

## **DVCTA BOARD MEETING October 4, 2016**

Members of the DVCTA Board met for its regularly-scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 4, 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 two motions this session. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

### **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; Gaye Bergstrom; Lisa Knox, and Darcy Miller.

Board members excused: Aneesa Romans.

Guest: Erin Sylvester.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board unanimously approved the MOTION of Elsie Kellerman, seconded by Susan Springsteen, to accept the Minutes from the Board's September 6, 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**

Before August 1, the club had 224 members. Since then, 14 people have joined for 2016 and 2017. Last year we had 245 members before August 1, and 10 more joining between August 1 and October 3. It's time to renew for 2017.

DVCTA has a total of \$18944.61 in the operating account in Fulton Bank, \$39,198.09 in the Horse Trials Account (which Elsie cannot close) and \$26,420.93 at Sovereign Bank, including a ice donation from Unionville Equine of \$500 to the quadrille.

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

Ninety riders have signed up for the show. Darcy needs insurance information and especially volunteers for announcer, secretary; bit check; scribes, and runners. Liz Brenner will send members of the Board who have volunteered to work their assignments.

A judge and technical delegate have been hired for the Spring Show.

- 3. EDUCATION - Karen Walsh**  
**Clinics**  
**Lectures Manager: Karen Walsh**

No report.

- 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**

Annie has been doing a terrific job and will be teaching Liz Brenner and some others how to add/remove items from the website.

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

The Committee proposed to schedule one CT, 2 Horse Trials, and cross-country schooling at Erin Sylvester's farm in 2017. Erin suggested that \$10 from each schooling fee should go to DVCTA and that a percentage of each schooling show operated by DVCTA at her farm should go to the farm for field, driveway maintenance and the like.

The Horse Trials (HT) Committee currently is comprised of Sara Garland and Lisa Knox. The Board approved a MOTION by Alix James and seconded by Sue Springsteen authorizing the HT Committee to negotiate the terms for 2017 HT and CT events, and cross-country schooling, with Erin Sylvester to take place at her farm, and that we shall retrieve our jumps from Carousel for storage at Erin's Farm.

Lisa Knox will take the lead in working with Frank and Carousel personnel for retrieval of our jumps.

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

The Second Level Team had a very successful performance with their Patriotic ride at Dressage at Devon on Sunday, October 2, 2016. The squad of 15 riders was the largest that has been filed by the Quadrille Teams so far and volunteer grooms were present to help. The performance included a tribute to 9/11 first responders.

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**

Two more applications have been received: one from Anneesa Romans to attend the Dressage Symposium at Riversedge conducted by Michael Klimke and Scott Hassler. The second application was from Sara Gartland to attend a clinic by William Fox-Pitt. The scholarships awarded to Gaye Bergstrom, for the September 11 George Williams clinic, and to Sue Springsteen, also for the September 10 George Williams clinic, could not be used due to horse injuries. There remain 7 Scholarships left to award before the end of the year.

Lisa Knox reported that the Dressage at Devon Pub event did good business, especially Saturday night. The light turnout of volunteers remains a problem. The Pub money will go to the Juniors who worked as volunteers.

Liz Brenner is still waiting for volunteer hourly updates from the last few schooling shows, DAD and Plantation Quads, and the Pub. Volunteers for the 10/22 Championship Show are badly needed.

No decision was made by the Board about whether or when there will be a form for electronic submission this year. Sara still has ribbons and awards to obtain from Sarah Sprigg, who also may have the Oxford Feed and Lumber gift certificates.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Sue Springsteen received the final paperwork for Dressage Training On-Line.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Danni will send an e-mail to Board members containing the members of the Nominating Committee for 2017 Officers and Directors.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Bailey,  
Recording Secretary