



Minutes of DVCTA Board of Directors Meeting

March 10, 2026

Stroud Water Research Center & Zoom

Alix James, Recording Secretary

The March 10th Board Meeting was held in person at Stroud Water Research Center and virtually on Zoom. The meeting was preceded by a fascinating talk on jousting by John Moss, VMD. The meeting was called to order at 8:10 PM by President Darcy Miller.

NOTE: No minutes recorded at January 2026 Board meeting which was a brief business meeting.



Attendance

Officers

Darcy Miller
Mike Broomall
Lisa Leana
Alix James

Directors

Kelly Barry
Julie Ceccatti
~~Linda Drezja~~ resigned
Lisa Fiorelli

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

Guests

Sherry Dietrich

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: \$103,926.47, PayPal Balance \$3,078.16, total: \$107,004.63.

Secretary (Alix James): All minutes through December are published to the website. January, February (Member meeting) and March minutes will be circulated prior to the April meeting.

Membership (Sharon Sexton): 143 have joined for 2026 and roster has been sent to USDF.

Quadrille (Anne Miller): No report.

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

Eventing (): No report.

Year End Awards (Julie Cecatti, Joanne Mohr, Karen Walsh): Beautiful awards presentation at the banquet. People really loved the personalized awards. The committee REALLY wants to move the deadline back to October 31 so the 2026 year will be November 1, 2025, to October 31, 2026. The first two weeks of November will count twice - 2025 and 2026. The awards committee would like to receive images of all tests and they have some desired updates to the forms they will send to Alix. Detailed report appended to the end of these minutes.

Sanctioned Schooling Shows (Lisa Leana, Penny Knotts): 2026 participants need to be reminded to send the form to join for this year. Agreed that the fee should be \$25/show up to a max of \$100. Penny and Lisa will get it done. Need to make sure we keep the 2025 dates that apply to 2026 there when we put up 2026 dates.

Volunteers (Meg Gioffre, Sherry Deitrich): Sherry Deitrich reported that 2026 hours are updated to February. Sherry plans to try to update them and put out the report once a month or every two months. Sherry wants to ensure there are more volunteer appreciation and reminder posts on Facebook and also suggested doing quarterly raffles for a gift card to get people to get their hours in. Alix moved and Penny seconded and all approved allocating \$400 to the committee to decide to use as they wish to encourage volunteer hours and timely submission.

Scholarships (): Sherry Deitrich submitted her report from her TD program which will be circulated and posted to the website.

Adult Teams (Lisa Varotsis chair, Penny Knotts, Margaret Dugan): Anecia and Karen are resigning from Adult Teams committee. have passed the reins to Lisa Varotsis who will chair the Adult Teams committee. We discussed past revenue and expense ranges. Alix will provide a budget framework to Lisa V.

Education (Karen Rubin, Penny Knotts, Lauren Annett, Michael Broomall): *MFS Clinic* Attendance (8 participants) and auditing (60) is maxed out. Most things needed have been rented or paid for - a few random things remain. Auditing will be FREE for DVCTA members. This is an investment of some of the profit from the L Program. Lauren Annett is doing the majority of the coordination and organizing. Darcy moved and Lisa Varotsis seconded and all approved spending up to \$350 for a gift such as an experience gift card for the Martin family as appreciation for donating use of the Windurra indoor. Lauren will decide what and who will do that.

Junior Teams (Megan Kuon): No report.

Pub at Dressage at Devon (Mike Broomall, Penny Knotts): Devon pays around \$12 a bottle. Mike and Alix to connect Carley. Also got a \$752 check from DAD for 1% of the profits. Last year was the last year to get a profit share.

Annual Meeting & Brunch (Lisa Leana and Lisa Varotsis): The banquet was lovely but the space was really tight for seating, viewing and having the awards. The slide show was hard to see. Lisa V. contacted the Hockessin Memorial Hall at 610 Yorklyn Road, Hockessin. Saturday February 20th is available. 8,000 square feet, 350 people capacity. Full cash bar set up. \$75 to set up the bar. They do the catering. Day would be \$38/person. Evening would be \$49/person. Access 90 minutes before to set up. The Board authorized the Committee to book the location for Saturday May 20th. Day is 10-2, evening is after 3. Aim for four hours in the middle of the day starting 10:30 or 11:00.

Annual Auction ():: The silent auction raised \$2,797. Linda Drejza resigned. Need a new committee chair and members.

PR Committee ():: Mike has been handling most of the PR. Need a new committee chair. Tamara is a user for Facebook. Alice Morse is also going to do some Facebook posts. Jeanne will keep doing emails. Also need to greatly reduce the number of users with access to the page. Penny Knotts agreed to take over moderation of posts to the page.

New Business

- Mike to compile ideas for awards we can apply for.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 PM.

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DVCTA 2025 Year-End Awards Recap 🏆

Huge congratulations to all of our riders, coaches, and their cheering squads! 2025 was an extra special year as DVCTA celebrated its 60th Anniversary, along with an incredible season of achievement for our members and their horses.

❄️ Our annual banquet was held on Sunday, February 22nd at the beautiful Loch Narin Farm.

🐎 158 horse-and-rider combinations were recognized for their outstanding work in the show arena during the 2025 season.

🏅 20 members earned Medal Awards recognizing their lifetime achievements in the saddle.

🎁 Volunteer Recognition

Our amazing volunteers make everything we do possible!

- 34 members achieved Bronze Status (20+ hours)
- 5 members achieved Silver Status (35+ hours)
- 23 members achieved Gold Status (50+ hours)
- 9 members contributed an incredible 100+ hours

👏 Distinguished Service Awards recognized two outstanding members for their contributions to the DVCTA community. Congratulations to:

💎 Anne Miller

🍺 Mike Broomall

♥ Last but certainly not least, thank you to the incredible farm owners, show managers, and the army of volunteers who host these wonderful competitions all year long. Without you, there would be no awards program for our members. We are so grateful that you open your farms to provide opportunities for riders to compete, learn, and grow in the saddle.

👏 A big round of applause for our 2025 Sanctioned Schooling Show Hosts:

- Bally Vae Farm
- Blue Goose Stable
- Dunmovin Farm
- Rolling Hills Ranch
- Second Nature Farm

If you attended the banquet or competed this season, share your photos in the comments! 📷 🐾

