

UTAH DRESSAGE SOCIETY

October 9, 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; Eva Adolphi, Special Advisor; Christine Celestino, Secretary; Cathleen Torlina, Special Events. Guests in attendance: Terri Toelke and Geneva Blanchard, Adult Amateur Education.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:40pm

Motion to approve September meeting minutes: Alison motioned to approve. Request made to clarify the statement "All but one stating that they would return" under the discussion of the Annual Show. Corrected minutes approved; all in favor.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

FINANCIAL REPORT: Alison reports YTD income of \$32,000 so far, with one Annual Show sponsorship still outstanding, and YTD expenditures of \$30,000, with the Event Center bill still outstanding. Currently, we are showing an annual profit of \$2,000. Next year, Alison recommends combining the Annual Show and Short Tour Championship as a single line item due to the use of the same facilities.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Carol reported 200 members, with 34 J/YRs. Two members have already renewed their memberships for next year. Carol also reported the following:

- The J/YR clinic for this month is filled with 18 rides. The J/YR members are responsible for cleaning and organizing for the clinic.
- Shelly and Madison Bigler received grants to attend the convention.

ADVISOR REPORT: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA: Carol motioned that the spring deadline should be moved to March 15th and the fall deadline to September 15th. Nance motioned that the notification then be made to the recipients by the 15th of the following month. All were in favor of these changes.

ADULT AMATEUR EDUCATION: Terri and Geneva discussed the following AA education possibilities:

- Freestyle clinic with Karen Robinson for AA and J/YR members. Karen would do a two day clinic in which she would spent the second day working on choreography for the participants. A third day is possible, paid for by any individual who wants the extra time. Karen would charge \$95/rider with 8-10 rides per day.
- Karen Rohlf locally certified trainer (Nikki Wilde) could do a Dressage Naturally clinic.
- A scribing clinic with an L-judge, or a saddle-fitting clinic.

Discussion centered around the observation that interest appears higher in Freestyle clinics. Both riders and auditors would be expected to attend. If interest is high, there is even the possibility of four days, made up of 2 two-day clinics serving 20 riders. Selection criteria for riders should be fair and include a diverse set of riders (levels) to enhance the education opportunity to auditors. ACTION PLAN: Terry and Geneva will create a proposal to present to the board.

BUDGET: A 2014 budget is needed. Individual board members should email budgets for their areas for discussion.

DEBIT CARD: Alison distributed a draft of rules for how the debit card should be used. Card will be fed money as needed. Cathleen created a Purchase Order form to submit with receipts for UDS records. Aliso proposed that the President be responsible for approving expenditures. Nance suggested that the board members consider this and share concerns or ideas via email. Table to the November meeting.

ANNUAL BANQUET : Food has been ordered. Tax deductible portion of the tickets needs to be calculated and included in the invitations. Tax deductible portion is ticket price (\$32) minus the cost of the food. Silent auction items need to be solicited by Board members. Awards will include an outgoing board member saddle pad, volunteer of the year award, J/YR Sportsmanship award, Shining Star, and Unsung Hero.

WEBSITE DESIGN: A skeleton is in place. Pictures are needed. Online show entry forms were discussed. These could be either a fillable pdf or an online form with submission and payment included. Board likes the pdf idea.

RULES AND REGULATIONS: Eva proposed the addition of a deadline for membership in order to run for office or vote, as currently individual can run for office and/or vote even if they have only been a member for a day. Eva proposed a July 1st deadline under the rationale that if an individual joins by July 1st, they will have time to participate in UDS events and experience the UDS membership before elections. The following deadlines for elections were proposed: July 1st membership deadline to participate in elections. September 5th committee to solicit nominees. October 6th Nominees posted on website. October 13th, ballots go out. October 23rd Completed ballots emailed or postmarked by midnight MST. December 1st new board members announced. ACTION PLAN: REvised Rules and Regulations will go out in the November new;;;sletter.

NEW BUSINESS

DECEMBER MEETING: December Board meeting has been cancelled due to the USDF Convention. A small meeting will take place for Omnibus work only.

2014 MEMBERSHIP FEE: The fee will stay the same (has not changed since 2008). We anticipate that it will increase for 2015 to reflect the increase in USDF fees.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:30PM

NEXT MEETING, November 6th 6:30PM