



# Delaware Valley Combined Training Association

# 2016 Wrap Up

## Dressage Competitions

**2016** marked the end of an era, and the start of a new one for DVCTA Dressage Competitions. DVCTA has a proud history of bringing dressage competition to the Delaware Valley. In 1975 DVCTA helped to found Dressage at Devon, now a weeklong international festival of dressage including a destination Breed Show and a CDI-3\* with \$35,000 in prize money. DVCTA also put on a series of accessible schooling shows each year, offering affordable, accessible opportunities to trot down the centerline at all levels, as well as a licensed show in early summer each year.

**Recognized Shows** DVCTA put on a successful, and full, one-day/one-ring licensed show at Dunmovin Farm on June 5, 2016, with the able work of Committee Chair Carol Lipka and manager Doreen Guthrie, as well as dozens of volunteers, providing a delightful day of competition for all concerned. Sally O'Connor judged. Classes from Intro thru Grand Prix were offered, including Musical Free Style classes. The weather cooperated, riders all seemed happy, and the TD's report to the Federation was excellent. During the noon break the 1<sup>st</sup> Level Quadrille performed their toe-tapping "Uptown Funk" ride. Financials were close to neutral (which is our goal). The show will go on in 2017, renamed the "Summer Opener", and will be at Dunmovin on June 3, 2017, judged by Heather Mason. As always we'll need volunteers to make it happen, so please mark your calendars and come out and help!

DVCTA also continued to support Dressage at Devon in 2016 with impressive DVCTA volunteer presence, including manning the popular Pub (thank you Lisa Knox, Jr. Team Moms and Dads, and other volunteers!), as well as crowd-pleasing patriotic themed exhibition rides from our renowned 2<sup>nd</sup> Level Quad Squad!



*DVCTA Quad Squad's Patriotic Ride Wowed the Dixon Oval*

**Schooling Shows** The DVCTA Board of Directors chose to make a change to our schooling show activities in 2016. Since the days when DVCTA introduced dressage to the area, accessible opportunities to show have grown each year. Given the number of high-quality schooling shows put on almost every month of the year, as well as the challenges of staffing a half-dozen schooling shows each year, we chose to move to a system of DVCTA Approved shows. DVCTA members can both earn scores towards DVCTA Year-End Awards *and* earn their volunteer hours helping at approved shows – a win-win for all concerned. This program was a big success in year one with shows at Dunmovin, Blue Goose, Second Nature and Straightforward Dressage all DVCTA Approved. The results are clear in the many happy award winners honored tonight. Approved shows, as well as qualifications for show approval, can be found at the Association's newly revamped website at [www.DVCTA.org](http://www.DVCTA.org).

Harvest Fest was DVCTA's largest schooling championship show in recent years. Held at Blue Goose Farm, riders qualified by earning qualifying scores in DVCTA Approved Schooling Shows during the year. There were PILES of awesome prizes thanks to the sponsorship efforts led by Monica Fiss and Eliza Herman and supported by others. There were about 90 rides and the day was officiated by Kem Barbosa and Rebecca Cord. We ran two dressage rings and a third jumping ring. The day got high marks from all participants and we look forward to repeating in 2017. The only challenge was some difficulty in getting the volunteers necessary to make a large show a success. Please be ready to help in 2017.



## Combined Training Competitions

We started the year with an ambitious plan for Horse Trials, Derbies and combined tests, but due to low entries we wound up having only one competition – a combined test/just dressage/just jump schooling show hosted at Boyd and Silva Martin's Windurra USA. With a full day of competition the event was a success for the competitors and the club. Our long-time Carousel Park cross-country course now has limited accessibility due to construction of new park facilities, so DVCTA is assessing alternate locations for 2017 events, including relocating our obstacles to a new facility. Stay tuned to our Facebook page and website for announcements!

