

DVCTA BOARD MEETING November 1, 2016

Members of the DVCTA Board met for its regularly-scheduled meeting on Tuesday, November 1, 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 6 motions this session. The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

Board members attending: MaryAnne Ost; Susan Springsteen; Aneesa Romans; Gaye Bergstrom; Theresa Monturano, and Darcy Miller.

Board members excused: Elizabeth Brenner; Tracy Basler; Sara Garland, and Lisa Knox.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board unanimously approved the MOTION of Elsie Kellerman, seconded by Megan Mendenhall, to accept the Minutes from the Board's October 4, 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

Nineteen additional members have joined. Need to have all board members rejoin.

DVCTA has a total of \$57,739.30 in Fulton Bank. Tracy has closed the Horse Trials Account so Elsie can now close the HT account and transfer the money to Santander Bank. That will result in a total of \$87,392.67, of which \$18,940.61 is operating funds. The remainder consists of restricted funds for the use of HT, Spring Show, and MOH. We have liabilities of \$6,844.91 in carried-over funds for Quadrille, Juniors, Scholarships and Education.

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

Darcy sent her Preliminary Budget and Actual Budget to all Board members. Results of Championship Show to be published on the web site. Darcy noted that the \$1600 in profit will be tweaked to account for the purchase of the awards for Champions.

Darcy will send a draft of criteria for sanctioned Schooling Show locations, e.g., required footing warm-up, parking, scoring, requirements for Championship classes - by December 1, 2016.

The judge hired for the Spring Show is Heather Mason.

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

The Board decided to pass on having a biomechanics clinic by Colleen Kelly. Danni will send our declination notice to the clinic organizer.

- 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

No report.

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

The Committee is still working on arranging a meeting. DVCTA jumps are still at Carousel.

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

All quiet on the Quadrille teams front this month. Anne will be sending Quadrille DAD volunteers to Liz Brenner. The Committee is expecting to hold Quadrille playdates this winter. Dates/location TBD.

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

YE Awards: Some scores have trickled in for Year-End Awards and Sara Will send out email blast and Facebook reminders. Also beginning in 2017, Sara will be stepping down as Chair from the Year-End Awards and Adult Teams Committees. We will need to find replacements for those positions.

Scholarships: Two more applicants have been approved for scholarships: Aneesa Romans was approved to attend the Klimke Hassler Dressage Training Symposium in October, and Elsie Kellerman was approved to attend a Claudio Oliveira clinic. The Committee has approved three scholarships this year (actually five but two could not be used due o horse injuries). There are still seven left for 2016.

OLD BUSINESS

The nominating Committee will be meeting shortly and will report back to the Board.

Alix James continues to work on by-law revisions. She presented three proposed by-law changes for the Board to vote upon: 1. allowing for co- Vice-President; 2. eliminating the position of Corresponding Secretary; and allowing Elsie Kellerman to stay as Treasurer for another year. After discussion, the Board approved the following MOTIONS:

1. the MOTION by Elsie Kellerman, seconded by Megan Mendenhall, to authorize the use of co-Vice-Presidents, and authorizing the current Nominating Committee to rank the co-Vec-Presidents by designating which is the senior or ranking Vice President, and, in the event the Nominating Committee fails to make the ranking, then said ranking will be made by the Board;

2. the MOTION by Megan Mendenhall, seconded by Sue Springsteen, to eliminate the position of Corresponding Secretary beginning in 2017, and authorizing the Board to reassign the duties of this position;

3. the MOTION BY Alix James, seconded by Danni Toscano, to allow electronic distribution of all information relating to the DVCTA annual election, and eliminating the requirement for notification by mail, and authorizing voting for the Annual Election to be accomplished electronically; and

4. the MOTION by MaryAnne Ost, seconded by Gaye Bergstrom, to permit Elsie Kellerman to serve as Treasurer for 2017 and authorizing the Board to seek a successor for the position who will be trained by Elsie during 2017.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed candidates to attend the USDF convention as our delegate and approved the MOTION by Danni Toscani, seconded by Megan Mendenhall, to invite Becky Wolfe to that position. Danni will check with Becky to see if she is willing to be the delegate.

The date for the 2017 DVCTA Annual Dinner and Silent Auction will be Saturday, January 14, 2017. The Juniors will be handling the Silent Auction.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Bailey,
Recording Secretary