

Meeting Minutes

Las Colinas Equestrian Centre
Dallas, TX

Present: Pauline Jaroszewicz, Barbara Clarke, Shelly Vaughan, Jennie Bohart, Lisa Blackmon, Jackie Blackmon, Barbara Lewis
Proxies:
Guests: None
Apologies: Doreen Cutts
Quorum: Met
Opened: 7:25pm
Next meeting: Tues 3 April 2007 at LCEC
Closed: 9:20pm Moved: J Bohart, 2nd: B Lewis

Presidents Report:

1. As provided to Jennie Bohart: 2007 Test Symposium Rider Applications, Logistics:
 - reviewed amount and levels of rider applications to determine approx ## of riders per level and how to fill both days while also allowing as many applicants to ride as possible.
 - Suggested Lisa Blackmon (and Jackie) book hotel room near High Gate for shuttling, hosting Natalie Lamping. DDC agreed to pay for said hotel room.Moved: B Lewis, 2nd: J Bohart
 - Focus of symposium on new tests, movement directives and judges view NOT riding lesson.
 - No Scribe clinic as previously considered.
 - Going to assign a test to each rider (1, 2, 3, and 4) with max of 2 riders per test.
 - Can work through 3 tests per hour, BUT ideally should plan/allow for 2 riders per hour, approx 8 hours of tests per day.
 - Begin on Sat 9am with Training Level upwards, Carryover on Sunday through FEI tests
 - Lisa Blackmon going to phone each rider with their test assignments (a.s.a.p.)
 - Need volunteers for scorer, gate keeper, auditor & rider registration
 - Lisa B (or Jennie Bohart?) to provide stabling list to Barbara Lewis with noted: overnight, day only, Priefert panel stall OK
 - Folder with all rider applications given to Lisa Blackmon

Secretary Report:

1. Presented Treasurer with invoice for advertising in Lone Star Horse Report. Ad placed in March issue for 2007 Test Symposium.
2. Presented information regarding Affiliates Program and advertising in Southwest Horse Trader (for 2007 Test Symposium). Louisa Zai offered alternatives to straight affiliates program to reduce cost of current and future advertising while still offering membership reduced subscription rate to Southwest Horse Trader publication. Proposed using Affiliate program as an "option" only subscription, at reduced rate, to DDC members at this time. Will revisit next year Affiliate program. For now, provide members with reduced rate of subscription as benefit of DDC membership, 2007 individual subscriptions info SHOULD be sent directly to Southwest Horse Trader, but Membership prime may need to also note who is/is not using Southwest Horse Trader discount subscription. Potential impact on Membership Chair for 2007/2008 membership duties. Question: how to communicate the new reduced subscription to Southwest Horse Trader? (Newsletter!)

Treasurer Report:

1. Barbara Lewis reports the current Bank Balances as of 6 Feb 2007:

Vanguard	\$18,225.86	(31/Dec/2006)
Guaranty	\$ 1,033.85	(9/Jan/2007)
Franklin/Equity	\$23,739.29	(31/Dec/2006)

All books are at the Accountants. All balances as provided at last meeting, per last statement date.

General Business:

1. DDC Awards Chair: Pauline Jaroszewicz has committed to continuing as DDC Awards Person through 2007. Position accepted. Moved: J Bohart, 2nd: B Lewis
2. Pauline Jaroszewicz presented the 2007 Awards Program document. One edit to state “it is the rider’s responsibility to confirm that all scores sent for consideration have been received by awards committee.” 2007 Awards Program accepted with editing statement noted above. Moved: B Lewis, 2nd: J Bohart
3. Awards Banquet for 2008: The Board would like it to be attractive to all DDC members and not just the members who have won awards. Would like the banquet to be more “Gala Event” which also includes Awards. February timeframe worked well for all re: planning and availability. Feb 2008 “Valentine’s Gala” to be held on Sat 9 February 2008, location TBD, Valentine’s theme with dancing, music, etc. Lone Star Park location feedback good – will form subcommittee to research alternative venues.
4. Dover Medals: the DDC will stick with 2nd level test 2 for Dover Medals qualification.
5. Show Prizes:
 - Champion Prizes: board discussed stock pins vs. halters and voted in favor of Halters for Champion prizes.
 - Reserve Champion Prizes: Newmarket saddlery has large quantity of premium saddle cloths/pads which it will sell to the DDC for \$8 or less per pad (depending on negotiation). Board approved action to buy entire stock for \$8 per pad (or less) to present to Reserve Champion winners. Moved: J Bohart, 2nd B Lewis.
 - High Point Awards: one-size coolers with embroidery “Dallas Dressage Club High Point”
6. Leftover Recognized Show awards/prizes to go to Charlene to use as Schooling Show Prizes. Leftover Schooling show prizes to be presented to impromptu “Sportsmanship” recipients.
7. Shelly Vaughan:
 - brought sponsorship info to board for review as there were some questions on what the sponsors did/did not want from their Sponsor Level package.
 - Board discussed and agreed to remove Diamond and Platinum sponsorship levels. Unanimous agreement.
 - Board discussed signage and what DDC will/will not provide to sponsors at shows. Board agreed to strike/remove the “DDC provided sign in prominent location” from all sponsorship levels. Sponsor to provide banner/sign at show for display. DDC not responsible for storage of, loss or damage to such banners.
 - Board agreed to continue to use Gift Bags to remainder of sponsors. Jennie B and Lisa B committed to prime for providing Gift Bags to sponsors, judges and vendors (as appropriate).
 - Strike/remove Mary Sticken’s name from all media as Ads/Promotions Chair. As back-up use Jennie Bohart info.
 - In vendor locations, Jennie B prime for assigning locations for vendors.
 - Definition between Vendors and Sponsor: if anyone is selling a product – not JUST giving away samples or providing education – then they will pay for vendor spot. If they are willing to provide something to DDC members and attendees (free samples, health screening, etc) and NOT sell a product or service there, then they may be allowed a free vendor space.
 - Actions – Jackie B to phone Carmine re: request for free vendor space at show for skin care health program.
 - Actions – Jennie B to send Awards Banquet results to Lisa Tobleman for newsletter
 - Actions – Bruce L to send photos from Awards Banquet to Lisa Tobleman for newsletter
8. Schooling Show Prime: Charlene Lynch.
 - Board was presented with and review income/outgo data on 24 Feb Schooling Show.
 - Charlene suggested that it might be easier for her to handle a show of this size electronically and thus has requested a laptop for such use. Jennie Bohart has graciously donated a laptop for the DDC to use and will make it available for Charlene to use for DDC Schooling Shows. Prime for laptop are Jennie Bohart (donor) and Barbara Lewis, with access provided to Charlene for schooling shows, as needed.
 - Schooling Show Fees: board unanimously agreed to change the following fees as follows: Shavings now \$8 per bag, Stalls now \$45 each per day, Change Fee added, \$10 per change. See Rules for specifics on Change Fee.
 - Schooling Show Rules (to be posted on DDC website): rules per Charlene were agreed contingent on the follow addition: “Rule 8: Changes: No changes 30 minutes (or less) prior to ride time. All changes must be done at the office and paid for at the time of the change. Changes are \$10 each occurrence. Change slips will be provided which must be handed to Paddock Master. Change slips will identify entrants #, added class/ride, eliminated class/ride and paid fee. All numbers on horses must match at all times and be reflected accurately on change slips. It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to reflect any changes to the paddock master, and provide change slip as noted above to paddock master.”