## Education

**Continuing Education in Freestyle Clinic** - On March 19 and 20th, 2016, the Delaware Valley Combined Training Association (DVCTA) hosted the USDF Continuing Education in Freestyle Judging Program. Saturday was filled with a classroom discussion held at New Bolton Center, and Sunday was comprised of live freestyle rides at Ardara Sporthorses. Presenters were Klassic Kur Freestyle Designer Terry Ciotti Gallo and FEI 4\* and USEF "S" Judge Lois Yukins. The audience consisted of 12 Participants, made up of L-graduates and USEF-licensed Dressage Judges, approximately 25 auditors and 11 demonstration riders. This was a new event for DVCTA, and in fact a new format for USDF continuing education, and was tremendously well-received by participants and auditors. We needed a few more participants to break even, but the difference was made up by DVCTA's Marilyn Heath Judges Education fund, a great example of DVCTA fulfilling their mission to provide education in our sport.

**Sponsored Clinics** At the start of the year DVCTA sponsored a Lauren Annett clinic as well as two Jean-Luc Cornille Clinics. However, clinic participation by DVCTA members was observed to be quite low. As with many other areas, independent clinics in the area are now plentiful, and DVCTA support of numerous clinics does not appear to be necessary to support dressage and combined training education. The cost to the Club of

providing insurance and accounting services was exceeding the value to members, so the DVCTA Board has committed to instead focusing on one or two unique, high-quality educational opportunities per year such as the freestyle clinic, judges' forums, adult camp, or perhaps a "headliner" instructor clinic. Stay tuned for more about plans in 2017.

**Scholarships** Another way DVCTA supports dressage and combined training is with Scholarships. Each year we fund a number of \$100 scholarships towards a member attending a clinic. The only "payback" is sharing the knowledge gained through a report to the membership. These reports are great because they are from people just like YOU learning and sharing their insights into becoming better riders.

We had 5 Scholarship Recipients for 2016: Megan Mendenhall, Aneesa Romans, Elsie Kellerman, Sara Gartland, and Karen Clark Rubin. Be sure to check the website for their reports - we have some GREAT writers among our members! This is one of the many great benefits of DVCTA membership – please consider applying for a scholarship in 2017 and sharing *your* experience with your club.

**CLINIC REPORTS FROM  
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS CAN BE  
FOUND AT [www.DVCTA.org](http://www.DVCTA.org)  
UNDER EDUCATION –  
BE SURE TO CHECK THEM OUT!**



*Megan Mendenhall "finds her abs" with George Williams.*



## Quadrille Team

**2016** marked the sixth year our Quad Squad has been performing exhibition rides at local horse shows.

DVCTA Quadrille hosted two Quadrille Playdates this year: one at Kealani Farm in February and one at Ardara Sporthorses in March. Our Playdate scheduled at DunMovin got snowed out.

Quadrille Dinner on March 30 was well attended. Anyone who has ever been interested in quadrille was invited to come. The First Level team was picked and a theme for our June exhibition ride was decided.

Lots of great Quadrille activities are planned for 2017, including COMPETING 4-horse teams, as well as more playdates and clinics. Watch our website and your DVCTA news for more information.

**First Level Quadrille Team** performed "Uptown Funk" with horses in fedoras at the DVCTA Spring Dressage Show at DunMovin. Riders included Megan Mendenhall / Picasso, Darcy Miller / Genesis, Alix James / Deacon, Barb Fawcett / Rudy, Jill Green / Gryffin D'or, Meredith Rotko / Champagne Wishes, Tracey Basler / Diesel, Chris Reidy / Xzibit, Jenny Moyer / Roaring Leo and Maddie Huis / Keep the Faith.



The First Level Team did an encore performance of "Uptown Funk" at Plantation Field's BEST.EVENT.EVER on September 16. The ride was dedicated to our friend Lesley King who lost her battle with cancer in April. Costumes included purple vests and saddle pads in honor of Lesley. Riders that day were Megan Mendenhall / Rio, Darcy Miller / Independence, Alix James / Deacon, Barb Fawcett / Rio, Jill Green /

Gryffin D'or, Meredith Graves / Champagne Wishes, Christine Gardiner / Rue, Chris Reidy / Xzibit, Jenny Moyer / Roaring Leo and Pam Brumfield / Clever Me.

