

Meeting Minutes

La Madelaine Restaurant

Present: Doreen Cutts, Michelann Tachibana, Pauline Jaroszewicz, Barbara Clarke, Jennie Bohart, Barbara Lewis, Patti Porter

Proxies:

Guests: none

Apologies: Lisa Blackmon, Charlotte Stotts, Jackie Blackmon, Shelly Vaughn, Charlene Lynch

Quorum: Met

Opened: 7:05pm

Next meeting: 4 March 2008 La Madelaine, Las Colinas

Closed: 9:25pm, Moved: P Jaroszewicz, 2nd: J Bohart

Minutes: 5 Feb 08 Board Meeting Minutes approved, Moved: J Bohart, 2nd: P Jaroszewicz

Presidents Report (Doreen Cutts):

1. Freestyle Clinic: Concerned as currently there are five (5) rides that have committed, need eight (8) to fill clinic. Also concerned as to why such low interest. Michelann suggested Becky Brown re: quadrille ride. Barbara Lewis suggested the two sessions may be ridden on the same day to help cut costs of fuel and help save time. Barbara Lewis felt this may be added incentive to encourage people to attend.
Action: send special announcement on Yahoo group noting still opening, any level can ride and also offer option of same-day rides to save on fuel. Doreen to confirm with Cynthia Collins that "two rides on same day" option is okay.
2. General Membership Meeting: Consider holding the Gen Membership meeting at the Adult Camp? Concern that the adult camp may be too far for some people. Jennie Bohart suggested holding the general membership meeting on the Friday night prior to the June DDC Schooling Show at LCEC. All agreed this was a good idea for a central location and great timing as many members may already be at LCEC for next day show. Michelann suggested a restaurant "Guerros". Barbara C thought it would be attractive to use the meeting to hand out the volunteer awards. Most agreed we need some incentive activity to help draw attendance.
Action: Doreen to email Cheryl Gray re: grooming to win demonstration, this was very popular at past general membership meetings, great feedback.
Action: Barbara to contact Cindy Murray ("It's all About the Horse") re: providing grooming products used in demo for purchase. Also Cindy do fashion show with young riders as models? Use as back-up for grooming demo.
3. Adult Camp: Theme is "Health and Beauty for the Horse and Rider". If weather nice, we can groom the outdoor arena and possibly have a 2nd instructor. Someone will contact Nutrena (Doreen?) to get a rep to attend or at minimum to get some samples of Nutrena products. Patti will contact the lameness vet she uses to see if he will do a demo/lecture. All agreed that an Adult Camp Committee needed to be formed to help with camp logistics. Committee to be Barbara Clarke, Doreen Cutts and Patti Porter. To meet in Celina when Doreen in Celina for weekly riding lessons. The use of the facility at C Quarter Circle ranch is dependent on the footing being "groomable" – if it cannot be rectified then may have to look for another facility, last resort.

Vice President's Report (Jennie Bohart):

1. Safety Vests: Jennie felt that it would a good idea for the club to buy some safety vests for DDC staff/volunteers to wear at shows. Some bright colour which will stand out and help identify show staff quickly to competitors and attendees.
Action: Jennie B to check online and see prices plus option of personalization on back "DDC Staff".

Secretary's Report (Barbara Clarke):

1. Juniors Survey: felt that we could do more with juniors (under 16 years, non FEI or high performance) but needed to get more general membership feedback. Composed a survey for the board to review. How to get the survey out to general membership and get the membership to complete and return it? Options were a) in registration packets at schooling show in June b) use Zoomerang online survey engine c) distributed (and collect!) at General Membership

Meeting in June. Barbara Lewis thought if get decent clinicians could also have Adult Riding Club add-on option.
Action: Barbara Clarke to edit and distribute via email survey for all to review and approve.

