



Minutes of DVCTA Board of Directors Meeting

Oct. 14, 2025

Stroud Water Research Center & Zoom

Alix James, Recording Secretary

The October 14th Board Meeting was held at Stroud Water Research Center and on Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Vice-President Mike Broomall.

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

Tamara Stathes

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: \$107,968, PayPal Balance \$3,512, total: \$111,480.

Secretary (Alix James): May and June minutes were circulated, corrected and approved and will be sent to Annie. September needs to be approved and sent to website as well.

Membership (Sharon Sexton): 230 have joined so far in 2025 including 16 juniors.

Quadrille (Anne Miller): Was a big success - "best quadrille ever", "spectacular".

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

Eventing (no chair at the moment): No report.

Year End Awards (Karen Walsh, Julie Cecatti, Justine Watson in handoff mode): Form submissions are working well. Some people still are emailing them but are happy to fill out the form when sent a link. Karen is shopping for awards and is doing a great job. We had a long and spirited discussion about the current award year dates (Dec. 1 to Oct. 31) being a) confusing; b) not aligned with the national programs; c) not popular and d) effectively excluding the Nov. Team competition with 30 people going. The Board would strongly prefer to keep the old dates (including this year) of Dec. 1 to Nov. 31. Alix will talk to Karen and see if she can do it. **Linda moved and Meg seconded and all approved an initial budget of \$7,500 for performance and volunteer awards.**

Sanctioned Schooling Shows (Lisa Leana, Alix James): Results are coming in and being posted but some are missing. **Lisa will remind the shows that have not posted.**

Volunteers (Meg Gioffre): New volunteer form up on website and spreadsheet has been recreated and posted up to date. We discussed Board member hours and agreed they should not submit their hours for their primary chair roles but anything in addition should be submitted.

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

Adult Teams (Becky Lynch, Anecia Delduco, Karen Walsh, Linda Drejza): Proceeding with entries and planning. Two fix-a-tests held that raised \$750. Discussed that there were still 2 or 3 people on the waitlist and the Board really hopes they could be accommodated. **Alix agreed to let Anecia and Karen know.**

Education (Karen Rubin, Penny Knotts): November 11 meeting is Laura Riley, VMD on having small ruminants live with your horses. John Moss VMD will provide talks in 2026 on jousting (March 10) and historical tack (June 9). Alix will get the contact for the pasture management person from the Penn State Extension. Darcy is still looking at doing another freestyle clinic - need to contact the instructor and set the date.

L program: L Program part 2 is complete. 10 candidates completed their exams at WEC in Ohio. D1 - Stroud Water Research Center, Lisa Schmidt. D2 - WEC Ohio, Pony Cup, Jody Lees. Final - Lexington, VA, Region 1 GAIGD, Debbie Rodriguez, Dolly Hannon. 10 candidates completed Part 2. Results to be distributed by USDF. Brought in \$21,000 and spent \$17,000. More than 200 volunteer hours invested. Lauren Annett suggested we should run another Part 2 since we had 30 people do Part 1 and more would have liked to do Part 2.

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

Pub at Dressage at Devon (Mike Broomall, Penny Knotts): Great volunteers - 25 people. Great coverage. Went really well. Well received. Every day but one seemed up from last year - waiting for final numbers from DAD.

Annual Dinner (Lisa Leana and Lisa Varotsis): Lisa V. reports the date has been established as February 22, 2026, for the banquet. The format will be Sunday brunch from 12:30-4:30 at the Farm at Loch Nairn. Will be catered by Catering by Occasion. Lisa says she has used this service at UPenn and they are excellent. Deposit has been paid. Lisa L. moved and Linda seconded and all approved a budget of \$1,500 for a 60th anniversary DVCTA gift for attendees - mug, beer stein?

Annual Auction (Linda Drejza, Kelly Barry, Joanne Mohr): Linda reports she's about to kick off her solicitations for items.

PR Committee: Need one. Tamara Stathes agreed to help with social media.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.

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.

Nov. 11

Dec. 9

Zoom link for virtual attendees - Valid for all meetings:

https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/tZEgdu-hqT4vG9HlpN2ckisBxgM9Ka7ImBek/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGtqTosE9OQtRiCRpwMB4j4M_PwtiVYjfp1tQ_LUSNYaxDULuVva5I-R_Hd