**Second Level Quadrille Team** rode a 12-horse "Carousel" at Dressage at Devon on October 1 paying tribute to the Heroes of 9/11 and all First Responders. Dressed in red, white and blue tailcoats, the horses and riders performed an intricate pattern to patriotic tunes and did not put a foot wrong. The grand



finale featured Karen Walsh on Roscoe, escorted by two Haflingers ridden by Lisa Knox and Tracey Basler, bowing to the police officers and firefighters representing those who keep us safe every day. Riders that day were: Megan Mendenhall / Cappi, Deb Tsang / Oz, Ange Bean / Venus, Anecia Delduco / Captain Morgan, Laura Adriaanse / Leviathan, Erika Nesler / Right Above It, Melanie Delduco / Flacon, Katie Pare / Raphael, Audrey Sims / Southern Drifter, Paula Keller / Dia de Laurentis, Lauren Kramer / Mazur and Kathy King / Noble Impression. Flagbearers were Lisa Knox / Little Lulu, Tracey Basler / Just Do It and Karen Walsh / Roscoe. The Quad Squad received a \$500 grant from Unionville Equine Associates to make this ride possible.

DVCTA will once again be hosting Quadrille play dates and putting on Quadrille clinics in 2017. More exciting, our focus will be on setting four-horse quadrille teams to COMPETE at the August 9, 2017, show at Blue Goose! Quadrille is fun, great for your horse's brain (and yours too – getting geometry AND music cues AND team coordination right is challenging, and FUN when it works). Informational dinner is March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, and the first playdate is March 4<sup>th</sup>!

*Anne Miller, Quadrille Team Manager*



## Junior Team

From Lisa Knox, Jr. Team Manager: USDF Region 1 Youth Dressage Team Competition 2016 is now in the history books!!!!!! We took 19 kids to Morven Park this weekend! We were 4th in the Intro 13 and under division. Took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the Training Test 1 & 2, 13 and under division. Took 2nd in the Training Test 1 & 2, 14 and older division. Highest scoring rider with a 77%, Youngest rider, Highest scoring pony, Best smile, Cleanest Tack, Best Tail, Most Vocal Pony. We won stable management! Tied for Honorable Mention for decorations. The kids had a blast and are already planning for next year!!! It was insanely hot – “2000 degrees” – but the kids stayed hydrated, took great care of their mounts, and had a great competition. We also took 6 juniors to Dressage for Kids. Melanie Delduco took top honors across the board and all the others placed very well. We also provided these kids with dressage clinics as preparation for these competitions.

In 2017 we are offering scholarships for the juniors to apply for, for any or all of the following programs:

Dressage Clinic with Alexa Derr  
Dressage Fix A Test Clinic with Alison Head  
Junior Team Competition in Culpepper, Va  
Dressage for Kids  
Full Moon Eventing Camp

Interested juniors must be a member of DVCTA and can apply for a scholarship by contacting Lisa Knox at [jrteam@dvcta.org](mailto:jrteam@dvcta.org). Each recipient will be responsible for giving the Junior Committee a written summary of their experience at which ever activities they attend.

Thank you to Lisa Knox for managing the Jr. Team with the help of all the Junior Team Moms and Dads, and Liz Brenner and Megan Mendenhall who donated their time to help out both with prep and with the competition. The Junior Team members are all paying DVCTA members and work hard to fund raise for their activities with the Pub at DAD and running the fabulous DVCTA Auction you are all invited to bid on tonight!

## Communications

**Website** A big focus for our Communications Committee this year was getting our brand new website designed and launched with the assistance of Annie

Duncan Communications. We are very proud of [www.DVCTA.org](http://www.DVCTA.org) and are working hard to keep it current with news about the club and members. The site includes a complete calendar of DVCTA events and Approved shows, updates on Board activities (including meeting minutes), clinic reports, online joining, classifieds and info about each major activity area of the club. We have built in the ability to promote sponsors' businesses as well.



