

## **UTAH DRESSAGE SOCIETY**

March 5, 2014 Meeting Minutes

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

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### **BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Carol Kounanis, President

M.J. Babcook, Vice President

Lucy Knorr, Secretary

Alison Child, Treasurer

Sari Stevens, Director of Communications

Lara Oles, Director of Education

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Christie Bogle, Newsletter Editor

Eva Adolphi, Special Advisor

Sally Shaffer, guest

**ABSENT:** Corinne Cody, Director of Competitions and Christine Celestino, Director of Membership, Cathleen Torlina, Director of Events

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:37 p.m.

Alison Child moved that the minutes from February be approved. M.J. Babcook seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Minutes were approved.

### **INDIVIDUAL REPORTS**

#### **1. FINANCIAL REPORT**

UDS will receive a sales tax reimbursement. There was \$800.00 budgeted to file taxes, but because the 501c is under \$50,000.00 in income we can file them on-line instead. UDS is paid through the end of April to park the equipment trailer at South Jordan. The next parking bill will be from May through January and will be annual after that.

#### **2. MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

There are 143 members including 19 Jr. Young Riders. There were about 100 members at this time last year. The membership list will go to members on March 1<sup>st</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup>, July 20<sup>th</sup>, and September 30<sup>th</sup>. The membership list will state in the title that it is for UDS purposes only.

#### **3. ADVISOR REPORT**

UDS/RMDS Sport Horse Conformation clinic. Eva Adolphi was able to reach Bill Solyntjes. USDF provides a \$200.00 stipend and we should receive most of our money

back from hosting the clinic. The clinic is run like a judge's forum with people riding movements and receiving comments. Bill brings lots of videos to it. Lara Oles will contact Bill and get more information.

Eva Adolphi has saddle pads left over from previous years that could be used for prizes. She also has four saddles to donate if the Jr. Young Riders clean them.

#### 4. JR. YOUNG RIDERS REPORT:

Shelly Bigler reported to Carol that the Jr. Young Riders had a great clinic with Kate Swain from Dr. Jeff Monroe's practice. For March, they plan to see a demonstration of cowboys roping.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### 1. WEBSITE DESIGN

Sari Stevens reported that she needs to add images on the site and she will contact Lucy Knorr if she needs help re-sizing some of the images Lucy Knorr has offered for use on the site. The site is almost ready to go live. When it is, Go-Daddy will point to the new site. Sari Stevens is going to re-work ads for the new site and an entry form will also be on the site. She will put the prize list for the Annual Show only on the site and include the entry form. Links to other shows and their prize lists will be included along with a list of UDS recognized shows. There is a rotating ad bar on the site and there may be other features added as the site is further developed.

#### 3. INSURANCE

Tabled until Corinne Cody is available to discuss further.

#### 4. ADULT EDUCATION

##### a. Status of request from Sydni Ottesen for UDS to host USDF Instructor Certification courses

Carol Kounanis discussed that two of the 16 people contacted are already doing workshops on their own. We shouldn't have any issue filling the workshops otherwise. There are four others who are interested in the workshop and still others as a possibility. UDS will need to get a commitment from the others to go forward and from Sydni Ottesen to help coordinate the program.

##### b. The Bits and Biting Clinic Status

Carol Kounanis will call the rep in mid-March in hopes the clinic could go forward in April.

### c. The Freestyle Clinic Status

Lara Oles reported that there are three riders only so far for the Freestyle clinic. Carol Kounanis mentioned that she might have another person interested. It would be possible to have a Sunday only ride to help fill the clinic. There are 8 slots still. It's a perfect clinic for adult amateurs.

### 5. JOHANNA ADOLPHI MEMORIAL FUND

UDS has received two more donations. The paperwork for the Merck matching program was filled out. They will match \$1,075.00 of the \$1,175.00 received so far.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 1. Membership idea - Carol

Carol Kounanis brought samples to the meeting of a unique idea using fortune cookies with dressage specific fortunes inside a Chinese Take Out box as a way to help generate some interest at barns. They could be taken to the Short Tours as well. She took some to Sage Creek, but didn't receive responses. The board discussed other possible barns that might be good to take them to including Kimball Ranch, Creamayre, Tally Ho, and Zephyr.

### 2. Request from Jill Solbach to host a fun or schooling show in Moab

Carol Kounanis discussed with the board the request she received that UDS help a group in Moab put on a show somewhat like Twilight schooling show. They were also thinking about a ride-a-test clinic. Jill Solbach thinks they may have about 20 or 30 riders that would be interested. The fee would be \$150.00 a day for the entire arena and lights, plus 50% off so, \$75.00 per day. They would like 10 UDS volunteers. Alison Child wondered if Nance Allen would be interested. She will propose it to Shelly Bigler to see if the Jr. Young Riders would want to take it on. The potential is to make \$1,000.00 on a clinic. The board discussed the options and will wait to hear back from Shelly.

### 2. Carol Kounanis regarding other new business:

- a. Corinne Cody has ordered UDS board nametags that should be ready when she returns.
- b. The event center is booked for the Annual show. She is going to follow-up with the center and it will be a perpetual date unless UDS cancels.

- c. M. J. Babcock is going to contact people about the silent auction for the Annual Awards dinner/meeting. UDS will need \$500.00 as a down payment by November 15, 2014.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:46 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Location: Millcreek Library, 2250 E. Evergreen Ave, Salt Lake City.