

Meeting Minutes

Las Colinas Equestrian Centre

Dallas, TX

Present: Doreen Cutts, Pauline Jaroszewicz, Barbara Clarke, Barbara Lewis, Patti Porter, Jennie Bohart, Lisa Blackmon, Jackie Blackmon, Charlene Lynch,  
Proxies: None  
Guests: Kathy Wolter  
Apologies: Michelann Tachibana, Shelly Vaughan  
Quorum: Met  
Opened: 7:15pm  
Next meeting: 2 October 07 at LCEC  
Closed: 9:20pm, Moved: B Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup>: J Bohart  
Minutes: 7 Aug 2007 Minutes approved with edits, Moved: B Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup>: P Jaroszewicz

Presidents Report:

1. USDF Convention, Orlando, FL 28Nov-2Dec, 2007.
  - As per last year, DDC will pay (reimburse) President and Recognized Show Chair to attend USDF convention, representing DDC. Reimburse ½ of Hotel fees, 100% of registration & airfare fees (up to \$205 airfare & taxes cap). Moved: B Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup>: J Bohart.
  - DDC will pay (reimburse) any member with 50 volunteer hours or more \$125 (the cost of a business ticket) towards the USDF convention costs. Check request to be submitted with receipts. Moved: B. Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup>: P. Porter.
2. USDF Convention GMO Basket: \$250 budget, "Dallas" theme incl local wine(s). To be carried by ??Beth at Horse of Course?? to USDF Convention in Orlando. Have all available by Beth's timetable - whatever is convenient for her.
3. Planning Meeting for 2008: will be Sat 13 October, ~1pm-5pm, at I Fratelli's, Macarthur & 635. Pls email all ideas and agenda items to D Cutts by Mon 8 October, 5pm.  
Action: J Bohart will make reservations.
4. Spring Show 2008: Two (2) shows over two (2) days, three (3) rings both shows. Lemonade Daze & Yellow Rose to remain as-is (three-rings, two days format).
5. Omnibus: Frances Luse to email "draft" to Show Committee for approval. Show committee=B Lewis, L Blackmon, J Blackmon). Closing dates to be finalized via Show Committee.

Vice President's Report:

1. Trailer clean-out to be held during Yellow Rose.

Secretary's Report:

1. As above, August 2007 Minutes approved with two edits. Moved: B Lewis, 2<sup>nd</sup>: P Jaroszewicz
2. DDC Region 9 DDC Basket: \$125 budget, "It's a Natural!" theme with "natural" soaps, fly sprays, etc including "natural" things for the rider too. To be carried by ??Lisa and Jackie B??. Include some "natural" fiber stuff or a couple things in a natural (beige, sage green, tan) colour scheme. Have all available by Lisa's timetable - weekend prior, approx 27 Oct.
3. Colleen Kelly, Biomechanics lecturer, in town and offering "donated" lecture on Weds 24 Oct. B Clarke to research credentials as none found on email. Review/check with board for approval or decline.

Treasurer Report:

1. Barbara Lewis reports the current Bank Balances as of 30 June 2007:  
Vanguard                   \$2,498.20     (30/June/2007)  
Franklin/Equity           \$58178.43     (31/July/2007)
2. Review the P&L comparison as presented/distributed to board. Need to tweak some fees, looking at all areas to cut costs or control spending. I.e.: method to control spending on unnecessary “extras” in food/dining for judges via “per diem” controls. Need to watch those “extras”.

#### Show Committee Report:

1. Feel we are on a good trend with Show Management and Show Chair/Committee.
2. Blackmon’s have offered their RV for Judge’s Hospitality at Yellow Rose Festival.
3. Will confirm with Michelann Tachibana re: goody bags for judges & TDs
4. Judge’s baskets to be supplied/organized by Michelann Tachibana.

#### Awards Report:

1. Working Annual Awards Banquet logistics, location and contracts.
2. Silent Auction at Annual Awards Banquet proceeds to benefit Young Riders.
3. Yellow Rose High Point winners receive Tack Organizers, Champions receive Fleck whips, Res Champions receive polo wraps, extra saddle cloths to Charlene for use at Schooling Shows, old ribbons to Pauline, Dover Medals organized by Michelann Tachibana.

#### Membership Chair Report:

1. DDC Family Membership: ACTION: going to get USDF guidelines for family memberships (contact: Jennifer Coyle with USDF).
2. 2008 Memberships sign-up at Yellow Rose Festival. 2007 new memberships will not be prorated.

#### Junior Riders Chair Report (Shelly Vaughan): Nothing to Report / Not Present

#### Schooling Shows Chair Report:

1. Dates for 2008 will be brought to 13 Oct Planning Meeting
2. 24 Nov schooling show: Charlene not available that day, Board to find Leslie for “on the day” work, Charlene to provide setup day before.
3. Budget: expect \$1800 per show with 70+ entries
4. 1<sup>st</sup> Place Prizes: no real need for those, just Champs & High Points
5. Good Saddle pads for High Point
6. If add higher level judges will be able to attract high level (i.e. HC) riders. Need to use local “r” judges to save on airfare/hotel.
7. DDC Clinic; desired to have clinic Fri pm prior to schooling show with judge. Promote as “Ride a Test”, 30 minutes rides for \$30, L Blackmon offered to donate her time on Fri pm with proceeds to Young Riders. UPDATE: LCEC will charge full day fee for use of facilities Fri night prior to event, which deems this suggestion as unaffordable.
8. Charlene to add EMT to schooling show

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

#### FEI Coord/Young Riders:

1. Region 9 Young Riders would like to ask if they can have a table donated at the Yellow Rose Festival so they can receive donations & contributions. Need electricity to show DVDs of the Young Riders and have photos on display. DDC board agreed to put next to Awards Table.