

**Utah Dressage Society**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 4, 2016**  
**4232 S 500 W, Murray, UT 84123**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Stacey Hornsby, President; Caryn Bloom, Secretary; Lara Oles, Director of Communications; Eva Adolphi, Advisor; Jackie Braun, Treasurer; Donnette Hicks, Director of Education; Lee Hornsby, Director of Membership

**Board Members Excused:** Sydni Nusink, Vice President

**Call to Order: 6:34pm**

1. July meeting minutes reviewed and approved
2. Special Advisor Report - Eva
  - a. Eva graciously made a monetary donation to the upcoming UDS Show.
  - b. Eva confirmed she will transport Lilo Fore from the airport as well as help out taking the officials out to dinners in the evenings.
  - c. She had no additional items to add to this meeting.
3. Old Business:
  - a. Review Perpetual Calendar/To Do List - Caryn
    - i. Caryn reviewed the outstanding items with the board and will make updates to these lists as appropriate.
  - b. Proposed By-Law changes - not discussed but changes to the Rules were.
    - i. Reviewed a few items of importance and decided to vote and publish a new version of the Rules as some of the changes pertain to the upcoming UDS show. Namely, the use of whips and test readers as well as clarification around which riders qualified to show in the Championship class. Additional changes include the addition of the Adolphi Education Grant, changes to the board attendance requirements, the disclosure policy, and the inclusion of a Comment Card Form for member/affiliate feedback to the club. The board vote was unanimous except for one abstention regarding the disclosure policy.
  - c. Financial Audit
    - i. Audit complete. The final charge from the auditor was \$800. There were no issues/concerns from an IRS perspective, however, Stacey to review items that may have been categorized incorrectly entered by Hunts Accounting.
4. New Business:
  - a. Volunteer of the Year Award
    - i. Nominations for USDF Volunteer of the Year award are coming due. No specific member came to mind at the meeting so Stacey asked board members to try to think of members we can nominate.
  - b. Elections
    - i. A nomination committee needs to be organized for the upcoming election year. Stacey to work with Sydni to organize the committee by the Sept. 5th due date.
  - c. 2017 Show Date Change
    - i. Due to the closing date for USDF Region 5 Championships score submissions being moved up by a few weeks due to the Region 5 Championship location (and chance

of inclement weather), a discussion began regarding when we should host our 2017 show. This year we opted to move the show up to fit into the 2016 show year which meant that there were two USDF/USEF Recognized Shows on back to back weekends in the Region (Millbrook and UDS). As a result, both of these shows are seeing a decrease in entries so we started to discuss alternative dates for next year. Due to other conflicts in the region with other shows and events, moving the show up to earlier in the year is not an option. After much debate the board determined that it makes the most sense for the UDS 2017 show should be held 8/25-8/27/2017. However, this date is **OUTSIDE of the 2017 qualification period** for the show scores to count towards 2017 USDF/USEF awards. This would mean that next year's UDS Recognized show scores will count towards the 2018 show season for USDF/USEF however the UDS perpetual awards will be awarded for the 2017 show year. Also, the Short Tour Championship scores will be for the 2017 UDS show season. This is not an ideal situation but it may be in the best interest for the region to preserve two recognized shows in the region. The board will make a final decision at the next meeting and vote on this decision.

- d. Short Tour Show Freestyle classes
  - i. Unfortunately a miscommunication occurred regarding whether or not a freestyle class would be available at the Short Tour Show Championship for a freestyle ride at second level or below. Although any member can write-in a "test of choice" at any UDS short tour show, the 2016 UDS Championship Show prize list does not include a specific championship class for freestyles. The board regrets the misunderstanding but out of fairness to the entire member base and their lack of opportunity to obtain scores to qualify for the class, we chose to not make any changes to the 2016 STS Championship prize list and the rules stand as written for 2016.
  - ii. The above situation did bring to light that next year we should add in a freestyle championship class to the 2017 show season and beyond. The board unanimously agreed and a change has been made to the rules to include freestyles in the future.
5. Treasurer Report - Jackie
  - a. Savings \$10742
  - b. Rainy day fund \$5,085
  - c. Checking \$3151
  - d. Membership has \$0 on card
  - e. President has \$137 on card
  - f. Treasurer has \$241 on card
  - g. Competitions has \$0 on card
6. Membership Report - Lee
  - a. 150 members as of today
  - b. Since last meeting - 3 new
  - c. Q3 membership directory is in progress and will be sent out after reconciling with USDF.
7. Communication Report - Lara
  - a. Newsletter Articles – will send out around the 15th of the month.
  - b. Lara will add in info about Kristi Wysocki clinic, revised rules, fall scholarship deadline, Omnibus cover art contest and a request for volunteers for the upcoming election committee.
8. Education Report - Donnette
  - a. AA Clinic - Kristi Wysocki confirmed for 10/8 - 10/9/16. Contract is in place. Donnette will send Caryn a copy for our records.

b. Donnette preparing a flyer for the clinic. Pricing has been set at \$290/2 rides.

9. Competitions Report - Caryn

- a. Stacey awaiting Show Manager contract from Sue Jero.
- b. Photographer: The photographer that we hired has canceled. The board will continue to look for a replacement but this close to the show it may be difficult.
- c. Stacey continuing to coordinate Volunteers
- d. Donnette delivered judge's gift bags to Stacey for delivery to hotel
- e. Caryn reviewed the current draft of the show program. Donnette and Stacey provided names of additional sponsors.
- f. Caryn sent a formal email to the officials which confirmed official's contact information, emergency contact, flight information as well as identified who would be picking up each official and the contact information for that person.

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:10pm**