

Kansas City Dressage Society
Board of Directors Meeting
November 2, 2009
Stoney Meadow Farm, Bonner Springs, Kansas

Present were the following, constituting a quorum: Janet Blauvelt (President), Elizabeth Burgess, Carol Davis, Katie Beth DeSchepper, Nina Fricke (Recording Secretary), Aless Hall, Dawn Kindt, Linda Landers, Elise Mann, Julie McCrady, Wendy McGraw, Staci Meyer, Meghan Nichols, Beth Springer, Maggie Stonecipher, Margene Swarts, Brenna Watson, Kindra Wilson.

Janet Blauvelt called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. and thanked Kindra Wilson for providing refreshments.

Nina Fricke presented the minutes from the October 8 Board Meeting. Margene moved to approve the minutes, Katie Beth seconded. Motion passed.

Maggie Stonecipher presented the Treasurer's report for October.

Beginning balance	\$39,588
Receipts for March	4,901
Disbursements	5,452
Ending balance	39,038

Standing Committee Reports:

Education – Beth Springer. The next event is the Musical Freestyle Clinic Nov. 7/8 at Pine Hill Farm starting at 8:30 a.m. There are 7 riders at different levels. Bring a chair. To clarify, grooms & volunteers have not paid auditor fees in past, but do pay for their lunch. Pot luck dinner & video night with Rebecca Rigdon will be Sat. Nov. 14 at 6:30 at Nina Fricke's house.

Membership – Aless Hall. Twenty six (26) renewals have been received so far. Some surveys have been returned. The membership year is Dec. 1, 2009 to Nov. 30, 2010.

Committee Chair Reports:

Awards – Cindy Fletcher. Nov 15 is the deadline for year-end award scores to be turned in. Maggie and Wendy have offered to help tabulate results or whatever else needs to be done. The form for submission of scores needs to be on the website.

Historian/Web Site – Meghan Nichols. The website now has a Facebook page with 66 fans. Members are encouraged to participate. Let's try to make it active and post news. There was a request for an educational event on how to use Facebook. Meghan would like a committee to help her streamline the website.

Horse Show – Katie Beth DeSchepper/Janet Blauvelt. The October show was fabulous. So far it is showing a profit of about \$704. The Horse Show Committee needs to meet. The Omnibus ad is due Dec. 1st. AQHA doesn't have their program ready for dressage recognition so it will not be in the Omnibus this time. We need to promote AQHA & other breed programs as details become available. A handout with Awards program information & dates for schooling shows plus the KCDS October show need to be available at every schooling show. WEG dates for dressage conflict with our Oct. show date in 2010. The Horse Show Committee will look at this. Regarding the 3rd judge's stand at Longview

Horse Park, the Longview Board would like it to look uniform with the others. The frame is there on a skid but does not have a roof or sides because that would make it too heavy to move. Ales is to get a quote for the Dec. meeting for sides & a roof. Linda Landers discussed repairs to the footing at Longview & felt that Gary Knaus should do any repairs this fall so it would be ready for the May show. Money is allocated in the budget for repairs. Maggie moved that Linda work with Gary and is authorized to spend up to \$2000 for fall arena preparation. Katie Beth seconded. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

The Long Range Planning Meeting was held Oct. 25th with 12 people present. Thank you to Beth Springer for hosting the meeting. Three main goals for 2010 were identified.

1) Improve communication for members, among board members and to other horse groups. Requests for the newsletter to be available in printed form for 2010 have been received. The format of the electronic newsletter needs improvement. Information needs to get out about dressage events to other horse groups.

2) Increase membership & retention. Having a member be a mentor for new members and communication to other horse groups were discussed.

3) Increase number of people on the horse show committee so there is a strong group to support shows. Kathy O'Brien sent the list of "things we want to see more of/less of" as discussed at the meeting.

Extension newsletter: An improved program for the electronic newsletter was discussed. Staci will check into prices. She reminds us that submissions would have to be in by the deadline (15th of month). A request was made for a forms tab on the website so all needed forms are in 1 place. Communications group needs to meet & decide what months information needs to be in the Extension regarding shows, awards program, events, etc. Elise asked about offering an option to members for receiving the newsletter either by email or printed. At the December meeting a review of programs & costs of printing/mailing will be reviewed.

Annual Dinner & Awards Program, Dec. 13. Carol Davis needs reservations by Dec. 7th. She has solicited auction items & has door prizes. Contact her for any donations. Board members are reminded to bring a bottle of wine to the next meeting for the auction wine basket donation. Event starts at 5 p.m. with cocktails & silent auction, 6 p.m. dinner with the awards presentations to follow. Wendy will notify people who are award recipients. Carol requested an invitation to the dinner & reservation form be mailed out to members. Nina will contact Sarah Eubank about designing an invitation. Also included will be a reminder & information about the annual meeting and election of officers Dec. 7th.

Robert Dover is not likely to be available for a Symposium in 2010. Need a committee to plan a similar event for 2011. Dawn offered to be chairperson. Maggie, Kindra & Julie will be on the committee. Contact Dawn if you would like to help.

USDF Convention. Katie Beth will be unable to attend. Janet is our voting delegate. Discussion about the Region IV Director election.

The 2010 budget will be discussed at the December meeting.

New Business:

Question about how we respond to members who have losses – either family or horse. Please let a board member know of these events. A card can be sent or information put in the Extension. Meghan thanked the board for sending flowers when she had surgery.

Calendar Reminders:

December Extension Deadline – Nov. 15

Annual meeting & Election of officers for 2010 – Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting – Dec. 7 at 7:00 p.m., Livestock Exchange Building, 2nd Floor

Dec. host – board members

Annual Banquet – Dec. 13, Piropos, Parkville, MO

Maggie move to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Katie Beth 2nd. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nina Fricke, Recording Secretary