

Utah Dressage Society
February 2015 Meeting Minutes
2319 S. Foothill Dr. #170, Salt Lake City, Utah 84109

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: MJ Babcock, Vice President; Alison Child, Treasurer; Lara Oles, Director of COmmunications; Nance Allen, Director of Competitions; Christine Celestino, Director of Membership; Eva Adolphi, Special Advisor

ABSENT: Stacey Hornsby, President

CALL TO ORDER: 6:34 PM, MJ Babcock.

Christine volunteered to take meeting minutes in the absence of a secretary. January minutes have not been received by some members, so these will be tabled to next week.

Question raised about whether a quorum is the percentage of the filled positions or of the total positions including those not filled. Nance looked up the by-laws and found that it is the current members, rather than the total number of board positions. We currently have six board members, with five present, which constitutes a quorum that may vote.

REPORTS/OLD BUSINESS:

FINANCIAL: Alison reported a current balance of \$24,568 in all accounts.

MEMBERSHIP: Christine reported 99 members total today. A large number of members have renewed for the winter symposium and for the impending omnibus.

J/YR REPORT: Alison has received a list of events from Tiffany to send to the insurance company. Emails have gone about for volunteers for the horse care clinic.

SPECIAL ADVISOR REPORT Ali Wicks has contacted the board regarding the Rose Ranch show. Alison has advised her to do a schooling show rather than a short tour due to the past difficulties in following the short tour rules and in getting adequate volunteer help. Also, Eva noted that the UDS logo needs to be changed to replace the top hat with a helmet.

OMNIBUS: The Omnibus is bare bones this year. There have been a few comments about its simplicity, but given the low membership fee and given the work needed to go into it, then we would be happy to have help from interested members. It was pointed out by Christine that the vast majority of members have not received the Omnibus as of this date, so any complaints are a small minority.

NEWSLETTER: Lara has volunteered to take over the newsletter as a part of her job as Director of Communications. The February newsletter will include a note that the trimmed down

Omnibus is on its way out and next year it will be all online. Next year we will have to charge a fee to those members who will not use the online materials and require printed materials.

WINTER SYMPOSIUM: In Stacey's absence, MJ and Christine reported that the symposium went very well. Alison reported that we spent \$100 more than we earned for the symposium. The presenters did an excellent job, the food was great, and the people in attendance were happy. 46 people attended, including the presenters.

SCRIBING/RIDE-A-TEST CLINICS: Stacey called in on speaker-phone to discuss these clinics. April 2nd would be the scribe clinic at Salt Lake Regional. Ride-a-test would then take place on April 4th at Sunset and scribes from that clinic would come in and practice scribing at the Ride-a-test.

FREESTYLE CLINIC: A freestyle clinic was proposed by Stacy via phone call with Jan Lawrence. This would be more of an unmounted clinic with background information about how to select music, and an understanding of the new rules. Question about whether there are still enough people interested who do not already have a freestyle from last year's clinic. No dates or costs are yet known. There was a concern that we already have quite a lot of events happening this year. (Scribe, Ride-a-test, Jane Savoy, J/YR showing clinic, etc.) Suggestion that we should put the freestyle clinic off to next year.

SCORE TABULATION: Sydni and Trisha were expected at this board meeting to discuss score tabulation, although they did not arrive. Nance offered to contact Sydni and Trisha regarding score tabulation. They have expressed interest in taking over the tabulation. Another thought from Alison, is to invite them to sit down for an afternoon in the fall with Nance and Corinne to learn how to do the tabulation, and then see if they want to do it and if so, they can come to a board meeting to discuss their proposal to improve the process for 2016. Motion to approve, All in Favor.

FALL AA CLINIC: Jane Savoy will let us know at the end of February whether she is able to do the symposium. The S. Jordan Eq Center is open for three weekends in September. We have requested the showing clinic. As a backup, Barbaro Asmark and the synthesizer horse is a possibility.

NEW BUSINESS

MENAGE RENTAL An individual who is a member has requested to rent the menage once each month for training purposes. Our policies states that rentals are for shows, symposia, or clinic use. Board members agreed to stick with the rules.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Code of Conduct: We have two versions of it. Alison - pros and cons of having a list of possible infractions. Possibility that members could bring forward frivolous cases. MJ - keeping the list

out gives more room to board to make decisions without undue pressure. Members went through the draft and discussed individual points and made comments and changes to favor keeping the code of conduct simple enough to understand, yet specific enough to provide clear guidelines. MJ will write up the changes and send them out again for another review. Also discussed was how mediation could be coordinated before an issue is escalated to a formal process. MJ will take all revisions and complete a second draft for review at the March meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 PM