

Board of Directors Meeting
Kansas City Dressage Society
September 14, 2009
Livestock Exchange Building, Kansas City, MO

Present were the following, constituting a quorum: Janet Blauvelt (President), Carol Davis, Katie Beth DeSchepper, Nina Fricke, Deb Gregoire, Aless Hall, Linda Landers, Wendy McGraw, Elise Mann, Staci Meyer, Meghan Nichols, Beth Springer, Amy Stuhr.

Janet Blauvelt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Thanks to Janet for providing refreshments.

Katie Beth DeSchepper moved to approve the minutes from August 3rd, 2009, Deb Gregoire seconded. Motion passed.

Maggie Stonecipher presented the Treasurer's report for August, copy attached.

Beginning balance	\$40,921.
Receipts for August	+104.
Disbursements	-1,878.
Ending balance	39,153.

Standing Committee Reports –

Activities/Hospitality – Volunteer needed for this position.

Education – Beth Springer reported That 4 slots have been filled for the Musical Freestyle clinic with 4 more slots available. The clinician will come for 6 slots for a reduced rate. Wilhite & Frees Veterinarians will present an educational program before the November meeting. Rebecca Rigdon will present an educational program with videos about her experiences training with Stefan Peters. The date is Saturday, Nov. 14th at 6:30 PM at Nina Fricke's house, 25259 High Point Circle, Paola, KS. Bring a dish to share for a potluck supper & bring a friend! Call Nina at 913-484-4616 if you need directions.

Membership – Aless Hall reports no change in membership this month. A survey of members is planned to provide input for the Long Range Planning meeting. Amy Stuhr asked about password protection for newsletter since it is a benefit of membership.

Committee Chair Reports –

Awards & Schooling Shows –Cindy Fletcher/Katie Beth DeSchepper Cindy reported that planning is started for the awards banquet & ribbons were ordered by Wendy McGraw for the October schooling show. A member has asked for clarification on requirements for year-end award requirements. After discussion, Deb Gregoire moved to revert to the information as published on the directory & website for year-end awards, 2nd by Aless Hall, motion passed.

Historian/Web Site – Meghan Nichols. There is nothing new to report.

Sport Horse/Topeka Chapter – Kathy Childs/Deb Gregoire. The Mid-American SportHorse Association put on the Mid-States Qualifier & Championship Breed Show. Thank you to KCDS for your sponsorship.

Horse Show –Janet Blauvelt/Katie Beth DeSchepper. Aless Hall is volunteer coordinator for the October schooling show – please call her to volunteer. There will be a used tack sale from 9 AM to 1 PM at the schooling show, with 10% of the proceeds going to KCDS. Judges

for the March show are Sandra Hotz, Dolly Hannon & Janet Brown-Foy. A TD is still needed. Jackpot classes were requested for the March show. Judges are being secured for the May show. The Horse Show Committee suggested making the Volunteer Coordinator for shows a paid position for \$300 per show. After discussion, the suggestion was tabled. The following people will work on a volunteer template for each show to make the job easier: Linda Landers, Carol Davis & Katie Beth DeSchepper. Carol Davis asked the board to check with our attorney to make sure KCDS' 501C status is not jeopardized by having the March show benefit program.

Unfinished Business –

The Long Range Planning Meeting will be held at Beth Springer's house, 6718 NW Monticello Terr., Parkville, MO on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 25, from 1 to 4PM. Please have your committee budget in before the meeting. All members are encouraged to attend or send suggestions to board members. Call Beth at 913-219-9168 if you need directions.

Annual Dinner & Awards Banquet will be held Dec. 13th starting at 5 PM at Piropoes Event Facility in Parkville, MO. There is seating for 80 on the main level plus 30 on the 2nd level. Dinner, tax, tip will be \$35. There will be a cash bar. There is room for a small auction. Thank you to Carol Davis for handling the details of the location. Beth Springer reported that outsourcing the auction was not practical. Carol Davis offered to accept donations for the auction. Cindy Fletcher will handle the awards; Janet Blauvelt will take care of the program. Members, families & friends are all invited to this fun evening!

Robert Dover symposium in 2010 or 2011 – Amy Stuhr is waiting for Robert to confirm dates that he would be available.

October 10 Dressage Exhibition at the American Royal. Marina Parris-Woodhead agreed to represent KCDS with a dressage exhibition.

Nominating Committee report – Kindra Wilson presented the following slate for 2010: President - Janet Blauvelt, Vice-President - Katie Beth DeSchepper, Recording Secretary - Elise Mann, Corresponding Secretary – Elizabeth Burgess, Members at Large - Carol Davis & Maggie Stonecipher.

New Business –

A Region IV Director will be elected. Discussion on this was deferred to the November meeting.

Some of the USDF Proposed rule changes were presented by Linda Landers. A lot of time was spent working on proposed fee changes to address the USDF budget deficit. These changes will be voted on at the USDF convention.

Calendar Reminders –

October Extension Deadline September 20

Next Board Meeting – October 5th at 7:00p at the Livestock Exchange Bldg, 2nd Floor. October host will be Carol Davis.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM by Deb Gregoire, 2nd by Katie Beth DeSchepper, passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Nina Fricke, Recording Secretary