

Meeting Minutes

La Madelaine, Las Colinas

Present: Doreen Cutts, Pauline Jaroszewicz, Barbara Clarke, Jennie Bohart, Lisa Blackmon
Proxies: J Bohart for B Lewis, D Cutts for P Porter
Guests: Charlotte and Jason Stotts
Apologies: B Lewis, P Porter, M Tachibana
Quorum: Met
Opened: 7:15pm
Next meeting: 4 December 07 at La Madelaine, Food @ 6:30pm, Meeting starts @7:00pm sharp
Closed: 8:59pm, Moved: B Clarke, 2nd: L Blackmon
Minutes: 13 Oct 2007 Board Meeting Minutes approved, Moved: P Jaroszewicz, 2nd: J Bohart

Presidents Report (Doreen Cutts):

1. Freestyle Clinic set for weekend of 21 March 2008. To be held at Proud Meadows, clinician Cynthia Collins. Details such as airfare and accommodation to be determined later.
2. Adult Camp;
Facility tour went well. Feel C Quarter Circle good location with all amenities however main concern with all is footing in the arena. B Clarke will approach Bob Kiser (Kiser Dragmaster) re: sponsoring the camp by way of providing footing management.
Meals costs good, but need to clarify diet.
Other option: Myers Park, which will require more labour from board and offsite accommodation.
Other Option: High Gate EC/Rockwall EC, similar level of labour from board and offsite accommodation.
Action: B Clarke to contact B Kiser re; footing management sponsor
Action: D Cutts to clarify menu, footing, discounts with multiple occupancy in room, RV hookups, sharing facility.
Horse of Course will sponsor saddle fitting demo/lecture, approx 2 hours, plus will have mobile store on site.
3. Doreen will be at the USDF convention in Orlando, FL from 27 Nov to 2 Dec.
4. Charlotte & Jason Stotts volunteered to assume voting position of Publications Chair. Agreed to assume responsibility for updates and maintenance of DDC website and "Transitions" newsletter.
moved: J Bohart, 2nd: P Jaroszewicz
5. Email addresses to be: publications@dallasdressage.org,
newsletter@dallasdressage.org, website@dallasdressage.org
6. Prize lists to remain responsibility of France Luse.

Vice President's Report (Jennie Bohart):

1. Feel we should make the Show Committee Chair a voting position. Potential issue with quorum and by-laws.
2. Accept Lisa Blackmon to assume role of Ads/Promotions chair. Moved: J Bohart, 2nd C Stotts.

Secretary's Report (Barbara Clarke):

1. Requested any information on recent competition results for submission to the Southwest Horse Trader December issue (due 10 Nov). Also need photos. L Blackmon to provide photos of members from Friesian Horse Assoc of North America Championships in Ohio.
2. DDC Basket to USDF Convention: Dallas Cowboys theme, navy and silver colour scheme. Doreen will provide navy blue DDC items and mailing address for hotel (to receive basket). Pauline to provide Dallas Cowboys items/cap to Doreen. Doreen to provide/complete donation intent to USDF.

Treasurer Report (Barbara Lewis):

1. Barbara Lewis reports the current Bank Balances as of 30 Sept 2007:
Vanguard \$2,530.46 (30/Sept/2007)
Franklin/Equity \$34,190.83 (30/Sept/2007)

2. Schooling Show continues to be profitable to the club. Oct show netted profit of \$1,227, with YTD Schooling Shows profit of \$3,534.40 (average profit/net of \$883.50 per show.)
3. Recognized Shows: prelim report Yellow Rose profit of \$1,185, with YTD Recognized Shows (loss) of (\$4,075).
4. See attached Treasurers Report for detailed breakout of 2007 expenses compared with previous years and explanation/analysis of costs.

Recognized Show Chair Report (Jackie Blackmon):

1. Show Secretary for Spring Show now under contract
2. Article on how to get Dressage more “spectator friendly”, will try some of those suggestions at Spring Show, i.e. freestyle on Sat night in indoor arena
3. Remove Intro from Recognized Shows: requires more planning and lower level judges. Will keep for Athens but may not offer at Yellow Rose.

Awards Report (Pauline Jaroszewicz):

1. Contract signed for banquet (Lone Star Park)
2. Results to be provided to Pauline for End of Year Awards by Lew and Julie (Final Line) and Charlene (Schooling Shows)
3. B Clarke volunteered to do slide-show for banquet with DDC photos: photos to be sourced from Lisa Blackmon, Bruce Lawrie, Frances Luse, and Pauline Jaroszewicz (photos from banquet) Theme: past-present-future and coming soon....

Membership Chair Report (Patti Porter):

1. New Membership Application Form:
add a “tick box” to provide Southwest Horse Trader subscription as an option.
2. Motion: raise membership fees by \$5 to cover additional expenses of SWHT subscription and mail out of newsletter. Moved: B Clarke, 2nd: J Bohart
3. Need to add “Family Membership to annual banquet discussion re: by-laws vote
4. Need to remove some info/boxes from membership form (i.e. remove volunteer questions as we do not use that demographic info)

Junior Riders Chair Report (Shelly Vaughan): Nothing to Report.

Schooling Shows Chair Report: Nothing to Report

General Business: Nothing to report (other than discussed above.)

FEI Coord/Young Riders/High Performance Chair (Lisa Blackmon):

1. Request that the DDC help Andreanna Stucker with the Brentina Cup, falls under High Performance category not Young Rider.
2. Desire to evolve the Young Rider program to the High Performance program to encompass a wider range of members who compete at breed championships and other national level championship competitions.
3. National Merit Level Sponsorship: propose program where must be a member, participate in club competitions, volunteer a min number of hours and must apply for benefit/support. Applicable to all who compete at national championship level competitions.
4. Need to clarify and separate SCHOLARSHIP from SPONSORSHIP.
5. President’s Scholarship Program as an adjunct, separate program from National Merit Level Sponsorship program. See goal above (point 4.)
ACTION: Lisa B and Doreen C to bring their program prototype to next board meeting for board approval.

Publications Chair (Charlotte and Jason Stotts):

Ads / Promotions Chair (Lisa Blackmon): Nothing to Report.