**Don't forget,** EVERY member can promote their Dressage and Combined Training related business with a FREE member profile – including a photo, 200-word description and contact information. We'll share new profiles to our Facebook page as well! (Must maintain membership for profile to remain.)



**Social Media** Our Facebook Organization page **DVCTA – Delaware Valley Combined Training** is administered by Communications Chair Theresa Monturano – thank you! We

have over 2,350 followers (up from 2,100 at the start of the year) and our diverse posts, which include information local clinics, shows, activities of local Olympians and trainers, and horse- and riding-related news and topics of interest that cover dressage, eventing and show jumping, have engaged approximately 1500 people a week and reached more than 4500 people! We maintain this page as a service to the community and will share information relating to any relevant event, not just DVCTA events, so feel free to message us through the page or at [media@dvcta.org](mailto:media@dvcta.org) with your event or clinic announcement. Be sure to FOLLOW, LIKE and SHARE DVCTA! (Note – we do NOT take classifieds or for sale listings. DVCTA Members may submit classifieds to [advertising@dvcta.org](mailto:advertising@dvcta.org) for posting on the website.)



## Membership

**Members** DVCTA finished 2016 with 223 members. 2017 membership stands at 112 at the moment. **If you are reading this newsletter and have not joined DVCTA, what are you waiting for?** For just \$55/year, you receive:

- USDF Group Membership – including eligibility for Rider Medals and BLM Championships.
- Eligibility for Year End Awards program with no additional fee (most GMO's now charge an Awards nomination fee).
- Eligibility to participate in Quadrille and Jr. Team.
- Eligibility for DVCTA Scholarships.
- FREE Member Profile and FREE Classifieds at [www.DVCTA.org](http://www.DVCTA.org).
- 25% discount on Dressage Training Online's monthly subscription fee.

**Volunteers** DVCTA always has a need for volunteers. Our 2016 approved schooling shows were reasonably well-staffed because the show managers could call in their boarders, friends, family that were DVCTA members and wanted hours for year end awards. The huge Fall Harvest Show and the Dressage at Devon pub were lacking volunteers at times. Both relied on non-DVCTA friends and family members to help out to get everything run properly. DVCTA will need more volunteers in 2017 so that all club activities can run smoothly and successfully. Volunteering can be both fun and educational – if you “consume” DVCTA activities, please do your very best to give back at least 8 hours per year – just a morning at two events!

We wish to recognize all of the following DVCTA volunteers who went above and beyond their minimum commitment to really help DVCTA rock in 2016! (And we know a lot of them did even more than is listed here!)

*Liz Brenner, Volunteer Coordinator*

### Bronze – 20 Hours

Liz Bailly  
Ange Bean

Gaye Bergstrom  
Cheryle Blunt  
Monica Fiss  
Maddie Huis  
Paula Keller  
Barbra Kirkland  
Carol Lippa  
Theresa Monturano  
Jenny Moyer  
Jordan Osborne  
Katie Pare  
Anessa Romans  
Meredith Graves Rotko  
Patrick Ross  
Janet Rubino  
Audrey Sims  
Linda Swank  
Deb Tsang  
Karen Walsh  
Becky Wolfe

### Silver – 35 Hours

Melanie Delduco  
Jen Downey  
Sara Gartland  
Eliza Herman  
Lauren Kramer  
Erika Nessler  
Chris Reidy  
Sue Springsteen

### Gold – 50+ Hours

Laura Adriaanse  
Tracey Basler  
Liz Brenner  
Anecia Delduco  
Jill Green  
Alix James  
Elsie Kellerman  
Kathy King  
Anne Miller  
Sharon Sexton  
Dani Toscano

### Platinum - 100 + Hours!

Lisa Knox – 170  
Darcy Miller - 165  
Megan Mendenhall – 108



## Year-End Awards

In 2016 DVCTA members were eligible to earn year-end awards at DVCTA-approved dressage schooling shows, recognized dressage shows, and area horse trials both schooling and recognized. To be eligible, the person must have been a member when the score was earned, and must have completed at least 8 hours of volunteer time for DVCTA (or paid a per hour qualification fee for missing hours). We were an active bunch! Awards chair Sara Gartland compiled dozens (hundreds?) of scores to determine the Champion and Reserve Champion in each eligible category – a MOUNTAIN of work. Award winners should be sure to thank Sara when they receive their award tonight. We're pleased to congratulate the 2016 DVCTA Year-End Award Winners!!!

