



## Minutes of DVCTA Board of Directors Meeting

May 13, 2025

Stroud Water Research Center & Zoom

Alix James, Recording Secretary

The May 13th Board Meeting was held at Stroud Water Research Center and on Zoom. The meeting was preceded by a presentation from by Regina Turner on Embryo Transfer in performance mares. The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by President Darcy Miller.

### **Attendance at Meeting:**

#### **Officers**

Darcy Miller  
Mike Broomall  
Lisa Leana  
Alix James

Megan Gioffre  
Penny Knotts  
Joanne Mohr  
Carol Lippa  
Karen Rubin  
Sharon Sexton  
~~Lisa Varotsis~~ excused  
Justine Watson

#### **Directors**

Kelly Barry  
Julie Ceccatti  
Linda Drezja  
Lisa Fiorelli

#### **Guest**

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: \$123,202.82, PayPal Balance \$3,552.93, total: \$126,755.75. Alix briefly discussed the importance of tracking sponsorships for public support.

**Secretary (Alix James):** January, March and April minutes were circulated prior to the meeting for approval and were approved by email and posted on the website.

**Membership (Sharon Sexton):** 186 have joined so far in 2025 including 12 juniors. Last year at this time had 208.

**Quadrille (Anne Miller):** Devon team and alternates selected and first draft of ride published. Practices starting soon! Costumes in the works.

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

**Eventing (Karen Rubin):** Gave up on trying to put on an eventing clinic because the Area 2 rep was not responsive. Maybe offer to members to support an eventing clinic?

**Year End Awards (Megan Gioffre, Joanne Mohr, Justine Watson, Julie Cecatti):** Committee Roles have been established. Justine Watson is the Numbers Girl. She will input all scores in her spreadsheet and calculate all YE Standings. Julie Ceccatti will fact check all the scores submitted and give to Justine after making sure they are correct. Megan Gioffre , Karen Walsh , and Joanne Mohr will be in charge of Volunteer Gifts. Karen Walsh and Anne Miller will be in Charge of YE Ribbons and Champion and Reserve Prizes. New this year the Qualifying dates have changed. The 2025 Dates are Dec. 1, 2024 - October 31, 2025. Next year will be November 1, 2025 - October 31, 2026. The website has been contacted to change the dates and also asked if possible to put all dates in Red. And to add a header that the 2025 Qualifying dates are new. We will send an eblast out and then again in September and October to help remind everyone. This new date gives the Awards committee a little more time to buy awards and calculate standings. The Ribbons will still be ordered

after Jan 1 to take advantage of the 10% off sale . The Ribbons will be sent to Karen Walsh's Delaware address so there will be no sales tax. Last year it was \$160.00. We are thinking of adding Working Equitation awards but are still discussing this possibility. Automation form has been created by Annie and looks great. We need to test it but should be ready to publish.

**Sanctioned Schooling Shows (Lisa Leana, Alix James):** Need to make sure all participating farms are sending their results to Annie to post as .pdf. Centralized results make it way easier to validate awards.

**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):** Nov. 9 & 10 Prince Georges Equestrian Center. Interest form on website. Email to past participants will go out shortly.

**Education (Karen Rubin, Penny Knotts):** 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. Alix to set up SignUp Genius to get signup numbers.

**L program:** Had 10 people signed up for Session II. All came to Part D in May and stayed and participated. Generally worked well but USDF scoring form and software did not work. Need to figure that out better for next Part. Next Part is at Pony Cup in July. Lauren and Mike and Alice are going to the Pony Cup to organize.

**Junior Teams (Megan Kuon):** No Junior team this year - just not enough juniors at the right level in the club. May be more developed in 2026.

**Pub at Dressage at Devon (Mike Broomall, Penny Knotts):** Looking into using roving carts to sell individual servings in the stands. Will need more volunteers for that. Can also use the space in the little room across from our new stand. Need a better credit card processing system.

**Annual Dinner (Lisa Leana and Lisa Varotsis):** Lisa Varotsis has been investigating locations but was not at the meeting. No report.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Linda Drejza - Has a friend with Muscular Dystrophy in a wheelchair. Needs to volunteer for a 501(c)3 to keep his housing. Keep him in mind for volunteer needs for committees. Awards entry, volunteer hours entry, sourcing auction items.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57.

## **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.**

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/join/98tyKuGtqTosE9OQtRiCRpwMB4j4M\\_PwtiVYjfp1tQ\\_LUSNYaxDULuVva5I-R\\_Hd](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/98tyKuGtqTosE9OQtRiCRpwMB4j4M_PwtiVYjfp1tQ_LUSNYaxDULuVva5I-R_Hd)

Alix proposed reviving the member business listings on the website. No charge, members must submit their own .jpg and URL in a format to be determined by Annie - looking for business card type listings. Must maintain your membership to keep the ad up. Will have broad categories: Boarding and Training // Feed and Supplies // Equipment // Construction