

Kansas City Dressage Society
Board Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2009
Stoney Meadow Farm, Bonner Springs, KS

Present were the following, constituting a quorum: Janet Blauvelt (President), Melissa Allen, Elizabeth Burgess, Kathy Childs, Carol Davis, Katie Beth DeSchepper, Cindy Fletcher, Nina Fricke, Deb Gregoire, Aless Hall, Peggy and Radie Keller, Julie McCrady, Meghan Nichols, Maggie Stonecipher, Amy Stuhr, Margene Swarts, Kindra Wilson.

Janet Blauvelt called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and thanked Amy Stuhr for providing refreshments.

Katie Beth DeSchepper moved to approve the February 2, 2009 minutes. Margene Swarts seconded. Motion passed. The following announcements were made: Dawn Kindt's husband is in the hospital. Ganis Himes had surgery. Our condolences to Kitty Hammond on the loss of her husband.

Maggie Stonecipher presented the treasurer's report. The 1ST State account is being closed.

Operating Fund	
Beginning balance	\$33,066
Receipts for month	+8,137
Disbursements for month	<u>-3,378</u>
Ending balance	\$37,825
 Endowment fund principal	 \$11,000

Standing Committee Reports:

Activities/Hospitality – Peggy Keller. Peggy will provide refreshments & meals for the instructor certification testing.

Education – Beth Springer sent a report that Wilhite & Frees Veterinary Clinic will present an educational program before The April board meeting. All members are encouraged to attend.

Instructor's Certification Program update–Kindra Wilson Instructor testing will be done at Harper's Crossing during March 27-29. Demonstration horses & riders are needed for Training through 2nd level all day Friday & Saturday morning, 3rd & 4th level will be Sat. afternoon & Sunday. Lilo Fore & Maryal Barnett will conduct the testing. There are currently 5 candidates for Training through 4th level: Melissa Allen, Nicole Bellah & Susan Harris (KY) & 2 candidates for Training through 2nd level: Claudia Springer-Misner & Laurie Hedlund. Overnight stalls for the horses will be \$30 per night. USDF is not offering grants for educational purposes in 2009 due to their tight budget.

Membership – Aless Hall. There are now 181 members, including 5 honorary, 136 individuals, 30 juniors & 10 families. Reminders have been sent out.

Committee Chair Reports

Awards & Schooling Shows –Cindy Fletcher/Katie Beth DeSchepper. Awards registrations are coming in including some new people. Cindy will remind people to register at the March show. Cherie from Equi Spa is offering 4 of her best selling products as horse show prizes for a reasonable price. High point prizes could be saddle pads for \$22-\$26 each plus the cost of embroidery. These are available from Horse Hardware. After discussion, Cindy will check into this further.

Historian/Web Site – Meghan Nichols. The website is up to date. Volunteer hours are being posted. Please check your hours for accuracy. To sign up for the show, please contact Dawn Kindt.

Horse Show –Janet Blauvelt. See the report under old business. The next meeting was scheduled for April 6 at 6:00p.

Junior Symposium, June 19-21, 2009. Peggy/Maggie/Carol. Area experts for demonstrations are being solicited. Information on the program was distributed at the meeting & will be published. The liability release is being updated.

Sponsorships – Katie Beth DeSchepper. A total of \$4360 in sponsorships has been pledged with \$3710 in revenue & the rest in-kind donations. This was better than previously anticipated.

Sport Horse/Topeka Chapter – Kathy Childs/Deb Gregoire. The Topeka chapter went to Equifest. Mid-America SportHorse Association will hold a breed show qualifier & finals for the USDF Mid-States Series on Aug. 29th, 2009 at White Fox Manor in Olathe, KS.

Directory – Aless Hall, Staci Meyer, Katie Beth DeSchepper. Staci is working on the directory.

Jr/Yr – Nancy Gorton. No report.

Unfinished Business

Unfilled board and committee positions. Janet announced there are still openings for hospitality, by laws, finance, communications, & sponsorship chairpersons. A representative from KCDS is also needed for the Longview Horse Park Board. Please contact her if you are interested.

New Business

Mill Creek Pony Club asked to use our arenas for the Longview Horse Trials on May 15/16. In the past we have required a deposit of \$200 which is refunded when the arenas are returned without damage. Maggie Stonecipher moved that there be a charge of \$25 and a deposit of \$200 per arena, 2nd by Kathy Childs, passed. Someone from KCDS will need to check the arenas after the event.

March Horse Show report:

There has been enthusiastic help to put the show on. Vendors have been solicited by Aless Hall, press releases were done by Wendy McGraw with Channel 9 to do live shots on Monday am 7-9. Dawn Kindt is working on volunteers, Cindy Fletcher is doing awards, Nina Fricke is organizing the "grazing" party on Friday PM. The Saturday evening PM freestyle program will also include a demonstration by an Andalusion group & Jana Wagner will demonstrate dressage movements to a commentary to help the public understand what they will see with the freestyles. The demo will start at 6 PM & the rides about 6:20. Janet thanks everyone who is working on the show.

There are currently 56 horse/rider combinations on Saturday & 54 on Sunday. (70 would make a full show.) There are 5 musical freestyles. The deadline for entries was extended to Friday, March 6. At this time there appears to be a \$3,000 loss for the show. Class sponsorships are being solicited to help offset this loss.

The Saturday evening wine & cheese party will be sponsored by Homes by Alessandra (Aless Hall) & High Performance Equine (Meghan Nichols & Beth Springer). Kris Tilson has also offered support.

Calendar Reminders

April Extension deadline – March 15

Next Board Meeting – April 6 at 7:00p, at Stoney Meadow

March hostess – Nina Fricke

Adjournment. Aless Hall moved that we adjourn at 8:05 p.m., Meghan Nichol seconded, motion passed.

Submitted by: Nina Fricke, Secretary