## Schooling Dressage

### Introductory Level – AA

Champion: Jen Homquest and All About the Murph  
Reserve Champion: Lea Purcell and Knowble Honor

### Introductory Level – Open

Champion: Maddie Huis and James  
Reserve Champion: Eliza Herman and Shootmetothemoon

### Training Level – Jr

Champion: Jordan Osborne and Domino  
Reserve Champion: Amanda Merritt and Verbena

### Training Level – Master AA

Champion: Alice Morse and Afghan NTF  
Reserve Champion: Dana Ceribelli and Tonka

### Training Level – Open

Champion: Danni Toscano and Roy  
Reserve Champion: Danni Toscano and Talon

### Training – Musical Freestyle

Champion: Jordan Osborne and Domino

### First Level – AA

Champion: Aneesa Romans and Whyoming RSF  
Reserve Champion: Annemarie Cochrane and Where'd It Go

### First Level – Master AA

Champion: Janet Rubino and Jiminy Cricket IV  
Reserve Champion: Barbara Fawcett and Romy

### First Level – Open

Champion: Danni Toscano and Roy  
Reserve Champion: Danni Toscano and Talon

### Second Level – AA

Champion: Aneesa Romans and Whyoming RSF  
Reserve Champion: Sharon Sexton and Ebriz Rakkas

### Second Level – Open

Champion: Katie Pare and Santa Selena

### Third Level – AA

Champion: Sharon Sexton and Ebriz Rakkas  
Reserve Champion: Rebecca Wolfe and Celtic Maiden

### Third Level – Open

Champion: Danni Toscano and Romy

## Recognized Dressage

### Training Level – Jr

Champion: Melanie Delduco and Sangria

### Training Level – AA

Champion: Lara Osborne and Florenza LJS

### Training Level – Master AA

Champion: Alice Morse and Afghan NTF  
Reserve Champion: Dana Ceribelli and Tonka

### Training Level – Open

Champion: Emily Donaldson and Campione  
Reserve Champion: Darcy Miller and Falcon

### First Level – AA

Champion: Elizabeth Brenner and Catalan

### First Level – Master AA

Champion: Janet Rubino and Jiminy Cricket IV

### First Level – Open

Champion: Kirsten Poole and Spring Hollow Destrier  
Reserve Champion: Susan Springsteen and Grand Star WS

### Second Level – AA

Champion: Christina Morin-Graham and Merlin

### Second Level – Open

Champion: Emily Donaldson and Beaujolais 75  
Reserve Champion: Angelia Bean and Capitano

### Third Level – AA

Champion: Sharon Sexton and Ebriz Rakkas  
Reserve Champion: Rebecca Wolfe and Celtic Maiden

### Third Level – Open

Champion: Angelia Bean and Venus  
Reserve Champion: Darcy Miller and RH Independence

### Fourth Level – Jr

Champion: Melanie Delduco and Flacon

### Fourth Level – Open

Champion: Emily Donaldson and Audi  
Reserve Champion: Angelia Bean and BR Danny's Secret

