

DVCTA BOARD MEETING June 7, 2016

Members of the DVCTA Board met for its regularly-scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 7, 2016, at Danni Toscano's Pony Island Farm, 418 McFarlan Road, Kennett Square. A quorum was present. President Danni Toscano called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. The Board considered and approved two motions this session.

ATTENDANCE

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

Board members attending: Sara Gartland; MaryAnne Ost; Susan Springsteen; Gaye Bergstrom; Lisa Knox; Darcy Miller, Theresa Monturano.

Board members excused: Tracey Basler.

Board members absent: Aneesa Romans.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board unanimously approved the MOTION of Sue Springsteen, seconded by Elsie Kellerman, to accept the Minutes from the Board's May 3, 2016 meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. FINANCE COMMITTEE - Elsie Kellerman**
Club Finances Manager: Elsie Kellerman
Budget Manager: Elsie Kellerman
- Assistants: Tracy Basler, Anne Miller
Membership Reporting Manager: Elsie Kellerman
Marilyn O. Heath (MOH) Judges Education Fund: Rita Lowry

The club currently has 219 members, as compared with 226 at this time last year.

The club has \$30,000 in the checking account. Elsie is still working on consolidating the separate accounts.

- 2. DRESSAGE COMPETITIONS - Darcy Miller**
Schooling Show: Darcy Miller
Championship Show: Darcy Miller
Recognized Show: Carol Lippa
- Assistant: Doreen Garland

The Schooling Show program is going well and appears to be well-received by the membership.

Darcy has a committee in place for the scheduled October 22, 2016 Championship Show; members include Emily Donaldson; Lauren Annett; Aneesa Romans, and MaryAnne Ost. Lauren Annett has hired Kem Barbosa as judge, but sponsors are still needed for the show. The Championship Show will be promoted on Facebook as well as the club website.

The Recognized Show ran smoothly; the rain held off until after the last ride. The show filled, with 61 rides - up from last year. Sally O'Connor judged and Danni Toscanno, who is on her way to her "R," was a second judge for second level classes. The Quadrille performed during the lunch break, and Doreen Garland kept the show organized and on schedule.

Megan Mendenhall will talk to Doreen about continuing her work as secretary at the show next year. Megan and Liz Brenner agreed to act as co-managers for the 2017 show.

3. EDUCATION - Karen Walsh
Clinics
- FEI Camp Manager: Darcy Miller
Lectures Manager: Karen Walsh

Darcy reports that the FEI Camp flyer is ready to be sent and that there is interest from other GMOs. She will wrap up plans for the FEI Camp by the 25th and report to the Board.

4. COMMUNICATIONS - Alix James
Website Manager: Alix James and Elizabeth Brenner
Social Media Manager: Terry Monturano
Calendar Manager: Elizabeth Brenner
E-news Manager: Connie Scholz
Web Developer: Annie Duncan

The new website prepared by Annie Duncan is now up and running, and it is much easier to find information on than the previous version.

Terry Monturano has put together some stats for the DVCTA Facebook page for May 9-June 6. She has requested stats for the first half of the year, in order to see the club's activity and reach, and to see how we've done throughout the year. She is making posts as they are requested, sharing our events and posts, and posting items of interest. She is still looking into Twitter and Instagram. Also, Terry will write up a history of the club for current and newly registered members.

5. HORSE TRIALS/CT - Danni Toscanno
Manager: Sara Sprigg
Treasurer: Tracey Basler
Assistant: Sara Gartland

Sara Gartland reported that she has had communications with Sara Sprigg to work out problems with updating the June Horse Trial entry forms, the divisions being offered and the judging of the Derbies. Currently, Sara Sprigg is reporting only 19 entries for the June event - 60 are needed to break even. Further, complaints have been received about the shortened

format, and this, as well as conflicts with other shows, likely have led to the dwindling entries. The June event will have to be cancelled, unless somehow the minimum number of entries come in. The July 7th CT has been cancelled since the Martins were very unhappy with the condition of their facility after our prior CT's there. Karen Rubin offered apologies to the Martins and Boyd agreed to reconsider our using the facility in the future (after the indoor has been constructed), on a per-horse fee basis rather than flat feed. The September Derby will be revamped and price changes will be on revised entry forms.

Next year, Carousel is not a viable option for holding the HT/CT shows, and a new venue will have to be found. There are not yet plans for a new venue, although options being considered include Ardara, Fox Crossing, Laurel Hill. The Committee is still in the "fleshing out" stages. Next year, the Committee will be looking at holding one event for the year, and instead of holding a Horse Trials, put on a CT, with schooling.

The decision has been made not to pick up Ms. Spriggs' contract next year.

6. SPECIAL TEAMS - Tracy Basler
Jr. Team Manager: Lisa Knox
- Assistant: Karen Walsh
Quadrille Manager: Anne Miller
Adult Teams: Sara Gartland

Six youngsters will be going to Dressage for Kids this year; 17 Juniors will be going to Morven. Clinics have been set up for the Juniors and Emma Ford will be holding a hands-on grooming clinic for the Juniors on Thursday, June 22, 5-7:30p.m.

The First Level Quad Squad is scheduled to perform an exhibition ride at 12 p.m. at the DVCTA Recognized Dressage Show. Ten riders are scheduled to perform. The next quadrille performance likely will be held at Plantation Field.

Anne Moss has offered to fund an award for competitive pas de deux and/or quadrille competition. This will be looked into further.

7. MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS - Elizabeth Brenner
Welcoming Committee Manager: Aneesa Romans
Awards Program Manager: Sara Gartland
Volunteer Program Manager: Elizabeth Brenner
Scholarships/Fundraisers/Grants Manager: Susan Springsteen

After discussion led by Sara Garland, the Board approved the MOTION of Sue Springsteen, seconded by Alix James, to reinstate combined tests as a category in the Year End Awards for 2016. Alix will put the process/standards for sanctioning CT/dressage shows on the website and Facebook.

Volunteer hours are being sent to Liz Brenner as she has requested.

No DVCTA Scholarships have been made yet. Coupons for the Dressage Training Online service are in and are ready for distribution.

OLD BUSINESS

Aneesa Romans is now on the Welcoming Committee and the Championship Show Committee; MaryAnn Ost is on the Championship Show Committee, and Megan Mendenhall is on the Junior Team Committee and the 2017 Recognized Show Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Bailey,
Recording Secretary