

MINUTES FOR THE 2016 DVCTA ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 26, 2016

The annual meeting of the DVCTA membership was held February 26, 2016, at the Kennett Square Fire Hall Banquet Hall, having been rescheduled from January 22, 2016 due to inclement weather. Immediately preceding the meeting, the membership enjoyed dinner, and bid on items in the silent auction. Door prizes were also awarded.

The Annual Meeting for 2016 was held after dinner, when President Danni Toscano called the meeting to order. A quorum of the Board and membership was present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Written reports of the following Committees were distributed to members of the Board and Club Membership before the meeting:
Nominating Committee - Danni Toscano; Membership/Finance - Elsie Kellerman; Education Committee - Karen Walsh; DVCTA Spring Recognized Show - Carol Lippa; Schooling Show Committee - Darcy Miller; Horse Trials Committee - Sarah Sprigg; Scholarship Committees - Karen Walsh, Darcy Miller; Public Relations Committee - Lisa Leana; Team Competition Committees - Lisa Knox, Sara Gartland; Year-End Awards Committee - Sara Gartland; and E-News Committee - Connie Scholz; "On Your Way to FEI" Camp - Darcy Miller; DVCTA Quadrille - Anne Miller.
(Committee Reports are attached hereto.)

MEETING AGENDA

After welcoming members and guests to the Annual Meeting and Dinner, DVCTA President Danni Toscano reviewed the activities of the Club for the 2015 and advised the membership of the Club's finances. She then introduced the current members of the Board and thanked the exiting third-year Directors for their service over their terms on the Board.

Danni Toscano then gave the President's address, noting the continuing need for volunteers from the membership to help organize events and to assist on the day(s) of the events. The Membership was encouraged to attend and assist at all DVCTA events in the coming year.

ELECTIONS

The President then read the 2016 Slate of Nominees for Officers and Members of the Board that previously had been sent to the Membership for its review. (The 2016 Slate is attached hereto.) No additional nominations having been submitted by members of the Club, a motion to approve the Slate as set forth was made and seconded, and the Slate of Nominees was passed unanimously by the Membership.

The President then welcomed the new members of the Board.

AWARDS

Following the election of Officers and Directors, year-end awards were distributed.

The Annual Membership Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

DVCTA 2016 SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

There having been no additional nominations submitted by the Membership, the DVCTA Nominating Committee submits to the Membership for its vote the following Slate of Officers and Directors for the 2016 Board of Directors:

OFFICERS

President:	Danni Toscano
Co-Vice Presidents:	Alix James & Elizabeth Brenner
Recording Secretary:	Elizabeth Bailey
Treasurer:	Elsie Kellerman
Corresponding Secretary:	Megan Mendenhall

THIRD-TERM DIRECTORS

Tracy Basler
Sara Gartland
Susan Neilson
MaryAnne Ost
Susan Springsteen

SECOND-TERM DIRECTORS

Gaye Bergstrom
Sheelagh Christensen
Lisa Knox

FIRST-TERM DIRECTOR

Darcy Miller

**2016 DVCTA
ANNUAL MEETING
COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chair: Danni Toscano

The DVCTA Nominating Committee met this Fall and prepared its slate of Officer and Board of Directors for 2015, for which all nominees agreed to serve. The Committee submitted its Slate to the Board for dispersal to and voting upon by the membership.

1. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair: Elsie Kellerman

As of December 31, 2015, DVCTA suffered a loss of \$16,800, bringing our assets in the General Fund down to \$18,000. However, the DVCTA Horse Trials have assets of \$40,000; the Marilyn O. Heath Judges Education Fund has assets of \$25,506, and the DVCTA Sprng Show has assets of \$7872. Although we will have to be careful this year, DVCTA is financially sound.

Work on the 2016 budget is currently in progress.

2. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Chair: Karen Walsh

The Education Committee would like to see 2016 filled with clinics and lectures! In order for this to happen we need volunteers to organize and run events. Please consider volunteering to run a clinic. There is also an immediate opening for the Committee Chair for Education as I am stepping down from Chair this year. However, I will be organizing a clinic and a lecture this year, as will Rita Lowry and Gaye Bergstrom will be working on another bomb proofing clinic.

4. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair: Elsie Kellerman

Membership currently stands at 109, of which 91 have been reported to USDF. Our goal is 250 members for this year.

5. DVCTA SPRING RECOGNIZED DRESSAGE SHOW

Chair: Carol Lippa

The 2015 DVCTA Spring Show (licensed) was a success from a competitor's perspective. The show was held at Dunmovin' Farm. Doreen Garland did a superb job as Secretary, and it was managed by Carol Lippa. The show filled early and was wait-listed. Ken Barbosa judged, and the weather was optimal. The show ran smoothly - many thanks to the show committee volunteers. Budgetary issues were address and we aim for a break-even outcome in 2016.

The 2016 show will be eld on the first Sunday in June. The judge and TD are TBD. Volunteers should contact Carol Lippa who will be manager and Committee Chair. Doreen will hold office as Secretary once again.

The Committee is looking for a permanent venue and asks the membership to submit recommendations for such a site.

6. SCHOOLING SHOW COMMITTEE

Chair: Darcy Miller

Work on the 2016 Schooling Show calendar is still in progress. To date, we have pending schooling show dates of April 17, May 8, June -TBA, July 17, and the Championship Show on August 21. Each show will need scribes, scorers and secretary of the show - good opportunities all to earn the the hours needed for year-end awards!

7. HORSE TRIALS COMMITTEE

Chair: Sarah Sprigg

Planning for the 2016 competition dates is still ongoing. So far, however, we have the following dates tentatively scheduled: May 1: Combined Test at Windurra Farm; June 18: Derby at Carousel Park; July 7:

Combined test at Windurra Farm;, and September 5: Labor Day Derby at Carousel with Prize money!!

