

**Utah Dressage Society**  
**July 2nd, 2014**  
**Millcreek Library**

In Attendance: President, Carol Kounanis; Vice President, MJ Babcook; Director of Membership, Christine Celestino; Special Advisor, Eva Adolphi; Director of Competitions, Corinne Cody; Director of Events, Cathleen Torlina; Director of Communications, Sari Stevens.

Absent: Secretary, Lucy Knorr; Treasurer, Alison Child; Director of Education, Lara Oles

Also in attendance: Nance Allen

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm

May Minutes: MJ motions to approve May and June minutes, all in favor

**Reports**

Financial Report: Sent by Alison, reviewed by Carol. Website redesign is now paid for.

Membership Report: Christine reports 192 members, 29 J/YR. Corinne requested copy for volunteer coordination.

J/YR Report: Shelley Bigler is stepping down. We are still looking for someone to take over. Several individuals were suggested as people to ask.

Special Advisor Report: Eva has nothing to report. Voting has closed for PM delegates.

**Old Business**

1. Website status: Sari reports that the site is largely finished. Minutes and newsletter need to be uploaded, but otherwise maintenance only is needed (adding and removing calendar events, etc.). Sari is also getting together instructions for any future webmaster to be able to maintain the site. Jotforms has been running on the free version while things are slow with membership, etc. For the future, to use the Jotforms on a more extensive basis, we would need to purchase an annual membership.
2. Status of USDF Instructor Certification courses: Carol has not heard anything from Sydni since she and Trisha were going to work on the schooling show in Moab. Sydni was also going to look for documentation on the longing clinic discount. Cathleen will check in with them.
3. New Junior/Young Rider Coordinator needed: See above.
4. Board Positions: The following board positions are up for election this year: Vice President, Competitions (Corinne has a detailed binder of instructions and information for the

next person), Communications. Alison is willing to do another term as Treasurer. Sari is willing to continue as webmaster but not as Communications Director

### **New Business**

1. UDS Dressage Days show status: Corinne reports that Stacey Hornsby is serving as volunteer coordinator and getting together goodie bags, etc. We are experiencing a low season for competition all over the region (Idaho and Colorado as well as our local shows), so we are preparing for lower numbers for Dressage Days. Corinne is doing some work to promote the show to eventers, whose show that same weekend was moved. We are also promoting to Idaho and others. Ingrid George is being paid as the on site barn manager. Would like people to give a separate check for stabling so that the check can be given back directly if they strip their own stall. Corinne has also arranged a professional announcer for the three days. Holiday Inn Express will give us a group rate.

Replacement for Grand Prix Trophy is in the works. Since the trophy was donated by the Lawrences, their feedback is being used to choose the replacement, although UDS will cover the cost. Lucy will take on the task of tracking the trophies, getting them back, and arranging contacts with the new recipients.

Cathleen has ordered ribbons for short tour and the annual show. Corinne has the ribbon pins, but needs to order new hats with the new show name. High point prize is still needed.

Corinne would also like to get a banner to show Johanna Adolphi Fund sponsorship. We need to drum up class sponsorships and ring sponsorships. We will also need to send out letters with our tax ID to our donors for tax purposes.

2. Banquet update: Cathleen handed out spreadsheets showing the ribbons we have and need. Facility is the same as last year (Old Mill). Menu will change, to be determined. MJ is in charge of the silent auction. Corinne suggested coolers with option of monogramming for year end awards.

3. Short Tour Coordinator will be needed for next year: Alison has volunteered to do this.

4. Horse Exhibit at UMNH: Carol, gala opening is thursday, July 17th. Carol brought along some poster boards from Horse Expo as well as a brochure. Sari suggests putting something on our website to announce it. We are getting a group discount of \$3 for UDS members.

5. Newsletter Advertisements: Should advertisers get a courtesy copy of the newsletter? The board agrees that yes, advertisers who are not members should receive a copy of the newsletter.

6. Sound System Rental: A \$500 refundable deposit is needed for shows to rent for our sound system. This check needs to be deposited in order to ensure that the funds are there in

case it is broken. Also needed is a test of the system to show that it functions when it is handed off to the show manager and when it is returned.

Meeting adjourns at 7:45pm

Next meeting at Monday August 4th 6:30pm, Millcreek Library