

## UTAH DRESSAGE SOCIETY

August 7, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Meeting location: 3191 S 3300 E #230, SLC, UT 84109

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Nance Allen, President; Carol Kounanis, Membership Director; Sari Stevens, Communications Director; Corinne Cody, Director of Competitions; Eva Adolphi, Special Advisor; Christine Celestino, Secretary. ABSENT: MJ Babcock, Vice President; Alison Child, Treasurer

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:50PM

Motion to approve July meeting minutes: Carol motioned to approve. All in favor.

### INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Carol reported 180 members, 40 new this year, with 30 Jr/YRs. Carol also reported the following Jr/YR group events:

- The Jr/YR grant to the Dressage Foundation was approved for a clinic at South Hills Stables in mid-October.
- The August swim party was well attended by Jr/YR and adult UDS members.
- The group will hold a planning meeting in September with the goal of increasing the involvement of the Jr/YR members.
- Future events include the clinic in October as well as a Halloween party, a silent auction at the Annual Banquet, and carolling in December. The members will strip stalls at the UDS show for money to help pay remaining clinic costs.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Alison submitted the financial report in writing in advance of her absence. Annual show entries at this time are beginning to come in.

ADVISOR REPORT: Nothing to report.

### OLD BUSINESS

SHORT TOUR EOY Show: The following items were discussed:

- All championship qualifiers have been notified and entries are beginning to come in, but a full show is not expected
- Surveys that were returned showed increased satisfaction with this year's short tour. Next year it is likely that there will be a show at South Hills and possibly at Tally Ho.

ANNUAL SHOW: The following items were discussed:

- Prizes: One high point prize per day will be given at the Awards Banquet along with a dress sheet for the horses.

- Margo will meet with Bret at the Event Center regarding dragging the footing.
- Golf carts are rented for the TD and outdoor arena runner.
- Food will be brought in for judges, who will have a dedicated volunteer for the weekend. Eva will take the judges to dinner Friday and Saturday night.
- The Event Center has a new catering group.
- Terese is heading up volunteers.
- Three vendors will be present: A massage therapist, a pet psychic, and Horse Crazy.
- Insurance is being worked out for the jousting demonstration.

ANNUAL BANQUET : The board recently received notice of Cathleen's resignation from Events and Outreach. The board discussed how expenses are handled and whether it is reasonable to expect board members to pay for expenses up front and then receive reimbursement from the UDS. Several options for board members who are unable to take on temporary expenses were discussed. It was agreed that the current policy should remain in place.

WEBSITE DESIGN: Sari reported that the the site has new hosting through GoDaddy.com for four years at \$144.06. The UDS now owns the .org, .net, and .com versions of the site name. All will route to the .org site. A skeleton of the new site is in the works, including a photoslider where professional photographers can include their photos with links to their own websites.

#### NEW BUSINESS

BOARD POSITIONS: Nance will be resigning as President at the end of this year. Carol will resign as Membership Director. Cathleen has resigned at this time from Events and Outreach.

USDF CONVENTION: The convention will take place the first week of December. EVA will be the PM delegate. Carol can go as well as the delegate proxy. The board is looking into submitting nominations for GMO awards in the newsletter article and photography categories.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:45M

NEXT MEETING, September 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30PM