

## **DVCTA Meeting – November 10, 2020**

Attendees: Megan, Lisa, Eliza, Mike, Jen, Darcy, Sharon, Linda, Joan

The following topics were discussed this month:

### November Minutes

Motion to approve October minutes was made by Lisa, seconded by <didn't catch name!>.

### Treasury Report

The current account balance is \$84,974.

### USDF Virtual Convention

All can register for free – need a delegate to represent DVCTA as a GMO. Megan can attend, but requested a volunteer.

### Board Members/Officers for 2021

Please advise Megan before the December 8 meeting if you are not willing to continue in your current role, or are rotating off due to By-Law eligibility. Officers can serve 3 years, with the exception of the Treasurer, who can serve 6. The current Board can act as a nominating committee to present a slate for the December meeting. Please suggest or nominate new people to join the board!

We do need a minimum of 25 members to confirm the board for next year – normally this is done at the annual meeting, but given COVID trends, we need to plan for a virtual option (e.g. vote by e-mail).

Mike will assist Megan in determining the size of Zoom meeting that we could accommodate for an annual meeting, along with quizzes/polls for voting items. Megan will grant him Admin access to begin work on this.

### Schooling Shows

Eliza is ordering more ribbons for the high score ribbons for each sanctioned schooling show. We will also swap out the stemless wine glass as a show prize (popular with adults, but not as well liked as the DVCTA towels).

### Volunteer Hours

Some volunteers have not received a form or don't understand the process to report volunteer hours.

\*While not needed for the year end awards (YEA) in 2020, there are still specific volunteer awards.

Blue Goose has a volunteer form, and Kris Poole also designed a volunteer form, which is available here:

<https://www.dvcta.org/files/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/DVCTA-Volunteer-Recording-Form.pdf>

Megan suggested work on a DVCTA show “kit in a box” to consolidate everything a show organizer/committee needs to prepare for DVCTA getting sanctioned, awards, volunteer forms, etc.

### Winter Show Series

So far, 12/12 Blue Goose Stables show date is posted on the web.

### Membership

163 current members

Discussion on DVCTA vs. USDF family membership definitions, and about USEF “fan” memberships. An additional DVCTA-only category at \$25/year with no USDF benefits was reviewed and could draw more members, but there is a concern that it could also lower numbers from our “Primary” membership category. Without the GMO tie in, there is also an insurance concern. No votes were taken, more information/analysis is needed for pros/cons.

### Harvestfest Show

116 rides were scheduled. Mike made and displayed DVCTA Board signs to encourage more/new participation. Lots of social media posts with positive show feedback! Revenue was reported at \$7605, and expenses are still being tallied. Eliza has ordered the championship vests and ribbons.

Feedback included needing more runners for the test collection, and an overall volunteer coordinator. Some difficulties are from COVID – isolated and restricted scoring, and completing 1 class results at a time. Computerized scoring could only be done by 1 person, but it may be possible to link another computer next time. Small “r” judges were good.

Keeping the show in November is preferred, but needs some coordination with PVDA and other national dates. Saturday turn-out is much higher than Sunday. Darcy will check the calendar for options.

### Scholarships

DVCTA is not offering explicit scholarships towards USDF “L” program, but does have provision to support “r” or “S” progression. However, there are general scholarships available each year, which could apply to L program seminars. The DVCTA point of contact for scholarships needs to be updated.

**Next Meeting: December 8, 2020, watch for Zoom invitation from Megan**

Please submit corrections or additions to Jen Holmquest at eventjen@yahoo.com.