

**Kansas City Dressage Society
Board of Directors Meeting
January 18, 2010**

1. Call to Order
 - a. At about 7:10pm, Janet Blauvelt called the meeting to order. In attendance were Janet Blauvelt, Katie Beth DeSchepper, Aless Hall, Beth Springer, Meghan Nichols, Sheila Weinrich, Kathy O'Brien, Terri Becker, Wendy McGraw and Maggie Stonecipher.
 - b. The Board thanked Janet Blauvelt for hosting the meeting.

2. In the absence of Elise Mann, recording secretary, Sheila Weinrich volunteered to take the minutes of the meeting. Janet asked for a motion to approve the December 7, 2009 board meeting minutes, _____ moved for approval as presented, _____ seconded, motion passed.

3. Maggie presented the Treasurer's Report. The 2010 budget was discussed. _____ moved for approval of the 2010 budget, and _____ seconded. After discussion and vote, the budget was passed.

4. Standing Committee Reports –
 - a. Education – Beth Springer reported the dates for the “L” program discussed at the committee meeting just prior to the board meeting. In addition, plans are being made for a volunteer training day to be held in February.
 - b. Membership – Aless Hall reported that she is in the process of transitioning membership duties to Marilyn Sherwin. She reported 108 members for 2010. Upon motion by Maggie Stonecipher, second by Katie Beth DeSchepper, and vote, the continuance of honorary memberships for the five (?) existing honorary members was approved.
 - c. Communications – no report
 - d. By-Laws – No report
 - e. Finance – Joe Nash – no report

5. Committee Chair Reports –
 - a. Awards & Schooling Shows – Wendy McGraw reported that she was ready to place the order for ribbons needed for 2010, having recounted the existing inventory. She obtained a copy of the KCDS tax-exempt letter from Maggie, so the club will save a bit on taxes with the order.
 - b. Historian/Web Site – Meghan Nichols reported the web site had received 40,000 hits so far, and there currently were 129 fans on Facebook. It was suggested that a cross-check of fans to members made and the fans be solicited for membership.
 - c. Sport Horse – no report
 - d. JR/YR – no report
 - e. Horse Show – Katie Beth DeSchepper reported on the last horse show committee meeting in which the committee discussed the upcoming shows.

Volunteer coordinators are needed for both March and May. We will need to obtain an extra set of letters to set up in the warm-up arenas in compliance with a new USDF rule. The October show date was discussed, and it was decided to save the regular day on the first Saturday of October so it is not lost, but to reschedule the show on another date due to the conflict with the WEG. Other dates in order of priority were October 16 and September 18. Janet will check with Longview on availability and make the necessary arrangements. Katie Beth will explore whether another group would like to sublet the facility on the original date.

- f. Longview Horse Park – no report
- g. 2011 Symposium – no report
- h. Sponsorships – Katie Beth has transferred the information to Rachael Thompson, who will be getting out letters soon.
- i. Junior Camp – Maggie presented the plan and proposed budget for 2010 camp, which will run for three instead of two days. The group is seeking a grant, which it was learned may conflict with the grant sought for Adult camp.
- j. Adult camp – Terri Becker presented the plan and budget for this year's adult camp at William Woods college facility. After learning of the possible conflict regarding the grant money, she and Maggie agreed to work on budgets further.

6. Unfinished Business

- a. Janet Blauvelt acknowledged the work of the committee on the Annual Dinner, especially Carol Davis and Peggy and Matt Keller and Cindy Fletcher. The general consensus was that the venue was excellent, but there could be a few tweaks to the program. We would like to have the dinner at Piropo's again next year.
- b. The 2010 Budget was approved as discussed above.

7. New Business

- a. Meeting locations in 2010 – Because the attendance was light, it was determined to have an on-line vote for meeting locations. The nominations were: Livestock Exchange Building, Stoney Meadows, 6700 Antioch (KB's office), Julie McCrady's new barn (available second half of year only).
- b. Stud Fee on-line auction proposal – referred to the sponsorship committee
- c. 2010 Board retreat – tabled
- d. *Extension* – The issue of going back to printed newsletters was addressed. Upon motion by Maggie and second by Wendy, and discussion, it was voted to return to monthly printed *Extensions* with the opportunity for members to opt out of receiving a printed copy, to begin as soon as Staci deemed feasible.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 (?)