

**Kansas City Dressage Society
Board Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2009
Stoney Meadow Farm, Bonner Springs, KS**

Present: Carol Davis, Meg Hawthorne, Aless Hall, Julie McCrady, Cindy Fletcher, Beth Springer, Deb Gregoire, Meghan Nichols, Radie & Peggy Keller, Katie Beth DeSchepper, Janet Blauvelt, Margene Swarts, Maggie Stonecipher, Karin Glynn, Linda Frey, Kathy Childs, Kindra Wilson, Nina Fricke

1. Janet Blauvelt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and thanked Katie Beth DeSchepper for providing refreshments. Introductions were made.
2. Aless Hall moved to approve the Dec. 1, 2008 minutes. Carol Davis seconded. Approved.
3. Maggie Stonecipher presented the treasurer's report.

a. Operating Fund	
i. Beginning balance	\$21,935
ii. Receipts for month	+7,081
iii. Disbursements for month	<u>-7,966</u>
iv. Ending balance	\$21,050
b. Endowment fund principal	\$11,000

4. Standing Committee Reports –
 - a. Activities/Hospitality – See unfinished business.
 - b. Education – Beth Springer presented a draft of ideas for educational programs for the next 2 years. Goals for 2009 are a quarterly program and CPR certification. Ideas for programs were discussed including Pilates, sports psychology, horse psychology, farrier clinic, freestyle, footing, fashion trends, horse buying 101, preparation for the L program, MASA breeding program. She would like to see a library established for DVDs & videos.
 - c. Instructor's Certification Program update–Kindra Wilson No report.
 - d. Membership – Nina Fricke reported the following # of 2009 members: Total members 119, 4 new members, 115 renewals. Includes 11 family memberships, 101 individuals, 18 Juniors. Carol Davis moved that the following be made honorary members: Arlene Rigdon, Linda Landers, Lloyd Landkamer, Mary Ellen Purucker & Allen Speck. 2nd by Margene Swarts. Passed. Aless Hall is the new membership chair.
 - e. Finance committee: report attached indicated that the 2008 committee will complete the annual review of a year-end financial statement.
5. Committee Chair Reports – 2009 plans
 - a. Awards & Schooling Shows –Cindy Fletcher
Trophies are being engraved & prizes are ready for the Jan. 25th awards presentation.
 - b. Historian/Web Site – Meghan Nichols
The website has been updated. 2009 show information has been added. Schooling show dates will be added.

- c. **Horse Show –Janet Blauvelt –
March show details were discussed.**
 - d. **Extension Newsletter – Staci Meyer
The newsletter is being sent electronically. The goal is to have it out before the board meeting. Jan. 15th is the deadline for the February newsletter.**
 - e. **Sponsorships – Katie Beth DeSchepper
A letter & information on sponsorships & ads has been mailed.**
 - f. **Sport Horse/Topeka Chapter – Kathy Childs
The Topeka chapter will now meet every other month. Sport Horse news: A breed show qualifier & finals will be sponsored by Mid-American SportHorse Association in August at White Fox Manor, Olathe, KS. MASA will participate in the Friday evening snack dinner at the March show. There will be a trip March 6 & 7 for the stallion testing in OK. Jan. 31st is the next meeting at the Young Horse Clinic.**
- 6. Unfinished Business**
- a. **Report/Convention – Janet Blauvelt and Katie Beth DeSchepper reported on the USDF Convention that they attended as KCDS representatives. A report will also be printed in the Extension. Katie Beth reported on the discussions of performance standards, new USEF rider tests, judging standards & other items. 2009 has been declared the Year of the Rider.**
 - b. **Auction/Awards Banquet plans. 26 reservations have been received, reminders were sent out. Volunteers are needed, contact Peggy Keller. Carol Davis is in charge of the auction. Contact her for donations.**
- 7. New Business**
- a. **Unfilled board and committee positions
Maggie Stonecipher moved that committee chairs be approved as presented. Deb Gregoire 2nd. Passed.**
 - b. **A thank you note was received on behalf of the Junior/Young Riders who went to the Championships in appreciation of KCDS support.**
- 8. Calendar Reminders**
- a. **Newsletter Deadline – January 15**
 - b. **Next Board Meeting February 2nd, Stoney Meadow**
 - c. **February hostess – Cindy Fletcher (need volunteer for March)**
- 9. Maggie Stonecipher moved that we adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Carol Davis 2nd. Passed.**