

Kansas City Dressage Society
Board of Directors Meeting
December 7, 2009
Livestock Exchange Building, 2nd Floor Bank Space, Kansas City, MO

Present were the following, constituting a quorum: Janet Blauvelt (President), Carol Davis, Nina Fricke (Recording Secretary), Aless Hall, Dawn Kindt, Elise Mann, Wendy McGraw, Staci Meyer, Meghan Nichols, Kathy O'Brien, Beth Springer, Margene Swarts, Carla Urbanek, Sheila Weinrich, Kindra Wilson.

Janet Blauvelt called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and thanked the board for providing refreshments.

Nina Fricke presented the minutes from the November 2 Board Meeting. Kindra moved to approve the minutes, 2 seconded by Margene. Motion passed.

Maggie Stonecipher had submitted a Treasurer's report for November.

Beginning balance	\$39,037
Receipts for March	2,129
Disbursements	3,258
Ending balance	37,908

Year to date Profit & Loss information was available. The proposed budget for 2010 will be discussed at the January meeting.

Standing Committee Reports:

Education – Beth Springer

The Freestyle Clinic went well. Expenses were covered & there was a nice turnout of auditors. Nancy Gorton donated one day of facility fee for use of the arena. Thank you, Nancy. Several people have asked for another clinic with Beth Hall. Arlene Rigdon has offered to donate the use of her facility and will provide room & board to Beth Hall if she were to return. The board recognized this very generous offer. Beth will look into dates with Beth Hall who had indicated fall was the best time for her schedule.

The video night with Rebecca Rigdon had a nice turnout. Rebecca showed a videotape of many of the very nice horses being schooled at Stefan Peter's facility, including Ravel. She discussed a typical day's work at the farm. The potluck dinner was enjoyed by all.

Plans for the "L" program for 2010 continue to be finalized with USDF.

Membership –Aless Hall reported that 75 members have renewed or joined for 2010 so far.

Committee Chair Reports:

Awards – Cindy Fletcher not present. Wendy reported that Cindy, Maggie Stonecipher & she had met to review the perpetual awards. 2 have been retired. There was discussion about what to do with them. The rest have been sent to be engraved and will be ready for the awards banquet. The rest of the awards are in order for the banquet. Invitations have been sent to all recipients.

Historian/Web Site – Meghan Nichols reported that she is assembling a slide show for the banquet. Any pictures should be sent to her by Wednesday.

Sport Horse/Topeka Chapter – Kathy Childs / Deb Gregoire No report.

JR/YR – Nancy Gorton No report.

Horse Show –Katie Beth DeSchepper was ill, but Sheila reported that the Horse Show Committee had met. The footing at Longview appears to be in good condition & repairs do not seem necessary. Discussion on costs to complete the 3rd judge's box at Longview will be presented at the January meeting.

2011 Symposium Dawn Kindt reports that dates for major competitions will be checked so that the Symposium does not conflict. The best time is likely to be summer.

Unfinished Business:

Annual Dinner Carol Davis reports that there are 54 reservations with a few more expected. There are many nice articles for the silent auction as well as door prizes.

2010 Board and committee openings Janet reports the following openings: Hospitality, Activities, Topeka Chapter & Historian. Addresses & emails for next year's board were available so corrections could be made.

New Business:

KCDS participation in Equifest – Equifest will be held in Wichita in February. There was discussion about sharing a booth with another horse organization or ways to have KCDS information available. Sheila Weinrich offered to take literature & the KCDS banner to display at the stalls for the Friesen horse group. Thank you, Sheila.

Janet attended the USDF Convention as the KCDS voting delegate. There will be a full report in the Extension. She reports that George Williams was elected President & Lloyd Landkamer was elected the Region IV director. The proposed USDF budget for 2010 calls for a dues increase next December.

It was reported that Amy Larson suffered a bad accident in early November. The board sent flowers to her. She will be able to resume teaching in the near future.

Carla Urbanek suggested that KCDS should consider a Benevolent Fund to have money available for members who might need assistance, such as for high medical expenses after an accident. Discussion will be held at a future meeting.

Kindra Wilson, chair of the Nominating Committee, reported that she will be unable to attend the rescheduled annual meeting. Carol will present the slate of officers for her.

Calendar Reminders:

Annual Banquet – December 13, Piropos, Parkville, MO

January Extension Deadline – December 15

Biography – Maggie

Article – Beth

Next Board Meeting – January 4, 2010; 7:00p; Livestock Exchange Building, 2nd Floor

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. by Kindra, seconded by Aless. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nina Fricke