



## Minutes of DVCTA Board of Directors Meeting

Sept. 9, 2025

Stroud Water Research Center & Zoom

Alix James, Recording Secretary

The September 9th Board Meeting was held at Stroud Water Research Center and on Zoom. The meeting was preceded by an interesting presentation by Pat Reilly on farriery topics. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 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  
~~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: \$114,151.86, PayPal Balance \$6,155.95, total: \$120,307.81. Confirmed we need to make a \$300 donation to Stroud for 2025 for use of the meeting room. Will also need to make a donation to NBC for use of the facility for the L program after October testing and final reconciliation of the numbers.

**Secretary (Alix James):** May and June minutes were circulated, corrected and approved and will be sent to Annie. No meeting was held in July after the winery gathering - no quorum.

**Membership (Sharon Sexton):** 228 have joined so far in 2025 including 16 juniors.

**Quadrille (Anne Miller):** Costumes are completed and one fabulous dress rehearsal was held at Windurra - thank you Silva! The ride is going to be spectacular - don't miss it! Still a few more practices and fine-tuning but we are more prepared than usual at this stage of the game.

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

**Eventing (Karen Rubin):** No report.

**Year End Awards (Megan Gioffre, Karen Walsh, Julie Cecatti, Justine Watson in handoff mode):** Form has been made live. Alix still needs to give Annie the fields for Working Equitation awards - three shows, schooling or recognized, average of Dressage & EOH, no DQ. Alix will also send an email to EPAWE and Oak Springs and WE East saying they are available. Form submissions will individually go by email to [awards@dvcta.com](mailto:awards@dvcta.com) so they can be reviewed and Annie will be able to download and send a complete spreadsheet summarizing all the submissions.

**Sanctioned Schooling Shows (Lisa Leana, Alix James):** Results are coming in and being posted.

**Volunteers (Meg Gioffre):** New volunteer form up on website. Meg needs to recreate the spreadsheet and catch up on hours. Meg and Karen Walsh are going to brainstorm better volunteer gifts.

**Scholarships (Anecia Delduco, Karen Walsh):** Some scholarship applications from L program - still need reports to pay scholarships. Sharon did her report - need to post it.

**Adult Teams (Becky Lynch, Anecia Delduco, Karen Walsh, Linda Drejza):** Adult team has 30! signups and a wait list (capped at 30). Based on the increased participation and expenditures per head last year, they are requesting a budget of an additional \$1,000 to \$1,500 in addition to the \$4,600 auction proceeds already committed. They have scheduled two fix-a-tests to bring in \$1,000 in addition to the \$720 of participation fees already paid by the participants.

### 2025 Budget - 30 Participants

Annual Banquet Allocation	\$ 4,565.00
Participation fees	\$ 720.00
Fix-a-Tests (2)	\$ 1,000.00
	\$ 6,285.00
Vests or Jackets (\$50 each)	\$ 1,500.00
Tack Stalls (9)	\$ 1,215.00
Prizes, swag bag	\$ 1,500.00
Hospitality room	\$ 400.00
Ribbons	\$ 265.00
Food	\$ 750.00
Dinner	\$ 900.00
	\$ 6,530.00
Budget \$220 per entered member (same per person spend as last year) - take everyone who wants to go	\$ 6,600.00

After discussion, Penny moved and Meg seconded and the Board approved: To allocate a budget of \$220 per entered rider and the club will make up any difference between sum of auction proceeds, fix-a-tests and participation fees. The Board also requested that there be no cap on participation if at all possible. Expand committee if needed!

**Education (Karen Rubin, Penny Knotts):** October will be an astronomy demonstration after the meeting. November 11 meeting is Laura Riley, VMD on having small ruminants live with your horses. Darcy is also working on coordinating a freestyle clinic in March, 2026.

**L program:** Final accounting to be provided after final testing session at the Lexington Horse Center the first weekend of October. July program at the Pony Nationals went fine. One rider complained about their presence.

**Junior Teams (Megan Kuon):** No Junior team this year. Sponsored the Region 1 Junior Show.

**Pub at Dressage at Devon (Mike Broomall, Penny Knotts):** Everything is good. NEED VOLUNTEERS. Sign up at Devon site now.

