

## Meeting Minutes

La Madeleine, Las Colinas, TX

Present: Pauline Jaroszewicz, Barbara Clarke, Jennie Bohart, Barbara Lewis, Charlotte Stotts, Jason Stotts,  
Proxies: Lisa Blackmon to Charlotte Stotts  
Guests: None  
Apologies: Doreen Cutts, Patti Porter, Michelann Tachibana, Lisa & Jackie Blackmon, Shelly Vaughan  
Quorum: Met  
Opened: 7:35pm  
Next meeting: 7 October 2008. La Madelaine.  
Closed: 9:05pm Moved: Pauline Jaroszewicz, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Charlotte Stotts.  
Minutes: August 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 (Doreen Cutts):

1. Scholarship Application:
  - one thing missing on the DDC Scholarship application was the amount of scholarship requested. Need to add this to the form in addition to an approved/not approved "Office Use Only" section.  
*ACTION: Barbara Clarke to take soft copy and draft based on revisions/clarifications requested and send to rest of DDC Board for review.*
2. Educational Festival:
  - Festival to be held day after DDC Schooling Show Championships, Sun 7 December 2008.
  - Basic format is three clinicians running concurrently, lessons of 45 minutes duration starting at 8:00am.
  - Educational demonstrations related to horse care and rider education to be performed/held every thirty (30) minutes beginning at 9:00am.
  - Rider sign-up to be sent to Barbara Clarke. Registration form to be drafted (provided to B Clarke by C Lynch).
  - Closing date of 1 December. B Clarke to manage riders until 3 December and then? WHO?? assume duties for last minute additions.
  - Some demonstrations require a "demo horse". Board members suggest a (one) stall for weekend for any demo horse used during Educational Festival.  
*ACTION: Barbara Clarke to confirm with Michelann Tachibana that LCEC canteen/food vendor to remain open during Sunday Educational Festival.*  
*ACTION: Charlene Lynch to provide Barbara Clarke with an editable version of Schooling show Entry Form to use.*  
*ACTION: Barbara Clarke to draft Educational Festival Registration form. Form to include a "Demo Horse available Yes/No" box.*
3. USDF Convention:
  - in former years we have typically awarded scholarships/subsidized board members' costs on an ad-hoc basis. Barbara Lewis suggested we encourage as many people to go as possible however information is more applicable to recognized show committee members and other administrative members who participate in the running of shows and club functions.
  - Jennie Bohart suggested a \$500 allowance but can vary based on costs that year (for instance closer location might indicate lower travel costs) and also indicated that club would remunerate after event.
  - Jennie Bohart suggested restricting to prominent trainers, board members, committee members or other "super volunteers" where attending USDF convention would provide the member and the DDC with the greatest benefit.  
*ACTION: Barbara Clarke to draft a Regional/National Convention Subsidy Request form which will provide for the following Convention allowances: up to \$750 for National conventions, up to \$250 for regional conventions.*

**Vice President's Report (Jennie Bohart): See above.**

**Secretary's Report (Barbara Clarke):**

1. Region 9 Championships Basket: Southwest Theme. Budget of \$250.  
*ACTION: All board members to bring an item of Southwest theme to October meeting.*
2. USDF Convention Basket: American Airlines – Travel theme. Budget of \$250.  
*ACTION: Pauline to contact Kelly for AA stuff.*  
*ACTION: All board members to bring any travel related stuff to October and November board meeting.*  
*ACTION: Need a basket or other "travel tote" to compliment the "Travel" theme.*
3. Juniors Survey: Results provided to all for review. Generally, most responses are:
  - Quarterly events, half day duration, small group or semi private lessons, up to \$50 an event, weekends only, up to 1-2 hours away with "high level" instructors.*ACTION: Barbara Clarke to organize Juniors clinic similar to Educational Festival (tied to Feb Schooling Show at LCEC). Will try and get Meg Fleming and/or Bobbie Paulk as clinician(s).*  
*ACTION: Barbara Clarke to work with Charlene on securing judges and clinicians.*  
*ACTION: Barbara Clarke to craft an announcement, send to board for review, then finalize and send to Charlotte for newsletter & website publishing.*

**Treasurer Report (Barbara Lewis):**

1. Bank Balances as of 31/August/2008  
Vanguard: \$2,600.91 (31/Aug/08)  
Franklin: \$35, 943.00 (31/Aug/08)
2. Omnibus: A lot of discussion about the Region 9 Omnibus and cost savings measures taken. Regional Omnibus is no longer used by clubs as an official show program or official prizelist.
  - Frances Luse has agreed to provide three (3) ads for the DDC Recognized shows for 2009 show season.*ACTION: Need Show Committee meeting to finalized ad info before deadline. Deadline 19 September 2008.*
  - Region has decided to make Region 9 Omnibus available online or via flash drive (USB memory stick) and also hard copy. Promised an improvement in the design and print quality.
3. Yellow Rose and 2009 Show Season:
  - Yellow Rose is not a NAJYRC / Brentina Cup / Young Horse qualifier due to possible clerical error. Show Committee to review with USEF schedule.
  - Current Yellow Rose prizelist not accurate.
  - Michelann investigating with USEF. Need to have figured out for the Omnibus. Lemonade Daze 2009 is an "all" qualifier.
4. Spring Show I/II, Lemonade Daze, Yellow Rose: Show Secretary by Final Line, Julie & Lew Harkness for 2009.
  - Lemonade Daze to be two (2) one day shows.

**Membership Chair (Patti Porter): Nothing to report.**

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

**Schooling Show Chair (Charlene Lynch): Nothing to Report**

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

**Awards Chair (Pauline Jaroszewicz): Nothing to Report. All "okay"**

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

**Publications (Charlotte Stotts):**

1. Yellow Rose Program:
  - started work on the program. Would like to have a colour cover and am getting quotes.
  - theme and look to be similar to newsletter with clip-art of roses.
  - going to use ride-times as an insert only. Interior of program to list competitors*ACTION: Barbara Clarke to provide Educational Festival ad to Charlotte for Yellow Rose Show program.*  
*ACTION: Doreen Cutts/Patti Porter to send new membership database to Charlotte*

2. USDF Award Nomination: Charlotte has sent our March newsletter to USDF for consideration into annual club, website and newsletter awards.
3. Charlotte to look into Houston Dressage Society (HDS) website with links to USDF correspondence.

**Young Riders (Lisa Blackmon):** Nothing to Report

**General Business:** Nothing to Report