

Meeting Minutes

La Madeleine, Las Colinas, TX

Present: Pauline Jaroszewicz, Barbara Clarke, Jennie Bohart
Proxies: Barbara Lewis to Barbara Clarke, Doreen Cutts to Pauline Jaroszewicz
Guests: None
Apologies: Doreen Cutts, Patti Porter, Michelann Tachibana, Lisa & Jackie Blackmon, Shelly Vaughan
Quorum: Met (barely!)
Opened: 7:10pm
Next meeting: 4 November 2008. La Madelaine.
Closed: 8:05pm Moved: Pauline Jaroszewicz, 2nd: Barbara C..
Minutes: September minutes approved with edits, moved: Pauline J, 2nd: Barbara C.

President's Report (Jennie Bohart):

1. Family Membership Criteria: All agreed and approved the below criteria for Family Memberships. Primary DDC Member \$45 (no change), additional or "supporting member" \$22. Supporting or additional member \$22 - no newsletter, no SW horse trader. All other benefits stay the same including USDF GMO membership. USDF definition of family membership is: - anyone living in the same household with same or different last names OR - anyone with same last name but living in different households - USDF primary member - \$17 from GMO, Supporting \$8 from GMO. Supporting members do not get monthly magazine or yearbook.
2. Membership Drive Method: options discussed are mail out letters with applications or postcards with website included and/or send out mass email. Board voted to send out the letters with the membership application included plus BAC to do a Yahoo announcement. Moved: Pauline J, 2nd: Barbara C.
3. Silent Auction for DDC Schooling Show Champs: Linda Turner has volunteered to take the Silent Auction and make it more a "Barn basket" raffle style event. Board all concurred that Linda Turner could manage the Silent Auction for Schooling Show and Schooling Show Champs. Board also reminded that we will not hold a Silent Auction at the Awards Dinner/Banquet in 2009. Proceeds from Schooling Show Champs silent auction to go to general DDC Education Fund (also will offset some expenses of Clinic).

Action: Doreen Cutts to contact Linda Turner.

Vice President's Report (Doreen Cutts):

1. Klaus Balkenhol clinic: Doreen has been in contact with Bill Askew from Alamo Dressage re: bringing in Klaus Balkenhol for a clinic in November 2009. Paige Peters of Saddlebrook Equestrian Center has volunteered her facility at no charge but any additional stabling might have to be tents. Current pricing, dates and final facility to be determined.

Secretary's Report (Barbara Clarke):

1. Educational Festival:
 - Barbara Lewis has agreed to take over "last minute" registrations while B Clarke is at USDF Convention.
 - Registration form & advertising already distributed via newsletter, Yellow Rose program & Yahoo group.
2. USDF Convention Basket:
 - Bruce Lawrie available to transport DDC Basket to USDF Convention.
 - Ironically, an American Airlines/Travel theme.
 - All board members to bring a travel related item (travel tote, horse shipping boots, horse travel book, etc) to next meeting (Nov) for inclusion in DDC basket.
3. Region 9 Championship Basket:
 - Theme changed from Southwest to Wine-n-Cheese (purple and green colours). More items available currently at that theme.
 - Charlotte Stotts should be available to carry basket to Region 9 Championships for the DDC (saving on shipping costs.)
4. Scholarship, Sponsorship and Convention Subsidy Request Forms: All were distributed for comment and review last month. No comments provided. Will review in meeting 4 November.

Treasurer Report (Barbara Lewis):

1. Bank Balances as of 31/September/2008
 - Vanguard: \$2,600.91 (31/Sept/08)
 - Franklin: \$35,943.00 (31/Sept/08)

Membership Chair (temporary: Doreen Cutts): Nothing to report.

Recognized Show Report (Michelann Tachibana): Nothing to report.

Schooling Show Chair (Charlene Lynch): Nothing to report.

Ads and Promotions Chair (OPEN): Nothing to report.

Awards Chair (Pauline Jaroszewicz): Nothing to report.

Junior Riders (Shelly Vaughan): Junior Team Championship in May at Spring Show I/II.

Publications (Charlotte Stotts): Nothing to report.

Young Riders (Lisa Blackmon): Nothing to report.

General Business:

1. Lyndon Rife and Julie Madriguera are trying to find their show curtains, which they lent the DDC as a table cover some time ago. The actual show and the actual person to whom they were lent is not clear. The people who might have seen/handled the curtains are no longer on the board. No show committee members have recollection of the whereabouts of the curtains. The curtains have not been located in either the DDC Trailer or the DDC Storage Unit and the board determined that a letter of explanation and apology for not being able to locate curtains should be adequate. If reimbursement is requested, it was suggested that DDC could offer to pay 50% of cost to replace similar set. Board proposed to send letter of explanation to lay the situation to rest. Moved: Pauline Jaroszewicz,

2nd; Barbara Clarke

Action: Barbara Clarke to draft a letter to Lyndon Rife Dressage re: show curtains. Letter to explain that both storage facilities were searched and curtains could not be found, DDC apologizes for not being able to locate them and for any inconvenience.