at Plantation Field September 18. Many volunteers showed up the day of the event and many other provided arenas for workouts and other services. Many thanks to all!

The Quad Squad has been invited to perform at the Opening Ceremony at Fair Hill International CCI on October 15.

Anne is planning to organize Quadrille Playdates this winter - dates and locations TBD. Anne also would like to present an exhibition ride at the DVCTA Spring Show in 2016.

**P. SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE**

No report.

#### **Q. BANQUET COMMITTEE**

**Chair: Lisa Leanna**

The Silent Auction will be held again in 2016 at the Annual Banquet on January 22, 2016. Lisa Knox and Karen Walsh will be handling the Silent Auction with the Juniors. After discussion, the Board approved a **MOTION** that the funds from the Silent Auction be apportioned as follows: 75% to Juniors and 25% to the DVCTA General Fund.

#### **R. JUNIOR TEAMS/ADULT TEAMS**

**Chairs: Lisa Knox/Sara Gartland**

No report for Juniors. The event team location will be moving in 2016. It is unclear whether there is enough interest for an adult dressage team.

#### **S. DAD PUB**

**Chair: Lisa Knox**

Due to the bad weather in 2015, the revenue looks to be \$13,000 less this year, so the DAD Pub probably will not make a profit or at best only a minimal one. Lisa noted that there were only five volunteers from DVCTA working the Pub in 2015.

#### **T. DIGITAL MEDIA COMMITTEE**

**Chair: Alix James**

Many complaints have been received about the club's website; among the dissatisfactions are that incorrect information is put on the website; some messages are not going on the site at all; responsiveness of the provider is very slow so some information is going on in an untimely manner, forms cannot be located, and similar complaints. Alix needs to determine whether we need to change providers, and to do so, she needs more specifics from club and Board members about what is wrong.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

DVCTA received a \$5,000 grant from DAD, which came in pursuant to our application in the Spring. Marty will send a thank you note to DAD CEO Laurie Kaminsky and the Board of Governors for DAD.

The Board approved a **MOTION** to accept the Slate of Officers and Directors presented by the Nominating Committee. This year the slate will be sent to DVCTA members by first class mail.

Lauren Annette will be attending the USDF Annual meeting as DVCTA's delegate and presented the Board with the current USDF rule change notification.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Bailey,  
Recording Secretary