### Fourth Level Musical Freestyle – Jr

Champion: Melanie Delduco and Flacon

### Fourth Level Musical Freestyle – Open

Champion: Anecia Delduco and Captain Morgan

### Prix St. Georges – Open

Champion: Lauren Annett and Savannah



Reserve Champion: Angelia Bean and BR Danny's Secret

**Intermediare – Open**

Champion: Lauren Annett and Savannah

## Schooling Horse Trials

**Green Horn – Jr**

Champion: Adrianna Moyer and Sensational

Reserve Champion: Peyton Brown and Charlotte's Web

**Elementary – Jr**

Champion: Emma Brooks and Dream Chaser

**Elementary – Master AA**

Champion: Karen Rubin and Pax

**Elementary – Open**

Champion: Monica Fiss and Casually Handsome

Reserve Champion: Monica Fiss and As You Wish

**Introductory – Jr**

Champion: Marina Cassou and Without a Doubt

Reserve Champion: Rylie Nelson and VRF Waltz

**Introductory – Master AA**

Champion: Karen Rubin and Pax

**Introductory – Open**

Champion: Monica Fiss and Remarkable

Reserve Champion: Monica Fiss and Casually Handsome

**Beginner Novice – Jr**

Champion: Cayla Rubin and Celtic Lass

**Beginner Novice – AA**

Champion: Sara Gartland and Wilona WF

Beginner Novice – Master AA

Champion: Gail Rockwood and Indigo Blue

**Beginner Novice – Open**

Champion: Eliza Herman and Shootmetothemoon

Reserve Champion: Maddie Huis and Corsage

**Novice – AA**

Champion: Dawn Nelson and Tough As Tails

**Novice – Open**

Champion: Eliza Herman and Shootmetothemoon

Reserve Champion: Monica Fiss and Old Fashioned Love Song

**Training – AA**

Champion: Sara Gartland and As You Wish WF

**Training – Open**

Champion: Monica Fiss and Old Fashioned Love Song

## Recognized Horse Trials

**Beginner Novice – Jr**

Champion: Cayla Rubin and Celtic Lass

**Beginner Novice – Open**

Champion: Maddie Huis and Kat Von D

Reserve Champion: Maddie Huis and Black Jack

**Novice – AA**

Champion: Annemarie Cochrane and Where'd It Go

**Novice – Open**

Champion: Emily Donaldson and Beaujolais 75

Reserve Champion: Maddie Huis and Kat Von D

**Training – AA**

Champion: Sara Gartland and As You Wish WF

**Preliminary and Above – Open**

Champion: Monica Fiss and Malibu Rock

## DVCTA Emails

We have simplified communications with your club officers and committee chairs by creating club emails that forward to the correct person even as new people are elected and appointed. Please use the following addresses to get help from DVCTA, or share your ideas.

POSITION	EMAIL
<b>Officers:</b>	
President	<a href="mailto:president@dvcta.org">president@dvcta.org</a>
Treasurer	<a href="mailto:treasurer@dvcta.org">treasurer@dvcta.org</a>
<b>Advertising &amp; PR:</b>	
Advertising	<a href="mailto:advertising@dvcta.org">advertising@dvcta.org</a>
Social Media	<a href="mailto:media@dvcta.org">media@dvcta.org</a>
DVCTA E-News	<a href="mailto:dvctaenews@dvcta.org">dvctaenews@dvcta.org</a>
Sponsorships	<a href="mailto:sponsorship@dvcta.org">sponsorship@dvcta.org</a>
Webmaster	<a href="mailto:webmaster@dvcta.org">webmaster@dvcta.org</a>
<b>Members:</b>	
Membership	<a href="mailto:membership@dvcta.org">membership@dvcta.org</a>
Volunteers	<a href="mailto:volunteers@dvcta.org">volunteers@dvcta.org</a>
Year End Awards	<a href="mailto:awards@dvcta.org">awards@dvcta.org</a>
Scholarships	<a href="mailto:scholarships@dvcta.org">scholarships@dvcta.org</a>
<b>Competitions:</b>	
Dressage Competitions	<a href="mailto:dressagecomps@dvcta.org">dressagecomps@dvcta.org</a>
Horse Trials & CTs	<a href="mailto:horsetrials@dvcta.org">horsetrials@dvcta.org</a>
Clinics, Lectures & Camps	<a href="mailto:education@dvcta.org">education@dvcta.org</a>
Jr. Team	<a href="mailto:jrteam@dvcta.org">jrteam@dvcta.org</a>
Quadrille	<a href="mailto:quadrille@dvcta.org">quadrille@dvcta.org</a>



