



Minutes of DVCTA Board of Directors Meeting

Jan. 14, 2025

Stroud Water Research Center & Zoom

Alix James, Recording Secretary

The January Board Meeting was held at Stroud Water Research Center and on Zoom. The meeting was preceded by a presentation on equine body balance and biomechanics by Sue Savidge. The meeting was called to order at 7:48 PM by President Darcy Miller.

Attendance at Meeting:

Officers

Darcy Miller
Mike Broomall
Lisa Leana
Alix James

Penny Knotts
~~Becky Lynch~~ (retiring from board)
Joanne Mohr
Carol Lippa
~~Karen Rubin~~ (excused)
~~Sharon Sexton~~ (excused)
Justine Watson

Directors

Kelly Barry
Linda Drezja
Megan Gioffre
~~Megan M Huf~~ (retiring from board)

Member Guests:

Lisa Varotsis (2025 Board member)

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

Committee Reports:

Treasurer (Lisa Leana): Bank Balance: \$103,615, PayPal Balance \$5,577, total: \$109,912.

Minutes: Minutes of December meeting were approved by email including corrections.

Membership (Sharon Sexton): 103 have joined so far for 2025.

Quadrille (Anne Miller): No report.

Harvest Fest (Penny Knotts, Darcy Miller): No report. New HarvestFest plan to be discussed at future Board meeting.

Eventing (Eliza Herman, Karen Rubin): No report.

Year End Awards (Joanne Mohr, Justine Watson): Submissions have all been tallied. A few details to be confirmed. Champion bags (stall bags) have been received and delivered to embroiderer. Need to figure out reserve champion prizes. Alix created an award submission form template for 2025 and sent to Annie.

Sanctioned Schooling Shows (Lisa Leana, Alix James): As part of the volunteer discussion we also discussed getting all the results from every schooling show and posting them on the DVCTA website. **Alix** will work on this with Annie and creating a template for upload. (Still pending.) We discussed again the fee and whether it should be changed for farms that put on fewer shows. After extensive discussion, Penny Knotts moved and Joanne Mohr seconded to keep it a flat fee of \$100 with no per show adjustment. **Alix** to send Annie text to add to the SSS form about the fee and use of the fee to support the awards program.

Volunteers (Meg Gioffre): Volunteer hours posted on the website and up to date. Mike has confirmed we can bulk submit hours to USDF for volunteer recognition and will work with Annie to do this. Most DVCTA Volunteers will hit the fairly low threshold for recognition by USDF right away.

Scholarships (Anecia Delduco, Karen Walsh): Anecia [reported](#) on 2022, 2023 and 2024:

2022

Scholarships applied for 5

Scholarships approved 5

Scholarship paid out 2

2023

Scholarships applied for 4

Scholarships approved 4

Scholarships paid out 2

2024

Scholarships applied for 3

Scholarships approved 3

Scholarships paid out to date 0

For 2024 2 of the scholarships are for USDF L program so these participants are not required to have submit there articles yet. The 3 has just been submitted. The scholarships not paid out in 2022 and 2023 are because applicants did NOT sent in their articles. I would love to #1 increase the amount we can give to member per request we allow \$250 per request currently. #2 with the USDF L program I would hope we would get more members using the scholarship incentive. Can we increase the amount of funds we allocate for the program to help some of the member out with the cost of the program we so desperately need.

The Board discussed raising the per scholarship fee but debated whether that made sense given that people were already not willing to write three paragraphs to get their money. In the end we decided to keep the program the same and promote it in the newsletter. If we get more than 5 applications who follow through we can consider expanding it.

Adult Teams (Becky Lynch, Anecia Delduco, Karen Walsh, Linda Drejza): Adult teams participants have been good about contributing to the auction. No other report.

Education (Karen Rubin): No report.

L program: Just completed Session B. Still have 24 registered participants but 3 were sick and couldn't attend. Slightly fewer auditors (33 vs 39). Moving to Alumni Hall worked very well and Darcy believes will have addressed space concerns of candidates. Excellent group of demo horses that really showed the ideal presentation - 8s and 9s. Kathy Rause was the instructor and was excellent and was also really impressed with the quality of the demo riders. Session C will be March 8&9 in the same locations. Instructor is Mike Osinski. Will need demo riders again. Application going in for Session D. D1 will be at Stroud May 3&4. D2 will be at Pony Club event in July. D3 will be at regional finals in October. Applications will go onto the website once the program is approved. Part 2 is closed to auditors. D Sessions are smaller - just 10 participants and their scribes - and will be certain to fill as many A-B-C sessions have already been run.

Junior Teams (Megan Kuon): No Jr. Team this year unless interest crops up.

Pub at Dressage at Devon (Mike Broomall, Penny Knotts): Discussed the possibility of having a different location. Mike said there are probably not that many options. May be able to use a booth across the way on the busy nights but on most nights the small booth is fine.

Annual Dinner (Lisa Leana): February 8th is the awards dinner. Last year was \$5200 total and charged \$50 and had 100 attendees. Raised price to \$55/head this year and have sold 58 tickets so far. We are adding a third entree and soup and salad which will raise the cost \$7 but give everyone lots of good food choices. We may go slightly in the red but are willing to do that as it is the main social event of the club. Penny's husband may be able to DJ. **Alix** will put together a

powerpoint for the Member Meeting portion of the annual dinner summarizing financials and highlights of club programs from 2024 and planned for 2025.

Annual Auction (Linda Drejza, Kelly Barry, Joanne Mohr, Rita Lowry): Linda has gotten a very good start on donations with a good variety. We discussed a few ideas of other vendors to contact for donations.

NEW BUSINESS

Board voting is open and happening. 27 votes submitted. Deadline Feb. 1. Need 25 votes minimum for a valid election so the submitted Board slate will be approved:

President:
Darcy Miller

Vice President:
Mike Broomall

Treasurer:
Lisa Leana

Secretary:
Alix James

Board: (12 members)

Sharon Sexton

Joanne Mohr

Megan Gioffre

Linda Drejza

Penny Knotts

Kelly Barry

Justine Watson

Karen Rubin

Megan Huf

Carol Lippa

Kelsy Peterson (New)

Lisa Varotsis (New)

12 member Board so as before, 3 officers and 6 board members will constitute a quorum.

Darcy proposed that DVCTA run a USDF Instructor Trainer Program in 2026.

Darcy also reported that Pegasus demo'd their capabilities to handle volunteers. It looked very capable but Linda Drejza reported that she had a lot of trouble setting up an account for a schooling show. We think we should have them demo the software for us before a Board meeting. Dunmovin has moved their schooling show entries to Pegasus. Blue Goose will be moving there by the summer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.

2025 Board Meeting Dates

All at Stroud Water Research Center at 7:30. Most will be preceded by open member presentations and/or committee meetings beginning at 7:00.

Feb. 8 - Annual Awards Banquet and Auction + Member Meeting

Mar. 11

Apr. 8