Treasurer Report (Barbara Lewis):

1. Barbara Lewis reports the current Bank Balances as of 31 Jan 2008:
Vanguard \$2,561.13
Franklin \$28,537.58
2. P&L and Balance sheet distributed to board members prior to meeting via email.
3. 501.3(c) non profit status, our books need to be IRS compliant in order to get tax exempt status. USDF brought special attention to clubs which were not compliant at 2007 annual convention.

Recognized Show Chair Report (Michelann Tachibana):

1. Ida Anderson has been replaced with Elizabeth Madlinger for Yellow Rose in Sept.
2. All shows are currently staffed.
3. Prize list: will send to Frances Luse for completion.
4. Spring Show judges changes due to incorrect judge ratings.
5. Susan Peacock/Showsecretary.com: need her contract a.s.a.p., Michelann needs to know details on volunteers, scorers, etc for Spring Show I, II.
Action: Michelann to email Frances re: longer opening date for Spring Show from original open date: 6 April, backed two weeks to new opening date of 22 March. Closing date remains: 19 April
Action: Charlotte pls update website with new opening date.
6. Spring Show: will have all same gatekeepers as others. Need to recruit gatekeepers for Yellow Rose.
Action: Barbara Clarke to put a blurb on Yahoo group website
7. Michelann to coordinate judge's flights so that all arrive within an hour of each other so can share transportation/limo services.
8. Michelann to order Dover medals.

Awards Report (Pauline Jaroszewicz):

1. Silent Auction: there is some question of whether we will continue holding a silent auction at the annual banquet OR hold several smaller auctions at each recognized show. The group who managed it this year did a good job and Pauline will discuss to see if they will commit to managing silent auction next year – start working on it now if we know who will manage it this far in advance. Suggested Charlene, Ann Counts and Kathy Wolter.
Motion: All proceeds from Silent Auctions to go to the club's general education fund.
Moved: Jennie Bohart, 2nd: Barbara Lewis
2. Lemonade Daze: Jennie B to do the awards table in lieu of Pauline as Pauline will be out of town.
3. Spring Show: have Champion, Reserve Champs and Hi Points organized.
Action: Pauline to contact Lisa B re: prizes for Spring Show.
4. Banquet Committee: determined that if we are going to explore other options for the annual banquet (and possibly also silent auction) then club needs a committee to be formed. Banquet Committee to be Pauline, Barbara Clarke and Doreen. Options suggested are: Maggiano's in Plano or Dallas, the Gaylord in Grapevine, The Radisson (or other large hotel) at 75/Central and 635, Southfork Ranch. Also explore where the Texas Hunter Jumper Club did their banquet. Reconsider Las Colinas Country Club?
Action: Doreen to find out where NTHJC held their banquet.

Membership Chair Report (Patti Porter):

1. As of March 2008, we have 172 members, of which 9 life members, 69 new members, 91 renewals and 31 juniors. A dozen not yet in database, which would put our total membership to 184.
2. Michelann suggested we add a charge for non-members for rated shows in addition to the schooling shows.
3. Some discussion re: year end awards and date of membership received/sent vs. date entered into membership database. Some of those dates may show a lapse thereby eliminating some scores as "not a member yet" when they joined (filled out their membership form) at the show. Patti going to retroactive dating on database to previous database update date.

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

Schooling Shows Chair Report (Charlene Lynch): Not present. Schooling Show info discussed in Charlene's absence.

1. Tack Swap: All board agreed it was great. But thought that Charlene is much too busy with Schooling Show – so let someone else manage a tack swap. Board felt they should not let Charlene run tack swap plus show
2. Walkie Talkies: we have them in the trailer. We need to USE THEM at the show so that things that are happening in the office can be relayed quickly to all ring stewards, volunteers, runners, etc.
3. Ride A Test: Thought it was a great idea as a fund raiser. Again, same concern that should be run by someone else (not Charlene) if we're going to have it. Motion: Proceeds from future Ride a Tests to go to General Education Fund. Moved: Jennie Bohart, 2nd: Barbara Lewis

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): Nothing to Report

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