## Finance

### DVCTA Profit & Loss January through December 2016

	Jan - Dec 16
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
400 - Membership Dues	10,335.00
410 - DAD	4,650.00
411 - DAD PUB	0.00
420 - Spring Dressage	
420.4 - Misc Spring Show	0.00
Total 420 - Spring Dressage	0.00
440 - Schooling Shows Income	6,000.00
455 - Clinics and Lectures	6,892.37
465 - Junior Dressage Team	
465.1 - Deposits, Juniors	1,500.00
465.3 - Fund raisers	9,845.46
Total 465 - Junior Dressage Team	11,345.46
470 - MOH Fund	
470.4 - Misc MOH Income	0.00
Total 470 - MOH Fund	0.00
480 - Quadrille	2,455.00
495 - Annual Dinner	3,772.00
496 - Silent Auction	1,108.75
497 - Donations in	77.00
Total Income	46,535.58
Gross Profit	46,535.58
Expense	
500 - Annual Dinner	3,075.30
501 - Board Meetings	263.54
502 - Membership Chair	47.00
504 - GMO reception expense	-2,350.00
510 - Clinics/Lectures	
510.2 - Clinician/Lecturer Fee	4,726.60
510.3 - Clinic Facilities Fee	150.00
510.8 - Clinics/Lectures Other	360.31
Total 510 - Clinics/Lectures	5,236.91
520 - Scholarships	200.00
530 - USDF	3,670.00
540 - Championship show	
540.2 - Judge's Fees	858.50
540.3 - Facilities Fee	620.00
540.4 - Management Fee	525.00
540.5 - Ribbons and awards	2,606.74
540.8 - Schooling Shows Other	-0.09
Total 540 - Championship show	4,610.15
545 - Year End Awards and gifts	911.70
546 - prizes and gifts	340.00
550 - Quadrille expense	
550.2 - Quadrille equipment and supplie	2,722.09
550.3 - Quadrille Facilities Expenses	309.88
550.5 - Quadrille misc	1,042.69
Total 550 - Quadrille expense	4,074.66
565 - Jr Dressage Teams	
565.2 - Entries	8,802.00
565.4 - Jr teams, other	543.00
Total 565 - Jr Dressage Teams	9,345.00
572 - Web Site and e-news	2,469.26
580 - Accounting	2,913.50
582 - Insurance	639.00
590 - Donations	1,600.00
591 - Equipment	315.88
593 - Bank Charges	617.84
594 - Fees (Tax Exempt)	15.00
595 - postage and mailings	244.02
Total Expense	38,814.46
Net Ordinary Income	7,821.12
Net Income	7,821.12

## Club Assets:

As of 12/31/2016, DVCTA's cash position was as follows:

Checking – Santander Bank \$91,656.88

### Restricted Funds Summary:

Marilyn O. Heath Judge Education \$ 16,266

Quadrille \$ 3,374

Jr. Team (2016 Pub) TBD

## Election of 2017 Board Members and Officers

DVCTA's nominating committee presented their slate to the Board for approval at the December 2016 meeting, and an election was held electronically in January 2017. A quorum of the current members having voted, the following slate of Officers and Directors was APPROVED and has agreed to serve for 2017:

President - Alix James

Vice President - Tracey Basler

Vice President - Liz Brenner

Recording Secretary - Megan Mendenhall

Treasurer - Darcy Miller

### **Board Members:**

Aneesa Manns (third term)

Sue Springsteen (third term)

Gaye Bergstrom (second term)

Elsie Kellerman (third term)

Lisa Knox (second term)

Jill Green (first term)

Ellie Rawle (first term)

Erin Sylvester (first term)

We thank our departing Officers and Directors, and particularly Danni Toscano for her great job as President, Elsie Kellerman for keeping the books AND membership records, and Liz Bailey for taking perfect minutes! Your DVCTA Board works very hard to support dressage and combined training in the Delaware Valley. Let them know you appreciate their work!!



## MINUTES OF THE 2016 DVCTA ANNUAL MEETING

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.

### 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:

#### 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

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