

## **UTAH DRESSAGE SOCIETY**

January 7, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: 2319 S. Foothill Dr. #170, Salt Lake City, Utah 84109

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### **BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Stacey Hornsby, President

MJ Babcook, Vice President

Lucy Knorr, Secretary

Alison Child, Treasurer

Nance Allen, Director of Competitions

Lara Oles, Director of Communications

Christine Celestino, Director of Membership

Eva Adolphi, Special Advisor

**SPECIAL GUESTS:** Tiffany Felix, Jr./Young Rider Coordinator

The Director of Education and Director of Special Events board positions are open at this time.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:40 p.m.

Minutes from November and December were reviewed and corrections discussed. Lucy Knorr will make the corrections and email the final minutes to the board for approval.

### **INDIVIDUAL REPORTS**

#### **1. SPECIAL ADVISOR REPORT:**

Eva Adolphi complimented M.J. Babcook on the banquet and noted that the atmosphere was good and the the banquet was nicer than most. Eva wrote an article about the convention for the newsletter so rather than discuss it at the meeting mentioned that the board may read about it in the newsletter. She also let the board know that the convention will be in Las Vegas next year and encouraged everyone to go. While GMO's send baskets for the convention, we didn't send one this year. Eva suggested for next year we send a basquet and put things that are packable and able to be taken on a flight.

#### **2. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Alison Child discussed the year-end results of the UDS budget and expenses. She let the board know that at a total of \$1,200.00 the Annual Banquet's silent auction made more than the previous year and she has some additional checks to enter for the total. Also, that the adult amateur clinic wound up loosing about 1,000.00, but Alison had also approximated the budget for it last year. For this year's budget she has added a new line that shows the cost of membership. Eva Adolphi suggested changing that part slightly so show that we are getting funds for show recognition. Alison also let the board know that the forecast for sales tax was just about spot on, the Dressage Days/Annual

Show made about \$1,500.00, and the Jr/young rider program was budgeted higher, but they spent less. There wasn't a category on annual awards before and it now includes the Short Tour. The last party for Jr/young riders was planned for in 2014's budget. The UDS trailer was a bit more than budgeted due to repairs that were necessary, the Web was slightly higher and UDS saved on tax prep. However, Alison let the board know that if we run the instructor cert program and hit the \$50,000.00 income mark we will have to budget for tax preparation because she is not qualified to file them at that point. Overall, UDS is about where she predicted we would be and we are right on track.

### 3. MEMBERSHIP:

Christine Celestino reported that, as of this afternoon, UDS has 66 members, 8 of whom are Jr./Young riders. UDS is getting about five members per week. Christine told the board that notes the month they join, but not the day. Alison Child questioned if we should keep track of the day because of award qualification. Christine let the board know that that after June 1st last year UDS only had three new members so she can go back to check if needed. The board agreed that listing the day they join is not necessary for now. The Last year UDS had had 201 members and the board discussed that UDS usually has 190 - 200 members.

### 4. JR/YOUNG RIDERS:

Tiffany Felix reported that they had their beginning of the year meeting and showed the board the nice horseshoe gift the young riders each received. The Jr/Young Riders discussed communication in their meeting and they decided upon texting and creating a Facebook group that will be closed. The board agreed that UDS will set up the page and make Tiffany the administrator. Lara Oles, Lucy Knorr, and Stacey Hornsby are currently UDS Facebook administrators. Tiffany let the board know that the Jr/Young riders want an activity of some kind once a month, but not necessarily all mounted or dressage activities. They also decided to try and make activities more accessible to a larger geographic area. Alison Child asked Tiffany to let her know by February how many mounted activities they will have for the insurance purposes. Tiffany will also give Stacey Hornsby the calendar of scheduled events.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### 1. COMPETITIONS AND OMNIBUS

#### A. Omnibus

Nance Allen reported that the Omnibus is just about ready and she brought the approximately 10 page mock-up to the meeting. She let the board know that the streamlined version does save time, but it may not be saving much money until it goes on-line next year. Nance mentioned that having the Omnibus on-line will be much easier to produce and it will be easier to make changes. Nance also provided the board with the latest calendar and Lara Oles will update the web with the schedule, although there may be two more shows that need to be added.

#### B. Short Tour

Nance Allen received a request from Sage Creek that their Winter series shows be added to the Short Tour. The board agreed that it would be very nice to see a Short Tour show in winter and the Sage Creek series was a great opportunity for members. Discussion included a review of the purpose of the Short Tour to approximate a recognized show which also requires a separate warm-up area, but with a few allowances such as for required clothing. And, that one of the problems with a winter show is that most of the barns don't have access to either outdoor warm up or warm-up of sufficient size that would meet a recognized show requirement. The board agreed that the difference between the later shows for the warm-up requirement makes it difficult for apples-to-apples competition for the season. After consideration, a motion was carried that UDS maintain the original requirement of a separate warm-up area for Short Tour show requests and that they would not be able to include the Sage Creek Winter series at this time.

