

UTAH DRESSAGE SOCIEY

January 8, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location 3601 Hermes Dr., Salt Lake City

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Carol Kounanis, President

MJ Babcock, Vice President

Lucy Knorr, Secretary

Alison Child, Treasurer

Christine Celestino, Director of Membership

Corrine Cody, Director of Competitions

Sari Stevens, Director of Communications

Christie Bogle, Newsletter Editor

ABSENT: Cathleen Torlina, Director of Events

Eva Adolphi, Special Advisor

Director of Education, unfilled position

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:50 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

1. WEBSITE DESIGN. Sari will go live with the new web in two weeks.
2. OMNIBUS STATUS. Carol brought the proofs for the board to review. She was able to re-arrange the Omnibus this year so that the prize list opens next to the show's 1st page. It was decided to review it in more detail after the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. FINANCIAL REPORT: Alison provided a summary sheet showing cash on hand of \$2,500.00 and no outstanding expenses. Last year saw more renewals than the previous year. There is a net loss of \$279.00, but UDS took in \$3,000.00 in income at no cost until 2014. More receivables will be coming from the Omnibus. For 2014, Alison will see if she can load the budget into Quicken to line up with categories. She has the detail printed if any of the board would like to see it. A discussion followed about the costs incurred for private versus public show venues. For the Annual show UDS paid \$525.00 for the indoor arena and \$500.00 for the outdoor arena per day. However, due to rain, UDS was not charged for the outdoor arena. Millbrook was \$2,000.00, but without the ability to make any money back on stalls. Sari noted that printing the Omnibus will be about \$500.00 for 700 copies.

2. MEMBERSHIP: UDS has 93 members. 12 Junior members. There are a few more memberships that have come through. (Alison verified that Carol is able to access the UDS bank account.)
3. INSURANCE. Nance got a quote from an insurance company for Directors and Officers insurance. Ingrid George would also like to provide a bid. Corinne will review the current mounted events policy and look into Markel. Alison will email what we previously paid for mounted events.
4. ADULT EDUCATION. The board discussed freestyle clinic options. The clinic as put together by Terri was over UDS's budget. The board is looking into other opportunities. Carol contacted the clinician and we are looking at early May for a date. There is no contract yet. Tally Ho was discussed as a possible facility, but stalls may not be available. Vicky Steven's facility worked well last year and the board agreed that it would probably be the best choice. Geneva is too swamped at the moment to help with the Freestyle clinic and Laura may be a possible choice to head it up. Other suggestions for education were volunteer training such as score tabulation, scribing, bit/whip checking, and a clinic on physical training/fitness.
5. SHORT TOUR HANDBOOK. The board decided to publish it as a PDF added to the website for people who are interested in holding a Short Tour competition and immediately to those who have scheduled one.
6. CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY. Board members reviewed and signed the Conflict of Interest policy. Lucy will keep it with UDS documents.
7. MINUTES. Minutes will be available by Monday after the meeting so that the board can review them by Wednesday and post a table on how quickly they will be available to the membership.
8. EDUCATION POSITION. The board considered several names and agreed to ask Lara Oles if she would be willing to serve as the Director of Education.
9. JR/YOUNG RIDER POSITION. The board discussed if this should become a regular board position and how it was handled in other GMO's. Sari suggested to fill the education position and have that position oversee the Jr/Young Riders. A motion was presented to have the education position oversee the Jr. Young Rider position. Christine seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion carried.
10. NEWSLETTER. Christine will gather interviews each month from various trainers with an educational focus which will also minimize self-promotion. Board members will write articles each month with Lucy submitting hers by January 20. A series of history pieces was also discussed.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:30 p.m.

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