



Minutes of DVCTA Board of Directors Meeting

April 8, 2025

Stroud Water Research Center & Zoom

Alix James, Recording Secretary

The April 8th Board Meeting was held at Stroud Water Research Center and on Zoom. The meeting was preceded by a presentation from Gail Rockwood, Pam Wiedemann and Annemarie Cochrane on "Tales from an African Safari Vacation on Horseback (which included Lucinda Green)". The meeting was called to order at 8:21 PM by President Darcy Miller.

Attendance at Meeting:

Officers

Darcy Miller
Mike Broomall
Lisa Leana
Alix James

Joanne Mohr
Carol Lippa
~~Kelsey Peterson~~
Karen Rubin
Sharon Sexton
Lisa Varotsis
~~Justine Watson~~

Directors

Kelly Barry
Linda Drezja
Lisa Fiorelli
~~Megan Gioffre~~
Penny Knotts

Guest

Gail Rockwood
Pam Wiedemann
Annemarie Cochrane

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: \$121,866.18, PayPal Balance \$8,559.56, total: \$130,425.74. Alix reported that she has filed a 990-EZ for DVCTA for 2024 as we have gone over \$50k average revenues and appear we will be over that again in 2025. She will file the BCO-10 with PA later - deadline is Nov. 15. (We received an exemption from filing for being under \$50k but she won't be surprised if they try to fine us for late registrations again.)

Minutes: Minutes of January and March meetings were circulated by email prior to the meeting. It was too close to the meeting for people to read - will approve January, March and April at the May meeting.

Membership (Sharon Sexton): 167 have joined so far for 2025 including 9 juniors. Last year at this time had 154.

Quadrille (Anne Miller): Planning a ride for Devon anniversary. 8 horse team plus two alternates. May request a budget from DVCTA in addition to budget being provided by DAD and comped stalls and shavings. Dinner on April 24th to start planning.

Harvest Fest (Penny Knotts, Darcy Miller): No report.

Eventing (Karen Rubin): USEA Area 2 requested DVCTA help put on an eventing-related clinic. Both USEA and DVCTA offered to contribute scholarship money. We are exploring putting on a show jumping clinic with Lillian Heard at her facility. The Area 2 rep is not responsive to Karen, making it harder to solidify. Darcy will reach out.

Year End Awards (Joanne Mohr, Julie Cecati): Alix has sent a form outline to Annie to partially automate submissions for 2025. Annie has built a preliminary form and is testing it. Darcy requested to meet with the committee prior to May meeting (6:30).

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.)

Volunteers (Meg Gioffre): New volunteer form up on website and hours up to date.

Scholarships (Anecia Delduco, Karen Walsh): Some scholarship applications from L program - still need reports to pay scholarships.

Adult Teams (Becky Lynch, Anecia Delduco, Karen Walsh, Linda Drejza): No report.

Education (Karen Rubin, Penny Knotts): May meeting speaker is Regina Turner on embryo transfer in performance mares. June Liz Arbittier - caring for the aging horse. July meeting is at Acadian Wine Company and will be preceded by a free wine tasting. The fee is \$200 to rent the room for the meeting - capacity up to 75 people. 6:30 to 10:00. Attendees can also buy wine at their own cost.

L program: Had 10 people signed up for Session II. One dropped out but was able to be filled from the wait list so full slate of participants. Lauren is handling organization and all is proceeding. First session in May.

Junior Teams (Megan Kuon): Request to sponsor an award for \$100 at the 2025 Region 1 Youth Dressage Team Challenge. Penny moved and Carol seconded that we sponsor \$100 award. All approved.

Pub at Dressage at Devon (Mike Broomall, Penny Knotts): Mike looking at options for additional storage or serving space.

Annual Dinner (Lisa Leana, Lisa Varotsis): Lisa Varotsis has been investigating locations and costs for brunch on Sunday 2/21. Wyncote Country Club: food is great, price is \$6500, space may be too limited. Kennett Sq. Country Club - lots of room, we'd have the whole space and a separate dining room as well as a ballroom and full bar. \$30/person plus facility cost being negotiated. The Great House (used to be the Farmhouse) - is now an event facility. \$2000 to rent the facility and would bring in a caterer. More to come.

Annual Auction (Linda Drejza, Kelly Barry, Joanne Mohr, Rita Lowry): No report

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53.

Remaining 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.

May 13

June 10

July 8

Aug. 12

Sept. 9

Oct. 14

Nov. 11

Dec. 9

Board is required to meet 10 times per year so we can drop one of the meetings if needed.

Zoom link for virtual attendees - Valid for all meetings:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZEgdu-hqT4vG9HlpN2ckisBxgM9Ka7ImBek/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGtgTosE9OQtRiCRpwMB4j4M_PwtiVYjfp1tQ_LUSNYaxDULuVva5I-R_Hd](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/98tyKuGtgTosE9OQtRiCRpwMB4j4M_PwtiVYjfp1tQ_LUSNYaxDULuVva5I-R_Hd)