The Committee is still waiting for confirmation of approval for the Carousel date.

8. SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEES

Chair: Karen Walsh (DVCTA Scholarships)

Chair: Darcy Miller (Marilyn O. Heath Fund)

Both the DVCTA Scholarship Committee and the Marilyn JO. Heath Judges Education Fund (MOH) award scholarships for educational uses. The MOH awards scholarships for those interested in educational opportunities for judging, while the DVCTA Scholarship fund is more broad-based and covers rider education events.

In 2015, MOH subsidized the expenses for an additional judges at DVCTA schooling and championship shows, the Spring Recognized Show and Horse Trials. This was done to encourage members' exposure to higher-rated judges at DVCTA shows.

The MOH will be holding an MFS judge education weekend on March 19 and 20, 2016. Instructors are Louis Ukins, an L Faculty S judge, and Terry Gallo, the creator of the USDF MFS education program. This program, which will consist of one day of lectures at New Bolton Center and one day of live instruction on horseback, will be held at Ardara Sport Horses. It is open to all members to audit.

If approved by the USEF, licensed participating judges will receive a special designation from the USEF after taking an on-line test.

Contact Darcy Miller for more information.

9. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair: Lisa Leana

The mission of this Committee is to promote DVCTA events and membership to the equestrian (and other) community. To that end, the Committee advertises DVCTA events in various local publications and make sure DVCTA events are published on local publication calendars.

10. TEAM COMPETITION COMMITTEES

Chair: Lisa Knox (Junior Team)

Chair: Sara Gartland (Adult Team)

The Juniors have been busy preparing for tonight's Silent Auction! Also, planning has begun on activities - clinics, shows, etc. - in preparation for this year's competitions at Morven Park and Dressage for Kids. Thirty juniors total will be participating in those events.

More fund raisers will be held during the year to benefit the juniors but you can also visit the DVCTA website and donate to the Junior Fund. Juniors are the future of riding - thank you for your support!

Interest remains low to nonexistent for the Adult Team activities.

11. YEAR-END AWARDS COMMITTEE

Chair: Sara Gartland

Anyone interested in earning volunteer hours for 2016 by helping to plan 2016 Year End Awards, please email dicta.ye.awards@gmail.com.

12. E-NEWS COMMITTEE

Chair: Connie Scholz

As a volunteer, I send out email blasts to our members about upcoming shows, events, lectures, volunteer opportunities, etc.

13. On Your Way to FEI Camp

Chair: Darcy Miller

2016's On Your Way to FEI Camp will be held September 2-4, 2016, at Blue Goose Stable, LLC. Instructors are Sarah Giecke and Bailey Cook. There will be a variety of seminars and yoga each day.

14. DVCTA Quadrille
Chair: Anne Miller

2015 was an exciting year for DVCTA Quadrille:

Quadrille Playdates were scheduled that had to be postponed to March due to freezing temperatures and ice.

Third Level Quad Squad riders performed “A Chorus Line” in their gold sequined tailcoats at the Devon Horse Show in May:

Darcy Miller/Wylie Q
Megan Mendenhall/Picasso
Paula Keller/The Red Baron
Ange Bean/Venus
Beth Lusky/Ozon
Danni Toscano/Palomos
Pam Brumfield/Clever Me
Sally Hoedebecke/Dia De Laurentis

First Level Quad Squad put on their “red (sweat) jackets” and danced to Michael Jackson at the DVCTA Spring Dressage Show at DunMovin’ in June:

Megan Mendenhall/Picasso
Tracey Basler/Bondurant
Barb Kirkland/Speak of the Devil
Colleen McLaughlin/Moves Like Jagger
Janet Rubino/Done Up in Style
Jill Green/Gryffin D’Or
Liz Brenner/Catalan
Alix James/Virote

Second Level Quad Squad did na encore performance of the Michael Jackson routine at Plantation Field’s BEST.EVENT.EVER in September:

Megan Mendenhall/Picasso
Anne Miller/Prior
Paula Keller/The Red Baron

Jill Green/Rumor Has It (understudy to Colleen McLaughlin and
Moves Like Jagger)
Audrey Sims/Southern Drifter
Pam Murphy/Rio Royale
Pam Brumfield/Clever Me
Karen Walsh/Samuel

Second Level Quad Squad performed the same routine four weeks later at
the Opening Ceremony of Fair Hill International:

Megan Mendenhall/Picasso
Anne Miller/Prior
Audrey Sims/Southern Drifter
Anne Moss/Goodness Grace
Jill Green/Rumor Has It
Pam Brumfield/Clever Me

Several of our quadrille riders used their skills to form Pas de Deux teams
this year and competed in schooling and recognized shows. Both teams
(Darcy Miller/Megan Mendenhall and Ange Bean/Aneesa Romans)
qualified for BLMs in October. Darcy and Megan had to scratch but Ange
and Aneesa won their class with an 82.7% and had an article written about
them in The Chronicle.

Overall, our riders and volunteers donated 685 hours to Quadrille this year.
That's an amazing accomplishment! Thank you all!

For 2016, we have three Quadrille Playdates scheduled and hope to
perform a First Level exhibition ride at the DVCTA Spring Show. The Quad
Squad has been invited to perform at Derby Day (Harrah's Racetrack and
Casino), Plantation Field's CIC, and Fair Hill International this year. Some
of these dates correspond with recognized and Championship Shows for
our riders, so we may not be able to commit to all. We are hoping to host a
Quadrille "Show Teams" Clinic to encourage groups of 4 riders to "take it on
the road" and compete at recognized shows this season. Stay tuned!

