



XMinutes of DVCTA Board of Directors Meeting

July 11, 2023

Stroud Water Center Conference Room / Zoom

Alix James, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:49 by President Darcy Miller. The meeting was preceded by a fun and informative presentation on fox hunting from Andrews Bridge Foxhounds.

Attendance:

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Kelly Barry

Hanne Boekell

Michael Broomall

Linda Drejza

Stephanie Geiter

Meg Gioffre

Fiona Gowers

Eliza Herman

Alix James

Kristina Jerrell

Penny Knotts

Lisa Leana

Carol Lippa

Becky Lynch

Jennifer McWilliams

Megan Mendenhall

Darcy Miller

Joanne Mohr

Kelsy Peterson

Karen Rubin

Sharon Sexton

Cassi Stroebe

Karen Walsh

Justine Watson

A quorum of 3 officers and 50% of the directors (6+) being present, the Board was authorized to conduct business.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer (Lisa Leana): \$88,846.91 in checking, \$2,335.96 in Paypal. \$91,182.87 total.

Recognized show, Summer Opener (Megan Mendenhall, Carol Lippa): Confirmed June 1, 2024. Judge is

Membership (Sharon Sexton): 214 members have joined for 2023. 23 Jrs.

Quadrille (Anne Miller): Suspended for 2023. Back in 2024.

Harvest Fest (Eliza Herman, Penny Knotts): Need a committee. Need a mid-year email reminding people to get their scores to qualify. Harvest Fest dressage 11/4, combined test 11/18. Need a judge for dressage, maybe 1 ½. Janice Conlan R doing 11/18. Need sponsors identified so shirts can be ordered by mid-August.

Eventing (Cassie Stroebel, Karen Rubin): Horse trials championships 9/24 at Olney.

Year End Awards (Justine Watson, Meg Gioffre, Joanne Mohr): complicated to do online submission with proof of scores. May do an online .pdf to be submitted with the proof of scores. Discussed other methods of score submission but settled on riders submitting copies of their tests.

Sanctioned Schooling Shows (Sharon Sexton, Lisa Leana): All participants have completed their applications. Full list of facilities and dates is posted at [Approved Schooling Shows | DVCTA](#). Question: Our rules say judge must be a USEF L Dressage Judge or better. New facility On the Bit hired an Eventing “r” judge not USEF certified. We will accept scores from this show but they need to either hire appropriate Judges or we will remove those dates from the site. Penny agreed to double check the show websites to make sure all the judges are approved. Lisa will update the form to be clearer and get it posted on the website.

Volunteers (Meg Gioffre): No updates tonight. Will post updated volunteer hours to the website. In the process of launching the online form for volunteer hours submissions and a portal for event coordinators. Joanne Mohr moved that non-board Members get 1 hour volunteer credit for attending a meeting in person. Lisa Leana seconded. Unanimously approved. Alix will send out via email newsletter & FB post.

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

Adult Teams (Becky Lynch, Karen Walsh, Anne Miller, Linda Drejza): Intent form will be posted on website. Nov. 11-12 PVDA Prince Georges show. Jeanne is sending out an email. Anecia is hosting a fix-a-test in October to benefit Adult teams. Auction proceeds of \$4226 will be split between Adult Teams and Jr. Teams. Darcy will also host a fix a test 9/24. Looking for a coach - David Ziegler and Alex Robertson are both maybe. Interest cut off is end of July. First meeting in August.

Education (Karen Rubin, Ange Bean, Kristina Jerrell):

Kristina Jerrell is organizing speakers for the meetings. August meeting is Megan Dorran osteopathic veterinarian talking about health modalities for horses. September is Dr. Tyler Held discussing rider mental blocks. Oct. Diego Farje — Boyd Martin’s head rider - topic TBD. November is Maija with Freely Forward Bodywork. December is Michael Bragdoll on why groundwork is Important.

Discussed the L Program before the meeting. Biggest challenge right now is finding a suitable indoor. Committee Darcy Miller, Ange Bean, Carol Lippa, Kathy King. Need more volunteers.

Discussed the Daniel Stewart Clinic. Cost for facilities is high so clinic cost is \$500 each for only 12 riders. Decided it is probably too expensive.

Karen is exploring doing a Working Equitation Clinic. Need to get in touch with EPAWE to ensure no conflicts. Darcy offered her place to host for \$300.

OVCTA reached out about doing a scribing clinic jointly. We are interested. We also talked about expanding that to other show day volunteer positions. How to be a great show volunteer.

Junior Teams (Megan Kuon): Sharon sent the list of Jrs. To Megan. Second Nature Farm hosted a meet and greet. Megan emailed all the Jr. Members to talk to them about getting involved. Looking at hosting a natural horsemanship clinic.

Pub at Dressage at Devon (Mike Broomall, Robin Ross): Need volunteers - all volunteers must sign up through the DAD portal. Need to be 21 to work the pub.

Annual Dinner (Lisa Leana): Booked for Red Clay Room Feb. 11, 2024.

Annual Auction (Linda Drejza, Kelly Barry, Joanne Mohr, Rita Lowry): Nothing to report – will get started later.

NEW BUSINESS

Jane Sleeper was injured and is raising money for medical expenses. Galabid site to raise money - DVCTA to share on FB page.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

2023 BOARD MEETING DATES:

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. **WILL TEST USING WAVE TO SEND REMINDER INVOICES.**
- ☐ Alix & Lisa to explore using Wave to send membership invoices that can be paid directly without having to use Paypal.
- ☐ Find a way to get reviewed financials for reasonable cost. Needed if we go over \$50k in gross receipts. (Probably won't happen this year if L program doesn't start until 2024.)

2023 Board Meeting Dates:

Mar 14, 2023 07:30 PM

Apr 11, 2023 07:30 PM Cancelled

May 9, 2023 07:30 PM

Jun 13, 2023 07:30 PM

Jul 11, 2023 07:30 PM

Aug 8, 2023 07:30 PM

Sep 12, 2023 07:30 PM

Oct 10, 2023 07:30 PM

Nov 14, 2023 07:30 PM

Dec 12, 2023 07:30 PM

