



Minutes of DVCTA Board of Directors Meeting

June 14, 2022

Stroud Water Center Conference Room

Recording Secretary – Alix James

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Darcy Miller. The meeting was preceded by a guest lecture by Jeffrey Rubin DVM on "an after-hours conversation with your veterinarian."

In attendance:

President:	Darcy Miller	Yes
Treasurer:	Lisa Leana	No (Excused)
Vice Presidents:	Eliza Herman	Yes
	Megan Mendenhall	Yes
Recording Secretary:	Alix James	Yes
Directors:	Sharon Sexton	No (Excused)
	Mike Broomall	Yes
	Lisa Knox	Yes
	Linda Drejza	Yes
	Kelly Barry	No
	Mari Drenning	No
	Joanne Mohr	Yes
	Kris Poole	No

General members also attending: Lucy Alexander, Anecia Delduco, Linda Drejza, Doreen Garland, Megan Gioffre, Carol Lippa, Joanne Mohr, Alice Morse, Aneesa Romans, Jeff Rubin, Karen Rubin, Karen Walsh.

A quorum of 50% of the directors and 3 officers being present, the Board was authorized to conduct business.

The minutes of the May 2022 meeting were presented and approved. Megan moved to approve, and Eliza seconded. All present in favor, none opposed, the motion was approved.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer (Lisa Leana): No treasurer report.

Membership (Sharon Sexton): 185 members as of today. Some 2021 members have not renewed. Alix agreed to print and mailing postcards to non-renewers from previous 3 years with approval to spend up to \$180 (250 postcards Vistaprint). Paypal subscriptions would be the easiest way to add a subscription option to membership. The incentive would be to lock in current membership rates. Members would have to cancel their subscription through Paypal, not on the DVCTA site. Alix to investigate implementation. Highlights to put on postcard: Harvest Fest (Horse Trial Sept. 18th, Nov. 5 & 6 Dressage, CT Nov. 19th & 20th), Clinic Scholarships (\$250), Adult Teams (Nov. 12-13, Prince Georges), L Program (2023), Musical Freestyle Forum (2023).

Quadrille (Anne Miller, Donna Shar): Status quo. Dinner June 23rd. Team demo at DAD.

Recognized show, Summer Opener (Megan Mendenhall, Carol Lipa): Show turned a profit of \$712. Great weather, people enjoyed. Will apply for license for next year and get results up on the website.

Entry Income:

	\$	5,125.00
	\$	1,471.00
Entry Refund	\$	(198.00)
Total Entries:	\$	6,398.00
Expenses:		
Management Fee	\$	1,000.00
Facility Rental	\$	350.00
EMT	\$	300.00
Judge	\$	953.27
Hotel for Judge	\$	209.79
TD	\$	360.41
Snacks, etc.	\$	39.85
USDF Fees	\$	415.90
USEF Fees	\$	874.15
BLM Fee	\$	315.00
Ribbons:	\$	704.55
Lunch	\$	117.85
Pick up judge	\$	45.00
Total Expenses: 5,883.77	\$	5,685.77
Total Entries Less Expenses:	\$	712.23

Carol Lipa suggested to get on a judge soon – can be challenging to get one-day weekend judges. Financial report attached at the end of these minutes.

Harvest Fest (Eliza Herman): Doing a fundraising to raise money. Dates Dressage Nov. 5th & 6th, CT Nov. 19th & 20th. New Horse Trial championship Sept. 18th. Will need two horse trial scores to qualify. Will be part of an Olney Farms event that is already scheduled. DVCTA will fund raise for ribbons and awards.

Year End Awards (Lauren Annett, Maryann Luke, Justine Watson): Updated guidelines for qualifications presented and emailed to board. Added Western Dressage awards. Comments to be emailed to awards committee. Budget for 2022 awards being developed.

Adult Teams (Karen Walsh, Anecia Delduco, Becky Lynch, Lisa Knox, Anne Miller): PVDA Fall Show, Prince Georges Equestrian Center, Nov. 12-13th. Will do an intent form on the website to see who is interested. Intro through 2nd level. 3 to 4 people to a team. Can do by level or mixed level.

Junior Teams (Lisa Knox, Anecia Delduco, Karen Walsh): Planned clinics – Anne Moss, fix a test with Danni Toscano. Exploring Gail and Emily O’Neill Dressage through the ages as a fundraiser – possibly at Dunmovin. This year focused on education. Next year will focus on getting participants for D4K. An issue has arisen with a junior individual wanting additional funding (over the scholarship she received) based on having raised more money. The Junior Team committee explained that funds raised by the Junior Team are allocated evenly to activities available to all juniors in good standing and that this has been the

consistent policy for years. Currently have 32 dues-paying junior members ranging from age 6 to 18. Focused on education for 2022.

Scholarships (Anecia Delduco, Karen Walsh, Anne Miller): Scholarship committee has approved one \$250 scholarship for Junior member Michaela Kostyk.

Sanctioned Schooling Shows (Sharon Sexton, Lisa Leana): The criteria for approval have been confirmed. Figuring out the high score award eligibility is very challenging for the show organizers and adds expense to the program for the club. We continued discussion on whether we should continue the awards at the shows or focus on the year end awards in 2023. Show organizers confirmed that people do like the awards but they doubt they bring them entries – it is more a draw for DVCTA that they are available. Discussed changing to a drawing for a single gift from club members entered at each show can do the drawing and give the gift without having to wait until the end of the show. Current approved series: Bally Vae, Rolling Hills, Blue Goose, Silver Fern, Second Nature, Dunmovin, Thornridge Manor.

Volunteers (Kris Poole, Meg Jioffre): No report. Need to revisit volunteer awards going forward. Need to make sure that committee is getting the volunteer hours. Meg Jioffre volunteered to join the volunteer committee to help provide continuity with awards committee.

Annual Dinner (Lisa Leana): Will be held in the Red Clay Room Kennett Square, February 4th, 2023. (Copy details from Lisa's email.) With the tax, gratuity, bartender fee, Auction Table fee and AV fee we will need to charge around \$50 per person for 100 people. Serving Details: Professional Wait Staff, Villeroy & Bach China & Silverware, Royal Blue Table Linens & Hunter Green Napkins, 14 Silent Auction Tables (on dance floor) \$70.00, A/V Tech \$80.00, 1 – Registration Table, Globe Centerpieces, 12 tables of 8, 2 tables of 10, Bar Services Available. Cash Bar w/Bartender @ \$150.00. Cost \$35 per person (Plus 6% sales tax, 20% gratuity and \$300 room rental fee).

Education (Carol Lipa, Darcy Miller, Jill Green, Sharon Sexton): No additional information. Next guest speaker is Dr. Pat Bona with Posture Prep.

New Business:

Darcy proposed that DVCTA donate \$750 to Rebecca Cord's Maccabi Games team trip. Lisa Knox so moved, Linda Drejza approved, all approved.

Thursday 9/29 at DAD Jeanne MacDonald will do a "Know the Movements" clinic. DAD wants DVCTA to have a booth on Sunday. Also discussion of kids on stick horses and providing a list of places for kids to take dressage lessons. (DAD is 9/27 to 10/2.)

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2022:

April 12 - May 10 - June 14 - July 12 - Aug 9 – Sept 20 – Oct 18 - Nov 15 - Dec 13