## 2. INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION COURSE

Stacey Hornsby told the board that she met with Trisha Kerwin to review the course progress on the original plans and requirements. The workshops start will be moved to September because there were requirements to submit budgets etc four months prior to the start and there wasn't enough time to put everything together. There are three workshops and they recommend to be two days each. October will include two sessions and following workshop in November will be the Lunging section. The pre-certification workshop will be in March 2016. If the group can fly in clinicians from California instead of the East Coast it will save money. The group is still interested in the Zepher facility and Vicky Stevens also still willing to hold the series. UDS should still make some money due to the auditors it expects to attend.

## 3. NEWSLETTER

Tonya Skinner was not in attendance and Stacy Hornsby let the board know that she has tried numerous times, without success, to reach her. The board agreed that another person should be sought for the position. Lara Oles volunteered to put the newsletter together for January and Stacey agreed to send her the documents needed tonight.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 1. WASATCH RANGE EVENTING ASSOCIATION

Stacey Hornsby and Lucy Knorr attended their year-end banquet and let the board know how successful WREA's banquet was and the very positive and congenial atmosphere there. Lucy mentioned that group was appreciative of Stacy's attendance and UDS's reaching out. The board discussed the possibility of donating to WREA's Skyline eventing park and that it would have two dressage courts. The board didn't feel it was appropriate as a non-profit organization to donate member funds toward the park at this time, but agreed that Stacey would contact their president Todd Symrl to get more specifics about Skyline and the dressage facilities.

### 2. WINTER SYMPOSIUM

Stacey Hornsby let the board know that a few of the presenters have needed to back out for a number of reasons. Stacey told the board that she has put up about 20 flyers. She will go to Costco to purchase food for the breakfast and will have the lunch catered. Lara Olses mentioned that she will find out where Jan Lawrence gets lunches for the clinics at Millbrook. The board members are paying their own way and all plan to attend.

### 3. MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

After discussion about issues with how current membership lists are and the balance between what members want to see, Christine Celestino motioned to have the membership list sent April 1st listing the current year's membership as of that date. Stacey Hornsby seconded the motion and it was carried. Nance Allen agreed to put a note in the Omibus that membership list will go out in print once a year by April 1st and the new members will be recognized in the newsletters. UDS will publish the new rule change in the newsletter.

### 4. 2015 DRESSAGE DAYS

Nance Allen provided a recap to the board for the plan. There will be one ring used in the indoor arena with the warm-up in indoors as was done this past year. There will be two judges back-to-back. The freestyles will be all together and are planned for Saturday night. The one-ring setup also makes for the best use of volunteers. It was decided that UDS will hire Simone Windeler as the manager this year to help with the new way of doing the show. There will be on-line entries and Simone will also share the on-line program for volunteers. Heather Petersen will be the show secretary. Nance Allen would like to hold the Sponsorship dinner on the Friday of Dressage Days and is still working with John Provost to provide and answer about the ability to serve alcohol on the premises.

### 5. New 2015 MAY USDF/USEF SHOW

Nance Allen presented information about the new show at South Jordan and that it is running with the same format as Dressage Days with one ring and judges back-to-back. Saturday night will be musical freestyles. There will also be a beer garden and the center is more than happy to allow wine as well. Nance Allen is checking in to see if the new South Jordan management team is the same as that running the Idaho Horse Park. So far, they have also improved one set of stalls at South Jordan. An article about the new show will go in the March Newsletter.

### 6. NEW FALL CLINIC/WORKSHOP

Nance Allen let the board know that the clinic is planned to occur between Dressage Days and the Championships. The board discussed some of the clinician candidates and agreed that this clinic audience will be for the adult amature riding at Prix St. Georges and lower who didn't make it to regionals. The clinic would be designed to help these riders make the leap into championships. Adrian Lyle was one possibility and Jane Savoy was another possibility that Nance will look into. It was agreed that Jane Savoy would have a broder appeal as a presenter because she is auditor oriented. There would be room for eight riders who would ride both days, however Jane Savoy works with groups of four at a time which would allow for more riders and observation.

Auditors would be encouraged. Nance is also looking at facilities and mentioned Lynnleigh as one possibility. Alison Child brought up the issue that bad weather would need to be considered for the facilities and that seating is not ideal at Lynnleigh. One solution Nance suggested would be to offer a UDS cushion as part of the auditor fee. Another would be to bring in grandstand seating. Christien Celestino also mentioned Coyote Creek as a potential facility and Alison Child said that she would check the footing when she is out there and report back to the board.

## 7. NEW MEMBER PACKET

Stacey Hornsby has developed a new member packet and she will provide it to Christine Celestino for mailing out. The new member packet would be for riders who have not been a UDS member in the past.

## 8. HORSE EXPO

The board discussed the possibility of attending the Horse Expo and in the past only a few new members joined. The board decided to not have a booth at the Expo.

## 9. SECRETARY

Lucy Knorr had asked to step down as secretary due to some on-going health problems and time constraints. The Board discussed a few possible candidates and agreed to putting a note in the newsletter asking for persons who are interested in the position to contact them.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 p.m

Next Meeting on February 4, 2015 at 2319 S. Foothill Dr. #170, Salt Lake City, Utah  
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