

Kansas City Dressage Society
Board of Directors Meeting
April 6, 2009

Janet Blauvelt called the meeting to order at 7 PM. She welcomed all present & thanked Nina Fricke for bringing refreshments. Present were the following, constituting a quorum:
Janet Blauvelt, Kathy Childs, Nina Fricke, Deb Gregoire, Aless & Jackie Hall,
Ganis Himes, Peggy Keller, Staci Meyer, Meghan Nichols, Kathy O'Brien,
Beth Springer, Maggie Stonecipher, Amy Stuhr, Margene Swarts,

Nina Fricke, Secretary, presented the March 2, 2008 board meeting minutes. Margene Swarts moved to approve the minutes, Beth Springer 2nd, motion passed.

Maggie Stonecipher presented the Treasurer's report for March.

Beginning balance	\$37,825
Receipts for March	24,483
Disbursements	25,534
Ending balance	36,774 (includes Endowment Fund of \$13,042)

Maggie moved to reimburse individuals who incurred extra hotel & stable fees (due to the bad weather) for the Instructor Certification Testing with a total not to exceed \$700. Margene Swarts 2nd, motion passed.

Standing Committee Reports –

Activities/Hospitality – Peggy Keller reported that she has arranged for food to be served at the May show on Saturday evening. The menu last year worked well & will be repeated. She will also have snacks & drinks for the volunteers at the show.

Education – Beth Springer. A scribe workshop will be held at Beth's house on April 22nd in the evening. Kathy Childs will be the instructor. All members interested in learning to scribe are invited. Dr. Randy Huenefeld will present a demonstration on chiropractic adjustments for horses at noon on Sat., May 2nd at the Longview show. An educational program will be presented before the June 1st meeting by Wilhite & Frees Equine Hospital. Beth plans to use sponsors for the educational programs when possible.

Membership – Aless Hall. Total members are 197. There are 5 honorary, 148 individuals, 34 Juniors, 10 families & 32 new members.

Committee Chair Reports –

Awards & Schooling Shows –Cindy Fletcher sent a report saying that the prizes & awards at the March show were well received. She will be ordering more ribbons.

Historian/Web Site – Meghan Nichols continues to update the website. There were 6500 hits in March.

Kids Symposium – Maggie Stonecipher/Peggy Keller. Four young riders enrolled for the symposium in the first week out of 10 available riding slots. Auditors are also welcome, both kids & adults.

Sport Horse/Topeka Chapter – Kathy Childs/Deb Gregoire. The Mid-America SportHorse Association will meet May 11th at Stoney Meadow, Potluck dinner at 6:30 followed by a program by Patrick Benson on basic groundwork for young horses. All

are welcome. The Topeka chapter will hostess a pot luck at Stoney Meadow for the July 6th KCDS meeting.

Directory – Aless Hall, Staci Meyer and Katie Beth DeSchepper The 2009 KCDS directory has been printed & mailed. Sponsors will receive a copy.

JR/YR – Nancy Gorton Report sent which shows 10 junior or young riders have declared they intend to qualify for the Region 4 teams, including 4 KCDS members fund raising ideas were discussed

Horse Show –Janet Blauvelt. A full report on the March show is published in the April newsletter. Class sponsorships for the May show are available for \$20 per class or \$50 for 3 classes. If interested, please email Deb Gregoire. Sponsors are recognized in the show program. Footing issues at Longview Horse Park were discussed. A motion to spend up to \$3000 to improve the footing at Longview before the May show was brought by the Horse Show Committee, 2nd not required. Passed. A request by Mill Creek Pony Club to have a cross-country schooling during the May KCDS show will be declined.

Unfinished Business

There are still a few unfilled board and committee positions. Contact Janet Blauvelt if you are interested in serving on the board.

Congratulations to the instructors who passed the USDF Instructor Certification Testing held at Harper Crossing on March 27-29th. The following instructors were certified at Training through 4th Level: Melissa Allen, Nicole Bellah & Susan Harris (from Kentucky). Laurie Hedlund was certified at Training through 2nd Level. Thanks to all the people who brought horses or were riders for the testing. Thank you also to Peggy Keller for providing snacks & lunches. A special thank you to Kindra Wilson for all her hard work in organizing the workshops, pre-testing & testing. Maggie Stonecipher moved that a gift of gratitude be sent to Kindra, 2nd by Nina Fricke, passed.

New Business

Kathy Childs reports there are 2 world cup tickets available for dressage & jumping – see the classified ad section.

Janet Blauvelt requested a change of venue for board meetings to the Livestock Exchange Building. Free space has been offered & she feels it is more centrally located. The new location will be used starting in August. Thanks to Stoney Meadow & Maggie Stonecipher who have graciously provided space for the meetings.

Calendar Reminders

May Extension Deadline –April 15 (Tax Day!)

Next Board Meeting May 4; 7:00; Stoney Meadows

May hostess – Cindy Fletcher

Aless Hall moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:50, Beth Springer 2nd, passed.

Submitted by Nina Fricke, Secretary.