

**Utah Dressage Society  
Meeting Minutes  
Annual Member Meeting  
November 3, 2016  
*Moreau Auditorium, 1002 E South Temple, Salt Lake City***

**Board Members in Attendance:** Stacey Hornsby, President; Caryn Bloom, Secretary; Donnette Hicks, Director of Education; Sydni Nusink, Vice President; Lara Oles, Director of Communications

**Board Members Excused:** Jackie Braun, Treasurer

**Call to Order: 6:38pm**

1. Review of October Board Meeting Minutes by the Board of Directors
  - a. The board reviewed the meeting minutes from the October meeting. The board voted and all board members approved.
2. Review of 2016 and Plan for 2017
  - a. Review of Updated Website
    - i. Caryn provided a summary of the changes that happened throughout the year for the website. Caryn to work with Stacy Palen to transition content to her to manage.
  - b. Membership Report- Welcome Packages/Quarterly Membership List/Renewals
    - i. Stacey provided a summary to the members of the various ways the board tried to rebrand the club. One of the highlighted features was the welcome package that all new and existing members received.
    - ii. Unfortunately Beth Siron informed the board that she is moving out of state and cannot be our Membership Director. Therefore, this position is available.
    - iii. Currently we have 167 members on record.
    - iv. There have been 5 new renewals for 2017 thus far.
  - c. Communications/Newsletter
    - i. Stacy Palen joins the board as the new Communications Director. She will work with Lara Oles to transition the newsletter and other communication venues (web, facebook, etc.)
    - ii. One suggestion for future content for the newsletter that came from a member is to provide a history of the barns/facilities in the area.
    - iii. Lara would also like to see us try to publish more member spotlight segments. This requires a little leg-work from the board and willingness from the members to provide their stories.
  - d. Education 2016 – Symposium, AA/JR Clinic/USDF Instructor Certification
    - i. The 2016 winter symposium was a great success. Donnette is working on developing the agenda for the 2017 symposium.

- ii. Instructor Certification
  - 1. The UDS hosted the pre-certification exam for instructor certification
  - 2. In October the UDS hosted the Instructor Certification. UDS is only one of 3 GMOs in the entire country to put on the full program.
- iii. Kristi Wysocki clinic
  - 1. The clinic was open to AA and JR. We had great participant and the feedback was very positive.
- e. Education plan for 2017 AA & JR Clinic/Winter Symposium Planning/Scribe
  - i. Donnette is working on winter symposium content. The proposed dates for the event will be sometime around February 10-12th. Donnette to finalize/confirm dates.
  - ii. The UDS will be hosting another scribing workshop/ride-a-test clinic in 2017
  - iii. In addition, Donnette is working on securing clinicians for the 2017 season as well.
- f. 2016 Show Report/Plans for 2017
  - i. Caryn provided a report to the members about the 2016 show. The 2016 show was the most profitable show on record for the UDS.
  - ii. Judges for the 2017 & 2018 show seasons have been booked and confirmed.
    - 1. 2017: Marlene Schneider and Beverly Rogers. TD: Debbie Moloznik
    - 2. 2018: Mike Osinski and Barbara Ebner. TD: Pending
- g. JR Sportsmanship Award Name Change
  - i. In honor of Ellen Walker and her dedication to the youth community, the board has changed the name of the Junior Sportsmanship Award to the Ellen Walker Junior Sportsmanship award.
- h. Omnibus
  - i. Work on the Omnibus for 2017 is in the works. Madeline Mortenson is our cover winner for this year.
  - ii. Stacey to reach out to shows for their prize lists to be included in the Omnibus
- i. Review of Updated Rules in 2016
  - i. Stacey discussed the process the board took to revise the Policies and Procedures document (the Rules). She explained to the members that the board cleaned up the document for consistency and eliminated a lot of ambiguity on critical content.
- j. Review of proposed By-Law Changes and Vote
  - i. Caryn reviewed the changes to by-laws that we presented to the members. After one minor change, the members voted and approved making the most current By-laws version effective 11/3/2016.
- k. Review 2016 Financial Report and Budget
  - i. Stacey reviewed the 2016 financial budget with the members. We will come in under budget for 2016.
- l. Review of proposed 2017 Budget and Vote
  - i. Stacey reviewed the 2017 proposed budget with the members. The members reviewed, voted and approved the budget for 2017.
- 3. Announce Off Going Board

- a. Stacey announced the board members that will be leaving at the end of the 2016 member year. They are: Lara Oles (communications), Caryn Bloom (secretary and web), and Jackie Braun (treasurer).
4. Announce New Board (per elections and interim vote)
  - a. The board voted and approved two new members to the board:
    - i. Treasurer - Celeste Rosquist
    - ii. Secretary - Sarah Lind
  - b. The board announced the winners for the elections:
    - i. Vice President - Sydney Nusink
    - ii. Education - Donnette Hicks
    - iii. Communications - Stacy Palen
  - c. We still have a few open board positions. Membership director and we are also looking for a JR Coordinator. Until a Membership Director is selected, Stacey Hornsby will be the acting Membership Director.
5. Perpetual Trophy Collection
  - a. We are continuing to collect the trophy's for the upcoming awards banquet. Sydney reaching out to the members who currently hold the awards.
  - b. Caryn delivered the Grand Prix award to Stacey.
6. Banquet Update
  - a. The banquet will be held on January 14, 2017 at Noah's in South Jordan
  - b. We are looking for someone to help us gather Silent Auction items.
7. Annual USDF Convention
  - a. Sydney Nusink will be the UDS GMO representative for this year's convention.
  - b. Sydney needs to provide the list of sessions she will be attending.
8. Fall Scholarship Winners
  - a. The board announced Fall 2016 winners: Lara Oles (Open), Brooke Blackwelder (Junior), Beth Siron (AA)

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:18pm**