

UTAH DRESSAGE SOCIETY

August 4, 2014 Meeting Minutes

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

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Carol Kounanis, President

Alison Child, Treasurer

MJ Babcook, Vice President

Corinne Cody, Director of Competitions

Lucy Knorr, Secretary

ABSENT: Christine Celestino, Director of Membership, Cathleen Torlina, Director of Events, Sari Stevens, Director of Communications, Lara Oles, Director of Education, Eva Adolphi, Special Advisor

SPECIAL GUESTS: Nance Allen, Short Tour Coordinator. Stacey Hornsby, Dressage Days Volunteer Coordinator.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:40 p.m.

A motion to approve last month's minutes was carried.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

1. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Alison Child reported that finances are status quo and sponsorships for Utah Dressage Days looks good so far. Membership renewals occur in November/December and will count to this fiscal year which adds a boost at the end of the year.

2. MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Christine Celestino was not present, but let Carol Kounanis know for the board meeting that there are 195 members and 30 Jr. members.

3. ADVISOR REPORT:

Tabled for next month due to Eva Adolphi's absence.

4. JR. YOUNG RIDER REPORT:

Carol Kounanis let the board know that Tiffany Felix as the new Jr. Young Riders coordinator plans on a swimming with horses activity on August 16th, a Dimple Dell ride in September, a Halloween event in October, and Christmas Carols sometime in December.

5. SHORT TOUR REPORT:

Nance Allen presented a recap of the Short Tour series. In 2012 there were 271 rides for the season with 4 shows. In that year there were 51 riders for the end of the year show. This was also the year that Utah hosted the Regional Championships. For 2013 there were 198 rides and 36 for the end of the year show. For 2014 there have been 154 rides so far with 3 shows. (Lynnleigh was rained out and the Show at Sweetwater was cancelled.) 35 Riders have been invited to the championship portion for the Short Tour end of the year show. Six of the championship qualified riders were not UDS members at the time of their qualification, but two have now joined. The rules state that riders must join two weeks prior to the championships so those numbers should go up. Nance Allen is expecting a full day with approximately 50 rides. Fortunately, the beginning of the school year hasn't seemed to have had an impact. Overall, the Intro C class participation has grown, but Training Level test 3 has stayed about the same. 1st Level Test 3 tends to go up and down depending on rider need as does 2nd Level. Nance noted that potential locations for next year's Short Tour shows are Hill Top, Tally Ho, and Zephyr. Lynnleigh is wavering on the Short Tour and it's not certain yet if Heritage will participate. Rose Ranch would probably work well as an informal schooling show option outside the Short Tour. The board agreed that the Short Tour has been a successful track to help introduce riders to dressage competition and it has gained riders across some other disciplines.

OLD BUSINESS

1. BOARD POSITIONS: The following board positions are up for election this year: Vice President, Treasurer, Competitions, and Communications.

a. Alison Child is willing to do another term as Treasurer and has also volunteered to be the Short Tour Coordinator.

b. Sari Stevens is willing to continue with webmaster functions.

2. USDF INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION COURSE:

Carol Kounanis updated the board with the current status. She has talked to Sydney Ottesen to let her know the next steps needed to proceed. Sydney is checking with Sarah Martin and Trisha Kerwin, but they haven't been able to follow-up with an interest group. The board agreed to keep the instructor course open under Old Business for now.

3. DRESSAGE DAYS:

a. Vendors. Corinne Cody reported that Shane Carter would be the show's farrier and vendors would be Patty the Pet Psychic and Todd Howard who is a horse and people therapist. Horse Crazy may participate as a vendor again.

b. Arena care. The board discussed arena grooming and Corinne Cody said that having it groomed perhaps every one or one and one-half hours wouldn't be an additional payment. The arena would close at 8:00 p.m. each evening. There was further discussion to have the Para classes moved indoors and move the dressage ring equidistant in the arena. Corinne will see if the fans can be turned on during schooling time to help the horses become more used to them.

c. Stabling. Dumpsters filled too quickly last year so Corinne will also check into having them either emptied more often or have the facility bring in more dumpsters. The other possibility that was discussed is to have the empty shavings bags put at a different location to leave more room in the dumpsters for manure. Stabling will also be consolidated.

d. Videography. The board discussed videography and photography and the value of adding benefit to the status of the show versus expense. Pam Olsen is a possible videographer and the board weighted the options of having Pam Olsen again to provide videography. Alison Child will look into what was paid last year to Pam. Lucy Knorr offered the name of a potential still photographer and would see if he was interested to shoot on spec.

e. Volunteers. Stacy Hornsby reported that she has filled most of the spots, but still has six slots left for volunteer positions including an afternoon scribe for Friday, ring stewards for Saturday afternoon, and runners for both the morning and afternoon for the indoor.

f. Class Sponsorship. Corinne Cody noted that there are thirty more class sponsors and that the Short Tour show could use more. Each sponsorship is \$25.00. She will check into having a banner with the class ring sponsors listed.

4. BANQUET:

In Cathleen Torlina's absence the banquet and silent auction topic was postponed for the following month.

5. BITS AND BITTING:

Carol Kounanis reported in Lara Oles' absence that the clinic would be held on September 26th and 27th with a lecture on Friday at Millbrook Library and a hand's-on clinic on Saturday, most likely at Lynnleigh. Participants for Saturday's session would be able to sign up ahead of time.

NEW BUSINESS

1. PLAY BARN:

The board discussed options of a silent auction and bidding war. Carol Kounanis reported that Sari Stevens is checking into using the web site for bidding.

2. NEWSLETTER EDITOR: The board is seeking an editor for next year and will be looking at some potential candidates. Carol Kounanis suggested the person who assisted with the Omnibus as a possibility to take on the position.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: September 3rd at 6:30 p.m. Location: Millcreek Library, 2250 E. Evergreen Ave, Salt Lake City.