

Kansas City Dressage Society  
Board of Directors Meeting - August 3, 2009  
Livestock Exchange Building, Kansas City, Missouri

Present were the following, constituting a quorum: Janet Blauvelt (President), Carol Davis, Katie Beth DeSchepper, Cindy Fletcher, Nina Fricke (Secretary), Wendy McGraw, Beth Springer, Deanna Stockman, Maggie Stonecipher, Amy Stuhr and Margene Swarts.

Janet Blauvelt called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Thank you to Janet for providing refreshments.

Katie Beth moved to approve the minutes from July. Maggie seconded. Motion passed.

Maggie Stonecipher presented the Treasurer's report for July.

Beginning balance	\$40,991
Receipts	970
Disbursements	1,040
Ending balance	40,921 (includes Endowment Fund)

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Activities/Hospitality – (need volunteer)

Education – Beth Springer presented information on a Musical Freestyle Clinic with Beth Hall on Nov 7 & 8<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at Nancy Gorton's Pine Hill Farm in the north Kansas City area. There is a good sound system in the arena, which is essential for this kind of program. 8 ride slots are available for the weekend; riders have to do both days. The cost for KCDS members is projected to be \$225 for both rides, with stalling available for an additional fee. A nonrefundable deposit will be required to hold a slot. If a rider needs to cancel they may be replaced by someone on the waiting list. If there is no list, then they must find their own replacement. Preference will be given to KCDS members. Non-members will pay an additional fee. Auditing will be \$10 per day for KCDS members, \$20 per day for nonmembers. Information will be in the newsletter & on the website.

Beth also discussed the potential for starting an "L" (learner judge) program in 2010. She will contact USDF for their specific requirements & to see if we would be approved for the whole program (educational components & testing).

Amy Stuhr talked with Rebecca Rigdon about sharing her experiences as a working student with Stephan Peters. This educational event would be planned for an evening. More information will come later.

Membership –Aless Hall. No report. Need to follow up with her about surveying nonrenewing members.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS –

Awards & Schooling Shows –Cindy Fletcher/Katie Beth Deschepper. Wendy McGraw will take over awards next year and will shadow Cindy at the Oct. schooling show. Year-end award enrollments are up this year. The last chance to earn volunteer horse show hours is at the Oct. show. This will be communicated to members.

Historian/Web Site – Meghan Nichols. No report. Katie Beth suggested that a Face Book presence would be a way to get the word out about KCDS. It can be linked to the website. Katie Beth will talk with Meghan.

Sport Horse/Topeka Chapter – Kathy Childs/Deb Gregoire Reminder that the USDF/ABIG Breeders' Championship Mid-States Series will be hosted by MASA on Aug. 29th at White Fox Manor in Olathe.

JR/YR – Nancy Gorton. No report. We need to check on results of our challenge to the other GMOs. The Region 4 young riders who attended the championship sent a thank you note for the support given by KCDS.

Horse Show –Janet Blauvelt/Deb Gregoire The October 3<sup>rd</sup> schooling show will have the following judges: Judith Franklin "R" & Felice Rose "I". Aless Hall is coordinating volunteers. John Fricke will be show secretary. The prize list is posted on the website. Cindy reminded the board that ordering all ribbons at once is a big expense. However, there is a 10% discount for an early bird order.

Regarding the March 2010 show, Margene reported that Children's Mercy Hospital received the most votes by the KCDS membership as the recipient charity. Deanna Stockman met with the CMH "Liver Care Center" to work out details. Information on their Center will be presented at the Sat. PM program. About 400 people attended the Sat. evening Gala in March 2009. Additional seating may be required for the 2010 event. Bleachers may be rented to seat 1000 people at a cost of about \$1000. There was discussion on the fee for the evening program, perhaps \$10? Janet has the contract for Hale. Judges for the show are Dolly Hannon, Sandra Hotz & Janet Foy. Katie Beth will contact judges for May.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Unfilled board and committee positions: Julie McCrady may be able to take the by-laws position, Janet will check with Peggy Keller about the additional director position. Amy Stuhr indicated she would be interested in an additional director position as well. Carol moved that she be appointed, Maggie 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed.

Anyone interested in being on the Committee to plan Annual Dinner should contact Janet. The dinner will be held Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. Janet will be in charge, Carol will find a place.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Amy presented extensive information on a Robert Dover clinic. Interest was expressed in pursuing the clinic. Amy will check with him for availability of dates.

#### CALENDAR REMINDERS

Oct 10, Sharon Simpson is putting on an all breeds demo at the American Royal. She asked KCDS to provide a rider(s). Suggestions will be sent to her.

September Extension Deadline – August 15

Nominating committee needs to start working on the slate for 2010.

USDF Convention: \$1500 has been budgeted for expenses for voting delegates from KCDS. Amy moved that Janet Blauvelt be our delegate, Katie Beth 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed. Passed. Katie Beth indicated she would be available to go. Margene moved that the funds be used to send 2 people, Maggie 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.

Next Board Meeting – September 7 moved to September 14 due to the Labor Day holiday. 7:00 PM at the Livestock Exchange Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

KB suggested “bring a friend to the board meeting”. Will try that in Oct.

Maggie moved to adjourn the meeting 9 PM, Amy 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.

Respectfully submitted by:

Nina Fricke, Secretary