

## **DVCTA BOARD MEETING September 6, 2016**

Members of the DVCTA Board met for its regularly-scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 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 7:40 p.m. The Board considered and approved motions this session.

### **ATTENDANCE**

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

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

Board members excused: MaryAnne Ost.

Board members absent: Megan Mendenhall.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board unanimously approved the MOTION of Elsie Kellerman, seconded by Aneesa Romans, to accept the Minutes from the Board's June 7, 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 230 members, as compared with 254 at this time last year.

DVCTA has a total of \$26,806 in Santander Bank and \$19470 still in Fulton Bank. The clinics made an overall profit this year.

Elsie closed the MOH fund and Spring Show expenses accounts. The money was placed in Santander Bank, with Darcy and Elsie as signers. The MOH funds are "restricted" in use, other funds, such as for the Quadrille, are allocated to that purpose. The Horse Trials account will be closed as soon as one outstanding check for \$60.00 has cleared. The DVCTA operating account needs to be reconciled, which should happen within a week, and then the account can be closed.

The budget is 'breakeven,' with income at net zero. There is some question as to whether the Juniors are "in the hole," and, if so, to what degree. Right now, there appears to be a deficit but investigation on the issue is continuing.

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

Darcy provided Board members with a proposed prize list for the Championship Show on October 22, 2016. Volunteers are needed for announcer, secretary; bit check; scribes, and runners. Liz Brenner volunteered to be the Volunteer Coordinator.

Darcy proposed to offer Division Sponsors at \$100.00 each and Special Trophy Sponsors at \$50.00 each.

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

The On the Way to FEI Camp has been cancelled.

- 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**

Terry e-mailed facebook statistics to the Board. The minutes still have to be sent to Annie Duncan and posted. No e-blasts have been requested.

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

The Committee is considering using Erin Sylvester's farm as the location for eventing, and Horse Trials. Possibly 1 CT and 2 other events, and discussions include year-round schooling there.

Frank Stafford still needs to conduct the inventory of the club's jumps currently located at Carousel Park. Once the inventory is completed, the Committee will be able to determine the status of our jumps, procure them and send a letter to Carousel to let them know our intentions before we go to pick up the jumps.

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

Lisa has been asked to arrange and put on the 2017 Region One Juniors event. Lisa would need DVCTA backing to agree, and she would reach out to other clubs to participate if they are interested. A possible site would be Dream Park, N.J. The Board agreed to give her DVCTA backing to further investigate the funding, location and other issues.

The First Level Team will be doing an encore performance of "Uptown Funk" at Plantation Field's BEST.EVENT.EVER, around noon on September 16, 2016. The ride will be dedicated to Leslie King, who lost her battle with cancer this past spring.

The Second Level Team will be performing their Patriotic ride at Dressage at Devon on Sunday, October 2, 2016, during the lunch break. Volunteer grooms are needed for both performances.

Anne miller will send promos soon to Facebook, news and the DVCTA website.

**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**

Sue has received five applicants so far; two could not be processed because the described event - On the Way to FEI Camp - was cancelled. Megan Mendenhall applied and rode in the August 14, 2016 George Williams clinic. Her article on the rise is on the DVCA website. Gaye Bergstrom applied for the September 11 George Williams clinic. Sue Springsteen also applied for the September 10 George Williams clinic but she needs the Board to approve it since she heads the Scholarship Committee.

The Board unanimously approved a MOTION by Alix James to approve Sue's Application for the September 10, 2016 George Williams clinic.

Lisa Knox is getting the Dressage at Devon Pub event up and going. She needs volunteers for set-up and serving at the Pub. A reminder: volunteers should designate whether they want their volunteer hours charged to the general membership fund or to the Juniors.

**NEW BUSINESS**

After discussion, the Board approved a MOTION by Elizabeth Bailey, seconded by Gaye Bergstrom, to donate \$100 to Dunmovin Farm's Adult Amateur Show in September, 2016.

Danni will appoint members to the Nominating Committee for 2017 Officers and Directors and report back to the Board next session.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Bailey,  
Recording Secretary