



Minutes of DVCTA Board of Directors Meeting

August 30, 2022

Stroud Water Center Conference Room

Recording Secretary – Alix James

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 by President Darcy Miller. The guest lecture by Alice Morse was canceled due to technical difficulties.

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
	Mike Broomall	Yes
	Lisa Knox	No
	Linda Drejza	Yes
	Kelly Barry	Yes
	Mari Drenning	Yes
	Joanne Mohr	Yes
	Kris Poole	No (Excused)

A number of general members also attended via Zoom and in person. A quorum of 50% of the directors and 3 officers being present, the Board was authorized to conduct business.

May through August minutes will be circulated before the next meeting for approval.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer (Lisa Leana): The bank balance is \$90,787.35. We just purchased ribbons for Harvestfest \$1,645.52 and sample vests for sizing from Full Source for \$132.03. PayPal Balance is \$3,228.92

Membership (Sharon Sexton): Alix sent a postcard for renewal to 78 former members who have not rejoined for a cost of \$75. It did not appear to generate any renewals so is probably not worth doing in future years. Sharon reports we have 204 members – fairly normal for this time of year.

Quadrille (Anne Miller, Donna Shar): Team has been practicing for Devon demo. Flapper dresses are ordered. Performance is Friday night at Devon around 6:00.

Year End Awards (Lauren Annett, Maryann Luke, Justine Watson): Justine reported Maryann has not been participating but Megan Jioffre has been helping. They are going to finalize the proposal presented at the last meeting and put it up on the website so they can start accepting applications. Doris Hopper showed an engraved stainless coffee mug that is a possible prize – very nice. The awards committee will propose how to allocate approved budget of \$5,000.

Adult Teams (Karen Walsh, Anecia Delduco, Becky Lynch, Lisa Knox, Anne Miller): Posted letter of intent form to website and have 25 people interested. Anecia requested \$2,000 from the club to

support the adult team travel and attendance. Alix moved that the club grant the \$2,000 and Linda Drejza seconded – none opposed, motion passed.

Junior Teams (Lisa Knox, Anecia Delduco, Karen Walsh): Anecia Delduco reported that the one clinic scheduled (Anne Moss) was rescheduled. Will be held at Westview. Danni Toscano and Melanie Delduco will also be doing clinics.

Pub at Dressage at Devon (Lisa Knox): Signup to volunteer at Devon should be made on the Dressage at Devon website. Just select Pub Crew and some hours – shifts are 3 or 4 hours. Contact Lisa Knox to select actual schedule shift.

Recognized show, Summer Opener (Megan Mendenhall, Carol Lippa): Same date in 2023 – first weekend in June. Val is TD. Karen is EMT. Looking for a judge. May try to have a clinic the day after with the judge.

Harvest Fest (Eliza Herman): Harvest Fest Eventing Championship Sept. 18, 2022. Ribbons and prize vests ordered. Entries starting to trickle in. Doris Hopper reports that the mums fundraiser underway - \$6 each sales price, \$4.25 cost to DVCTA. Members asked to forward to friends.

Scholarships (Anecia Delduco, Karen Walsh, Anne Miller): No report.

Sanctioned Schooling Shows (Sharon Sexton, Lisa Leana): Fox Crossing would like to apply for 2023. Lisa has an application form that lists the requirements. It has become apparent that one of the currently sanctioned facilities (Silver Fern) does not have a standard 20x60m arena and the committee recommends that this facility not be sanctioned for 2023. The Board reviewed the proposed requirements and agreed they were appropriate after making some minor adjustments. We agreed that the criteria should be for approving a facility for sanctioned shows and that they could provide their show dates if they have them but it was not required. The DVCTA site would direct members to the facilities' website for final details.

Volunteers (Kris Poole, Meg Jioffre): Kris reported that she put the volunteer hours through August on the website. Blue Goose needs to catch up.

Annual Dinner (Lisa Leana): No report but proceeding along previous proposal.

Education (Ange Bean, Carol Lippa, Darcy Miller, Jill Green, Sharon Sexton): Freestyle Clinic for March 2023 with Terri Gallo and Lois Yukens is scheduled. The education committee is reaching out to instructors for last weekend in March. This should be a successful clinic given there are no Freestyle programs scheduled this year or next year on USDF. Carol Lippa confirmed L program part 1 scheduled November of 2023 (January, March 2024 continuing at Windurra). Darcy will have Annie put a brief notification of plan on website and email address for submitting L program interest.

Regular meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Special session conducted with just board members:

Anecia Delduco reported that she received an application from Michaela Kostyk for a scholarship. She applied to Anecia and Anecia received approval from the scholarship committee. No committee member has been able to contact Michaela directly – all contacts go to MaryAnn Luke. Applicant took a Felicitas von Neumann Cosell clinic and has not really met the requirement to write a report on the experience. Anecia reports that MaryAnn Luke is aggressively texting and emailing her and she is no

longer responding. It appears that MaryAnn paid for the clinic and now wants DVCTA to reimburse her directly.

MaryAnn Luke is also claiming that she raised a specific amount of money for Junior Teams and that money should go only to her students. This has never been the way Junior teams operated – the money raised went to all of the Juniors. She appears to have stop pursuing this claim.

Resolutions:

- 1) Kelly Barry provided Michaela's contact information. Anecia will contact her to get a parent's contact name and address (Michaela and Chris Arnold) to provide the \$240 clinic scholarship. Darcy will inform MaryAnn that the scholarship money has been sent directly to the parents. Michaela's family and MaryAnn will need to resolve payment for the clinic.
- 2) Anecia will confirm that the Jr. Team application form confirms that everyone needs to join with their own contact information.
- 3) MaryAnn Luke is chair of the awards committee but has been inactive for more than three months. The committee will continue to operate without her. Justine will be chair and Joanne has joined the Committee.

REMAINING BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2022:

Sept 20 – Oct18 - Nov 15 - Dec 13

TASKS TO DO:

- ☐ Alix to investigate 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 and Darcy to check DVCTA's insurance additional insured certificates to ensure they match with facilities holding general membership events.
- ☐ Alix to review Committee chair language in Bylaws.