

DVCTA BOARD MEETING February 10, 2015

Members of the DVCTA Board met on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 (rescheduled from February 3, 2016), in the New Bolton cafeteria, for the first monthly meeting of the newly-elected Board. A quorum was present, and President Danni Toscano called the meeting to order at 8:40 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

Board members attending: Tracy Basler; Susan Neilson; MaryAnne Ost; Susan Springsteen; Gaye Bergstrom, and Darcy Miller.

Board members excused: Megan Mendenhall (Corresponding Secretary); Sara Gartland, and Lisa Knox.

Board members absent: Sheelagh Christensen.

Guest: Anne Miller.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board unanimously approved the Minutes from the Board's August 4, 2015, November 3, 2015 and December 3, 2015 meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. TREASURER/FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair: Elsie Kellerman

The club has \$26,758 in the checking account, but from that the club will owe JoAnne Nightingale almost \$3700 from Jean Luc Cornille prepayments.

In its preparation of the 2016 budget, the Finance Committee concluded that one area in which club costs can be better managed would be by reducing the accounting and insurance costs incurred by the many, events sponsored by the Education Committee. The Finance Committee determined that it would be more beneficial to stop doing oft-repeated clinics, such as the Jean Luc Cornille and Lauren Annett clinics, that appeal only to a limited audience of DVCTA members, and focus instead on several one-time events by bigger names that will draw auditors as well as a wider range of rider participants. The Board agreed to limit educational events for 2016 to the presently scheduled cavaletti clinic in April, the Judges' Freestyle Clinic, and the FEI/"Up the Levels" clinic in August. The Board also agreed to augment the slimmer offering of educational events by use of the Scholarship Fund for DVCTA members to obtain financial assistance to assist in their educational efforts.

B. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair: Elsie Kellerman

The club has 127 members as of this date.

C. SCHOOLING SHOW COMMITTEE

Chair: Darcy Miller

Darcy reviewed the financial status of the Schooling and Championship Shows from 2015 and the projected costs for 2016, both of which showed overall losses for these events. The Board discussed this data and then renewed its 2015 discussion about changing the schooling show program so as to sanction schooling shows held at other venues for riders to qualify for DVCTA's Championship Show and schooling show awards. After discussion, the Board approved the following **MOTION** proposed by Darcy, and seconded by Sue Springsteen:

for 2016, that: 1. DVCTA host only the Championship Show and sanction schooling shows held at other venues, such as Blue Goose Stables, Dunmovin' Farm, Second Nature Farm and Straight Forward Dressage, for riders to qualify for the DVCTA Championship Show and for year-end schooling show awards; 2. requirements for the Championship Show and the year-end schooling show awards be revised and published to the membership; and 3. volunteer hours to meet DVCTA requirements for the Championship Show and year-end awards may be earned at sanctioned shows as well as DVCTA's other activities.

The Schooling Show Committee will put self-reporting forms on the DVCTA website for its members' use in entering sanctioned shows.

D. CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW COMMITTEE

Chair: Darcy Miller

See **C** above. The 2016 Championship Show is scheduled for October 22, 2016, at Blue Goose Stables. Results from any sanctioned schooling show held between December 1, 2015 and October 1, 2016, qualify for the Championship Show and for year-end awards.

E. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Chair: Karen Walsh

No report.

F. DVCTA SPRING SHOW COMMITTEE

Chair: Carol Lippa

The Recognized Spring Show is scheduled for June 5, 2016.

G. HORSE TRIALS COMMITTEE

Chair: Tracey Basler

No report.

H. NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Chair:

The Board unanimously voted to end the newsletter and to use e-blasts, Facebook and “election-buddy” in its place.

I. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair: Liz Brenner

Liz Brenner reported that the Horse of Delaware Valley will be dropped this year as an advertising venue.

J. DVCTA SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair: Sue Springsteen

Sue Springsteen has agreed to chair this committee.

K. MARILYN O. HEATH JUDGES EDUCATION FUND

Chair: Rita Lowry

A continuing education clinic in freestyle judging is scheduled for March 19-20, 2016. This program will consist of one day of lectures on March 19th at New Bolton Center, and one day of live judging with exhibition riders on March 20th, at Ardara Sport Horses. The program is open to all licensed judges and to L program graduates.

This will be a USDF-accredited clinic and will count as advanced education for judges, who will be able to earn a Judges’ Freestyle Designation upon completion of the clinic and passing an online test. Presenters will be Lois Yukins and Terry Gallo, both affiliated with the USDF Judges Committee. The cost for judges and L program graduates is \$250 for both days. Auditors are invited, at a cost of \$60 per day.

L. EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

Chair: Danni Toscano

Danni will collect remaining DVCTA equipment and she and Alix will inventory the items in the storage facility and determine which to discard. The storage facility will be dropped by February 29, 2016, due to its high cost. Some items being retained may be stored at Tracy Basler’s facility sometime this summer.

M. VOLUNTEERS COMMITTEE

Chair: Elizabeth Brenner

No report.

N. AWARDS COMMITTEE

Chair: Sara Gartland

No report.

O. QUADRILLE TEAMS COMMITTEE

Chair: Anne Miller

Due to the EHU-1 outbreak in Bucks County, the January 10, 2016 Playdate was rescheduled to March 13 at Ardara Sporthorses. The February 28 Playdate at Kealani Farm will proceed as scheduled. The Quadrille dinner will be held at Anne Miller's house on March 30, 2016.

P. SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair: Danni Toscano/Liz Brenner

Danni is searching for a person to work this committee to develop sponsors.

Q. BANQUET COMMITTEE

Chair: Lisa Leanna

The Annual Meeting and Banquet was rescheduled to February 26, 2016 from January 22, 2016, due to bad weather.

R. JUNIOR TEAMS/ADULT TEAMS

Chairs: Lisa Knox/Sara Gartland

No report.

S. DAD PUB

Chair: Lisa Knox

No report.

T. DIGITAL MEDIA COMMITTEE

Chair: Alix James

Alix advised the Board that our current web provider, Jennn, was not working out and that the club needs to find another person who can run the website. Darcy suggested Annie Duncan, who does work on websites, and offered to speak to her to see if she would fit our needs and whether she is available.

U. GIFTS/PRIZES

Chair: Danni Toscano

All volunteer awards are stored and ready for the banquet. There are enough tokens for volunteers, judges, clinicians in storage for the year 2016. All that may be needed are gift cards for Hi Score DVCTA riders at outside shows and door prizes for Board meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board approved a **MOTION** by Alix James, and seconded by Liz Brenner, to discontinue holding Board meetings at New Bolton Center and instead hold them at Danni Toscano's house, located at 418 McFarlan Road, Kennett Square, PA, 19348, until further notice.

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Bailey,
Recording Secretary