

Meeting Minutes

Las Colinas Equestrian Center

Present: Pauline Jaroszewicz, Barbara Clarke, Charlotte Stotts, Jennie Bohart, Barbara Lewis, Michelann Tachibana, Patti Porter, Lisa Blackmon  
Proxies: None  
Guests: None  
Apologies: Jackie Blackmon, Shelly Vaughan, Doreen Cutts  
Quorum: Met  
Opened: 7:05pm  
Next meeting: 5 August 2008. La Madelaine.  
Closed: 9:05pm  
Minutes: April minutes approved with edits, moved: Pauline J, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jennie B. June minutes approved with edits, moved: Pauline J, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jennie B.

President's Report:

1. Adult Camp:

- a third person has signed up for adult camp. What are options with only three campers?
- Board discussed an additional outside clinician. Lisa B put forth info on a Spanish trainer in California who does in-hand work. Barbara L mentioned another trainer who specializes in Lusitanos, who is new to the area (local.) All agreed that it would be beneficial to have a trainer who is able to show Intro and Training level riders how these exercises will help them.
- Lisa B expressed a preference to "beef up" the current camp format (same location, same date, same format) with additional professionals vs change of date, venue and format.
- Charlotte voiced preference for warmblood influence.
- Question across the board was: Is the Gainesville location too far for auditors to come?
- Suggested someone contact USDF to have Bess Reinemann send out another email "blast" from USDF promoting the DDC Adult Camp. *ACTION: Doreen to contact to ask for another reminder.*
- Barbara L suggested we have a "Adult Camp Drop Dead" date when final decision to be made perhaps via conference call. All agreed that next (August) board meeting will be deciding meeting.
- *ACTION: Lisa B to query the Spanish guy on rates, availability, etc.*

Vice President's Report: Nothing to report aside from input in discussions.

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer Report:

1. Bank Balances as of 31/June/2008  
Vanguard: \$2,585.74 (31/Mar/08)  
Franklin: \$37,320.74 (31/May/08)
2. USEF fined the DDC for Spring Show I/II for tardy insurance certificate. Fine \$200 per show, \$400 total to DDC. Barbara L to send letter to USEF requesting reprieve from fines.
3. Bruce Lawrie suggested DDC complete an IRS letter of determination which goes to USDF. Intent of letter is to keep GMOs as non-profit status. Club declined form as already on file with IRS as necessary.

Membership Chair:

1. 217 members, of which 43 juniors.
2. Lots of new memberships in last two weeks.
3. Latest copy of DDC membership to be sent before Lemonade Daze to all (Pauline, Barbara C., Charlotte S.)

Recognized Show Report (Michelann Tachibana):

1. Lemonade Daze:
  - Denise Fowler not avail. Need to find a vet on-call. Will contact Colleen Snyder with BCXR to see if she has recommendations in the area.
  - Will use Dr Hicks for nearest surgical center.
  - Hotel rooms are booked at Holiday Inn Express (next to Wal-mart)
  - Scribes are needed for Lemonade Daze. *Action: Barbara C. to send out Yahoo announcement calling for scribes.* Charlotte volunteered to do scribing.
  - Propose repositioning two outdoor arenas closest to stabling and on grass to alleviate heat radiating from sand. Had many complaints about footing, distance, view to warmup and heat.
  - Question to board: Does it make sense for us to continue to hold Lemonade Daze at Athens or at all? Show is not cost effective and facility plus distance is prohibitive to competitors and judges. Need to move to a closer facility if possible. Motion: DDC Board agreed to not host Lemonade Daze in Athens, TX in 2009.Moved: Jennie B, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lisa B.

Schooling Show Chair: Nothing to report

Ads and Promotions Chair: Nothing to report.

Awards Chair:

1. Lemonade Daze:
  - All awards for Lemonade Daze have been ordered or in stock. Have 10 white pads for Champs on Sat, 10 black pads for Champs on Sun, white & black polo wraps for Res Champs.
  - Shelly V ordered Junior Team Medals.
2. Awards Banquet:
  - Unofficial committee to meet at Blue Mesa on Sun 20 July for brunch to sample food and explore facility. Two other locations also in consideration: Bucca di Beppos and Maggiano's. Sample menus and prices provided to Barbara Clarke.
3. Silent Auction:
  - need someone to organize and manage. Board agreed it will be held at Schooling Show Champs. Will ask general membership for a prime when the Merit Scholarship form has been revised and approved.

Junior Riders: Nothing to report. Juniors survey results to be presented at Aug DDC Board meeting.

Publications:

1. USDF Annual Newsletter and Website awards:
  - Charlotte to complete and submit award nomination forms to USDF on behalf of DDC. March 2008 Newsletter (Showing issue) to be nominated for award.

2. Program for Lemonade Daze: as the show is rather small, all board agreed to NOT do a program for that show and do day sheets only.
3. Revisions to prizelist from Michelann/Frances will be sent to Charlotte for publication.
4. GMOs in Texas are starting to announce a cessation of hard-copy newsletter for general membership.  
Motion: Will reduce DDC Newsletter "Transitions" to three times a year hard-copy distribution. One each mailed in Spring, Fall and Christmas/December to target the key DDC shows and membership drive. All other monthly issues to be electronic copy with current newsletter available online to all and archived copies to be available only to DDC members (with logon ID). Moved: Barbara L, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lisa B.

#### Young Riders:

##### 1. NAYRC:

- In the past club has sponsored Young Riders going to NAYRC with tack stalls (\$500 towards two tack stalls) and Scholarship funding (\$500 per rider).
- As with last year, there are three DDC members representing Region 9 at NAYRC.
- Question posed to board – do they want to do same as last year for sponsorships/scholarship program for Young Riders competing at National level championship?
- Region 9 YR director requesting checks directly to USDF, however NAYRC running show. Lisa B offered to hand-carry the checks to NAYRC show office for direct payment.
- Motion: DDC to provide \$500 in scholarship funding to DDC Young Riders at the NAYRC. Moved: Barbara L, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jennie Bohart

##### 2. DDC Merit Scholarship Program:

- Lisa B to expand current DDC program which provides scholarships to DDC Young Riders and Juniors who are competing in National level Championship competitions – expand to include all riders including Adult Amateurs, Professionals.
- Lisa B to alter existing program application and forward to board for review. Will be decided next meeting.

#### General Business:

1. Minimum Standards for those providing judging or instructional services to DDC members at DDC events.  
Recommendation from Barbara L and Lisa B to board is that the service providers meet a min standard of the following:
  - Graduate of USDF "L" program with distinction or higher USDF judging certification.
  - Certified Instructor under the following certification programs: USEF, USDF, USEA
2. Also recommend that judges for Schooling Shows be a USDF "L" graduate with distinction or a USDF "r" judge.  
Rationale behind that criteria is that those qualifications warrant the same cost to club and also allows for more readily available local judging options. These (and the shows) follow USDF guidelines.
3. Motion: DDC adopt and accept these min standard criteria for educational providers with DDC. Moved: Jennie B, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Patti P.