

UTAH DRESSAGE SOCIETY

November 6th, 2013 Meeting Minutes

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

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Nance Allen, President; MJ Babcock, Vice President; Alison Child, Treasurer; Carol Kounanis, Membership Director; Sari Stevens, Communications Director; Corinne Cody, Director of Competitions; Christine Celestino, Secretary; Cathleen Torlina, Special Events. Guests in attendance: Geneva Blanchard, Adult Amateur Education, Sally Shaffer.

ABSENT: Eva Adolphi, Special Advisor

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:35pm

Carol poses the following correction to the October minutes: 201 members should be changed to 200. Motion to approve corrected October meeting minutes: Corinne motions to approve; all in favor.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

FINANCIAL REPORT: Alison reports YTD income of \$34,000 so far, with banquet income still outstanding, and YTD expenditures of \$34,000, with the Event Center bill still outstanding.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Carol reported 200 members, with 34 J/YRs. Fifteen members have already renewed their memberships for next year. Emails have been sent out to members who have not yet renewed or who have not renewed for a few years. Memberships will be taken at the banquet, necessitating a cash box and adding machine at the entrance.

ADVISOR REPORT: Eva absent.

OLD BUSINESS

ELECTION RESULTS: MJ reported the following election results:

- President: Carol Kounanis 104 out of 150 votes
- Secretary: Lucy Knorr 74 out of 94 votes
- Special Events: Cathleen Torlina 95 out of 96 votes
- Membership: Christine Celestino 95 out of 96 votes
- Education Director position passed 90 out of 96 votes (Carol will appoint an interim person and the position will be elected in the next election).

ACTION PLAN: Ballots will be kept by MJ for one month. If someone would like to see the physical ballots then they may arrange with MJ to see them at her residence. Sari will post the

results on the facebook page and website. Alison moved to accept the nominating committee's election results. All in favor

WEBSITE DESIGN: Sari reports that the forms are ready for the website. Any additional forms should be provided to Sari in Microsoft Word so that the look can be uniform. Photographs are needed that are vetted with both rider and photographer permission. Photographs on the site will link to the photographer's own website.

AWARDS AND EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS: For each of the following awards and scholarships, all applications were review by all members of the board. Nomination letters for awards were read out loud. The applications and nominations were then each discussed for their merits based on the award or scholarship criteria. The following award and scholarship recipients were selected:

- J/YR Educational Scholarship: Applied: Cheyenne Holm and Madison Bigler. Awarded to Cheyenne Holm.
- AA Educational Scholarship: Applied: Lara Oles and two board members. Awarded to Lara Oles.
- Open Educational Scholarship: Applied: Sydney Otteson. Awarded to Sydney Otteson.
- J/YR Sportsmanship Award: Nominated: Kayla Vanderwalt (2 nominations), McKenna Holladay (2 nominations), Cheyenne Holm (1 nomination). Awarded to McKenna Holladay.
- Shining Star: Nance Allen recommended Bethany Wilhelmsen.
- Unsung Hero: Members will vote on this award at the banquet.

BUDGET: The 2014 budget was distributed for review. Line items were discussed. Corinne requested clarification about show fees, which will be \$50 for UDS recognition, \$75 for USDF, and \$125 for USEF. MJ motioned to approve; all in favor. ACTION PLAN: Alison and MJ will send out the budget and election results together prior to the banquet in an email.

DEBIT CARD: The debit card rules were distributed at the October meeting. Nance motioned to approve these rules; all in favor.

ANNUAL BANQUET : 75 people have RSVP'ed so far. Banquet format and menu are set.

RULES AND REGULATIONS: Nance motions to approve a proposal to make as policy the \$5,000 Rainy Day Fund. All in favor.

OMNIBUS MEETING: The Omnibus committee will meet on the first Wednesday of December.

NEW BUSINESS

DVD SET: The DVD set is currently missing. The individual who last had it has not returned emails or calls. We have a \$25 deposit check. ACTION PLAN: Carol will look for other members who know this individual to get in touch with her.

J/YR FUNDRAISING: Two proposals have been made to make the J/YR groups more self-sufficient. For proposal #1, which would allow money raised by the J/YRs in their fundraisers to be set aside for use in their activities is motioned by Alison to approve. All in favor. For proposal #2, which would allow earmarking Alison moted to deny. All in favor of the motion to deny.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:30PM

NEXT MEETING, January 8th 6:30PM

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Annual Meeting at the Annual Banquet at The Old Mill Clubhouse, Holladay, UT

Nance Allen then gave an overview of the events of the last year. Announcements include:

- Introduction of the new board members and acknowledgement of the outgoing board members.
- There will be no dues increase for 2014
- The organization currently has over 30 J/YR members, necessitating an individual to oversee that program. Shelly Bigler will manage the J/YR activities for 2014.
- The organization has kept membership above 200 members.
- An Education Director position has been approved by the membership. This position will be appointed this year and voted on next fall.

Alison presented next year's budget, noting the money invested in a new website and an adult amateur clinic. Eva Adolphi motioned to approve the 2014 budget; Ken Bigler seconded the motion; All were in favor, none against.

Awards and Scholarships were presented by Nance Allen and MJ Babcook, followed by perpetual trophies, year end awards, and short tour awards presented by Corinne Cody and Cathleen Torlina.