

Meeting Minutes

Las Colinas Equestrian Centre

Present: Doreen Cutts, Pauline Jaroszewicz, Barbara Clarke, Jennie Bohart, Lisa Blackmon, Patti Porter, Barbara Lewis, Charlotte Stotts, Jackie Blackmon

Proxies: none

Guests: none

Apologies: M Tachibana

Quorum: Met

Opened: 7:15pm

Next meeting: 8 January 2008 Las Colinas Equestrian Centre

Closed: 9:00pm, Moved: B Clarke, 2nd: L Blackmon

Minutes: 6 Nov 07 Board Meeting Minutes approved, Moved: P Jaroszewicz, 2nd: J Bohart

Presidents Report (Doreen Cutts):

1. USDF Convention Report:
 - highlights include USDF plans to launch a new website which is meant to be more user-friendly
 - insurance big topic of discussion with message that responsibility of insuring needs to be more that of the management, clients, clinicians, etc. instead of the club.
 - Officials need to be driven by the limo co, need to require officials to work with our transportation arrangements to reduce costs.
 - DDC trailer insured by club – both trailer and contents.
 - Recommendations presented will be discussed & clarified in detail later.
 - ACTION: B Lewis to contact attorney / insurance agent to determine their recommendations re: liability releases and coverage.
 - USDF Convention notes provided to board for review re: Regional Championships Committee, Sport Horse Committee, Awards Council, and Competition Management Council.
2. Freestyle Clinic: Proposed date change to weekend of 28 March b/c of conflict with B Lewis “Adult Amateur Trainer” weekend (weekend of 22 March). Date good with all – confirmed with Proud Meadows
3. Adult Camp: moved to weekend of 23 October at C-Quarter-Circle Ranch.
4. USEF Dressage Committee Performance Standard Proposal: provided the DDC Board. New system to be implemented for riders Third Level and above by 2010 competition year.
5. JuniorTeam Championships to be held at Lemonade Daze, Athens, TX.

Vice President’s Report (Jennie Bohart):

Nothing to Report

Secretary’s Report (Barbara Clarke):

Nothing to Report

Treasurer Report (Barbara Lewis):

1. Barbara Lewis reports the current Bank Balances as of 30 Nov 2007:

Vanguard	\$2,530.46	(30/Sept/2007)
Franklin/Equity	\$23,976.03	(31/Oct /2007)
2. Action: Jennie Bohart to check into DDC Board Open positions and positions due to be available. Election on those open positions to be held at Annual Awards Banquet.
3. All by-law changes to be changed at the General Meeting at Annual Awards Banquet including General meeting frequency, family memberships, election meetings, and voting options.

Recognized Show Chair Report (Jackie Blackmon):

1. Still need two judges for Athens (Lemonade Daze) show. Suggest Tom Poulin.

Awards Report (Pauline Jaroszewicz):

1. Silent Auction for annual banquet – still to be managed by Young Riders. Discussion on specifics to be tabled for later. L Blackmon to discuss with Pauline J re: options and assistance, including R Campbell's mom as option.
2. Eligible scores to be matched to 55% (from 60%) to match those min eligible scores of the national governing body (USEF, USDF).
3. Charlene provided basic input on idea for a School Show Championship and Schooling Show awards. Charlene to produce budget and info for 2009 competition season.
4. 2008 Awards Program guidelines draft presented to all board members for review. Motion: DDC board approves this Awards Program document with edits as discussed. Move: J Bohart, 2nd B Lewis

Membership Chair Report (Patti Porter):

1. New membership Form: a lot of people are using old form to renew memberships – resulting in \$5 shortfall in membership fee. Barbara Lewis to do invoices for those shortfalls and provide to Patti Porter in order to recoup shortfall in 2008 Membership fee.
2. Reminders to renew 2008 membership to be sent 1 Jan 08 to those who have not yet renewed.
3. Any corrections to database – i.e. email addresses – to be sent to Patti.
4. B Clarke to send out announcement/remind to all Yahoo group members re: 2008 membership renewal.

Junior Riders Chair Report (Shelly Vaughan): Nothing to Report.

Schooling Shows Chair Report (Charlene Lynch):

1. Material presented on proposed Schooling Show Championship. Budget and more info to be provided to board separately – will be discussed at future board meeting when all info has been provided. For 2009 competition season.

General Business: Nothing to report (other than discussed above.)

FEI Coord/Young Riders/High Performance Chair (Lisa Blackmon): Nothing to Report

Publications Chair (Charlotte and Jason Stotts):

1. Note that comcast.net email addresses are now tx.rr.com, please change Pauline's email to athenapj@tx.rr.com
2. Charlotte requested clarification on what things count as a classified and which things are considered part of the free Professional Directory items. Discussed and clarified. Rates to remain unchanged.
3. Newsletter dates (dates of publishing) for Charlotte as per 13 Oct 07 DDC Planning meeting: "QUARTERLY publication as of 1 Dec 07. Publication dates to coincide with relevant show dates: 1 Dec, 1 Mar, 15 May, 1 Aug"

Ads / Promotions Chair (Lisa Blackmon): Nothing to Report