

UTAH DRESSAGE SOCIETY

November 1, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: 3601 Hermes Dr. Salt Lake City, Utah 84124

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

MJ Babcook, Vice President

Alison Child, Treasurer

Lucy Knorr, Secretary

Christine Celestino, Director of
Membership

Cathleen Torlina, Director of Events,

Sari Stevens, Director of Communications,

Corinne Cody, Director of Competitions

OTHER ATTENDEES: 2015 Board Elect members Nance Allen, Director of Competitions, Stacey Honsby, Director of Education was not present, but provided a letter in her absence

ABSENT: Eva Adolphi, Special Advisor

Special meeting called to order at 2:30 p.m. using an informal format to optimize exchange between the attendees.

1. M.J. Babcook led the discussion of an allegation of unsportsmanlike conduct.
2. Board and Board Elect members discussed implementing a code of ethics going forward.
3. The Board accepted the resignation of President, Carol Kounanis.
4. After consideration, Cathleen Torlina confirmed her resignation as Director of Events.
5. The timing of elections for the open positions was discussed.
6. A response would be emailed to the membership ASAP. The response including election information that was sent is listed below:

Dear UDS Members,

The board met in a special session to discuss allegations of unsportsmanlike behavior. Carol Kounanis has resigned from the board and the board has accepted her resignation. MJ Babcook, Vice President, will serve as interim President until a new interim President is elected.

UTAH DRESSAGE SOCIETY

November 5, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: Millcreek Library, 2250 E Evergreen Ave, Salt Lake City, Utah

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

M.J. Babcock, Interim President

Lucy Knorr, Secretary

Alison Child, Treasurer

Christine Celestino, Director of
Membership

Sari Stevens, Director of Communications,

Corinne Cody, Director of Competitions

Eva Adolphi, Special Advisor

SPECIAL GUESTS: Stacey Hornsby and Nance Allen

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:32 p.m.

A motion to approve the special meeting minutes with a correction to attendance was carried.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

1. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Alison Child presented the proposed budget at the Annual Banquet and the membership present voted to approve it. In addition, at the banquet, she let the membership know that UDS made \$1,100.00 on the Annual Show/Dressage Days and she encouraged members to submit scholarship applications.

SPECIAL ADVISOR REPORT.

Eva Adolphi is attending the USDF convention and volunteered to do the proxy voting. M. J. Babcock will write to USDF regarding proxies so that Eva may vote.

OLD BUSINESS

1. USDF INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION COURSE

The board reviewed that the first two parts of the course were to be held in February with two back-to-back workshops over four days. There were action items that Sydni Ottesen's committee was getting back to the previous president with, but the board was not aware of all of the specifics. Lara Oles said that she would not email members regarding the instructor course until M.J. Babcock can review with the previous president the details that were set in place. The board decided to further table the issues until after the new president is in place.

2. BANQUET UPDATE.

A. Schedule of banquet.

M.J. Babcook led the discussion regarding the schedule of events for the banquet. It was decided that Corinne Cody would announce the award winners and Lucy Knorr would hand out the ribbons, M.J. Babcook would do the welcome speech, Alison Child would discuss the 2015 budget, and Nance Allen would provide M.J. with the list of cash needs. M.J. would also announce the new board members as well as acknowledge Sari Stevens for her years of service and Corinne Cody for her USDF Region 5 volunteer of the year award.

B. In light of no nominations for jr/young rider sportsman of the year, the board decided to table this award until next year and help promote it so it will gain some awareness.

C. M.J. Babcook let the board know that she would prepare the silent auction bid forms ahead of time and that if people arrived at the banquet with items, additional forms could be completed on site.

D. It was decided that this year the budget would also be emailed and sent in the Newsletter so that members would have a chance to review it prior to the Annual Banquet.

C. Corinne Cody reviewed the issues of being able to provide wine at the banquet and the work-around that the club was able to achieve through it's coupons given to attendees and thus, not selling the wine.

D. Attendance is expected to be 80 with seating for 88 people.

3. MOTION

A motion to re-instate Laura Oles as the newly elected Director of Communication for 2015 effective immediately was carried.

6. PARTICIPATION IN THE HORSE EXHIBIT AT NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF UTAH:

This Saturday Carol Kounanis will be the guest presenter at the museum. Lucy Knorr is preparing two braiding photos for the session.

7. DRESSAGE FOUNDATION GRANTS AND NEW SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

The board had talked previously about establishing a new scholarship fund that participant's clients and friends could donate to UDS in that person's name and UDS would give the funds to the participant. Foundation grants and the new scholarship funds will be discussed in the new year with the new board.

NEW BUSINESS

1. FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE: The board agreed that Sari Stevens would provide Laura Oles and Lucy Knorr with administrative abilities to help share the workload. Sari let the board know that she would update the website to show the new board

2. JOT FORM PASSWORD & SURVEY MONKEY

M.J. told the board that she is still getting all of the notifications. Sari Stevens let the board know that they will need to set up a new survey monkey account after the new

board positions election process is completed. In the meantime, Sari is sending Christine Celestino the current Jot Form password.

3. MISCALEANOUS

Carol Kounanis was submitting news of UDS Short Tour, Freestyle Clinic, Biting Clinic, Jr. Young Riders involvement, Scholarships, and bid for instructor certification. The board will bring this topic up with the new board.

Lara Oles was re-writing the scholarship application form previously and the board will double check on this at a later date.

From the Horse's Mouth presentation. Carol Kounanis had been scheduled to present and the board discussed possible substitute presenters and the logistics of obtaining the materials used at the last presentation.

3. MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Christine Celestino reminded the board that they are due by November 30, 2014 to maintain our status. Alison Child told the board that she would send the check.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:35 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: December 5th at 6:30 p.m. Location: Millcreek Library, 2250 E. Evergreen Ave, Salt Lake City.

The Board will begin to accept nominations for interim President on Monday, Nov.3rd, 2014 and will close nominations on Saturday, Nov.15th, 2014. The interim President's term will be from Dec.1st, 2014 to Dec.31st, 2015. You can nominate yourself or someone can nominate you. Nominees must be current UDS members.

Please send nominations to MJ Babcock at madgeelf@gmail.com. Once the nomination has been put forth, the nominee is to send an email of intent along with a statement of candidacy (up to 500 words in body of email or as pdf) to madgeelf@gmail.com. After MJ receives the email of intent and the statement of candidacy, it will be posted on the UDS website. We will put a link on Facebook to direct members to the website. The earlier you get your statement of candidacy in, the more time the membership will have to become familiar with you!

On Monday, Nov.17th, 2014 voting will begin when the Board sends out a survey monkey ballot with all the candidates listed and voting will continue through Friday, Nov. 21st, 2014 at 11:59 pm MST.

On Monday, Nov.24th, 2014 the results of the balloting process will be announced on the website, Facebook and in an email to all members.

Following the appointment of an interim President, the Board will make the development of a Code of Conduct policy for all UDS members a priority as we move into the 2015 membership year. We will also be focused on measures to strengthen and unify our dressage community.

Kind regards,
UDS Board

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.