

Meeting Minutes

Las Colinas Equestrian Centre  
Dallas, TX

Present: Doreen Cutts, Pauline Jaroszewicz, Barbara Clarke, Shelly Vaughan, Lisa Blackmon, Jackie Blackmon, Michelann Tachibana, Barbara Lewis, Patti Porter

Proxies:

Guests: None

Apologies: Jennie Bohart

Quorum: Met

Opened: 7:05pm

Next meeting: 5 June 2007 at LCEC

Closed: 9:20pm, Moved: B Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Pauline J

Minutes:

Approved with edits. Unanimous approval

Presidents Report:

1. Update on USDF Spring Show 06 to Michelann Tachibana re: scoring & other issues.
2. Add Michelann to DDC Board email distribution
3. Discussion re: 2008 Clinic or Educational Program:
  - Betsy Steiner has been contacted & is OK for 2008, 8 rides/day, \$1500/day.
  - Lisa B talked with Scott Hassler, who thought Debbie McDonald combo clinic (Scott Hassler for 4, 5, 6 year old, Debbie M for 7, 8, 9 year old)
  - Possible option of tie-in with USDF educational program like the "L" judges program, Certified Instructor program, "r" Program.
  - Lisa B stated strongly that she felt we need to stick with a USDF sanctioned program
  - In regards to "top names" for clinics/programs, need to focus on the "Dressage Today cover photo" personalities, with keeping in mind the Training to Third Level membership demographics.
  - New program – Grass Roots type program: 1 day program, FEI-level instructor donates time/day to DDC, for \$25 a ride, 2<sup>nd</sup> level and below only participants. L Blackmon and B Lewis to invite local FEI-level instructors, details and dates to be determined later.

Vice President's Report:

Secretary's Report:

1. Yahoo group is now established.
2. Need more personality profiles – only two submitted.

Treasurer Report:

1. Barbara Lewis reports the current Bank Balances as of 1 May 2007:

Vanguard	\$18,456.00	(31/Mar/2007)
Interest earned	\$230.14	(31/Mar/2007)
Franklin/Equity	\$16,041.68	(31/Mar/2007)
2. One returned check from DDC Banquet from Pamela McDowell, acct closed. Tried phoning contact number provided, number disconnected. DDC will send certified letter.
3. There have been large recent outlays of funding recently. At this time it is the least amount of funds DDC has had in account(s). Large Recent costs/payments: Education, new test symposium \$3,977, USDF dues \$2,159, Awards banquet \$4,900, Trophies/ribbons \$3,353, Liability insurance \$1,430, Show ribbons/first place prizes \$1,445.

4. Received letter from attorney Gwinn & Roby that lawsuit (Joan Humphrey vs. Jennie Bohart and Dallas Dressage Club) is settled in favor of Jennie Bohart and Dallas Dressage Club. We are still under gag order from our club attorney so terms of settlement cannot be disclosed. However, we can state that there was NO expense to the DDC other than attorney fees. Total legal fees to date, paid by DDC regarding lawsuit are \$2,771. Much of the legal counsel was donated time or reduced rate fees, and the rest was paid for by State Farm Insurance.

#### Show Committee Report:

1. Volunteer Coordinator: Michelann Tachibana. Michelann will review the "volunteer needs" spreadsheet from Pauline (or other?).
2. Show Tallies: Friday: 2 rings of 12 hours, Saturday: 3 rings of 25 hours, Sunday: 3 rings of 25 hours.
3. Need to release the 4<sup>th</sup> judge, Discussed costs and repercussions from releasing the judge (Beverly Rogers) with Veronica Holt. Show Mgr will contact Beverly Rogers to notify.  
Moved: B Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup>: B Clarke
4. Farrier for show: Michelann has farrier and gate keeper. Jackie B feels he may have a cheaper alternate, Lisa B will find two vets on call.

#### Awards Report:

1. Have Dover medals & ribbons ordered. Have 1<sup>st</sup> place prizes in stock. High Point fleece coolers and halters ordered.

#### Membership Committee Report:

1. Membership list/files sent from Doreen to Patti Porter.

#### Young Horse/Young Riders Report (Shelly Vaughan):

1. Have 20 kids, 5 teams
2. It's All About the Horse: sponsored the halters for JR/Young rider High Point prizes
3. Have lots of prizes, etc for goodie bags and JR/Young Rider prizes.
4. Will have a Horsemanship award and Stall Decorating contest

#### General Business:

1. Scribe Clinic: Linda McKee has facility donated (Winteroaks in Corinth) and is working prices and costs, trying for date in June.
2. Still need How to Fill Out an Entry Form article by Frances Luse.
3. Volunteers for Spring Show 07: in light of tight financials will put the vendor gift card option on hold – revisit at later date for other show.
4. Sponsors; any/all to contact J Bohart.