

Kansas City Dressage Society  
Board of Directors Meeting - July 6, 2009  
Stoney Meadow Farm, Bonner Springs, Kansas

Present were the following, constituting a quorum: Janet Blauvelt (President), Melissa Allen, Ann Borel, Kathy Childs, Nina Fricke, Aless Hall, Ganis Himes, Sherry Kay, Peggy and Radie Keller, Meghan Nichols, Kathy O'Brien, Lori Shelton, Maggie Stonecipher, Amy Stuhr, Margene Swarts, Carla Urbanek & Kindra Wilson.

Janet Blauvelt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and thanked the Topeka Chapter for hosting the dinner before the meeting. The brisket, homemade rolls & other food were delicious!

Margene Swarts moved to approve the minutes from June, Kindra Wilson seconded. Motion passed.

Maggie Stonecipher presented the Treasurer's report for June.

Beginning balance	\$41,753
Receipts for March	1,902
Disbursements	2,664
Ending balance	40,991 (includes Endowment Fund of \$13,236)

Standing Committee Reports –

Activities/Hospitality – need volunteer to replace Peggy Keller

Education – Beth Springer. No report

Membership –Aless Hall. There are 209 members with 159 Individuals, 35 Juniors & 5 Honorary members. Discussion included contacting previous members who had not renewed to see what the reasons might be. Anyone interested in helping Aless make calls should contact her. There was a request for an article on what a KCDS membership entails & consideration of a "social membership" to allow people interested in KCDS to join at a reduced price (would not include USDF membership).

Committee Chair Reports –

Awards & Schooling Shows –Cindy Fletcher/Katie Beth Deschepper. No report. There was discussion of dropping the championship classes for the October schooling show in 2010.

Historian/Web Site – Meghan Nichols reports there were 25,000 hits on the website so far this year & about 3500 per month.

Kids Symposium – Maggie Stonecipher/Peggy Keller. The Young Rider Camp went very well. Thank you to Peggy Keller & Carol Davis for acting as chaperones. Also to Peggy for providing great food & Matt Keller for making a pizza run. A big thanks to Maggie Stonecipher for allowing the use of her facility.

Sport Horse/Topeka Chapter – Kathy Childs/Deb Gregoire. There will be a meeting of the Mid-America SportHorse Association on July 13. They are sponsoring the GAIG/USDF Breeders' Championship Series Mid-States Qualifying & Finals show on Aug. 29 at White Fox Manor in Olathe, KS. All are welcome. Thanks again to the Topeka Chapter for the brisket & homemade rolls.

JR/YR – Nancy Gorton. The minimum score to qualify was 62%. Emily Wagner, Kristina & Hans qualified, along with 1 Junior.

Horse Show –Janet Blauvelt/Katie Beth DeSchepper. Katie Beth will manage the October show, John Fricke will be show secretary, Aless Hall will coordinate volunteers & Peggy Keller will do hospitality. Felice Rose will be one of the judges. Suggestions for another judge were discussed. Amy Stuhr asked that KCDS consider making future October shows recognized.

KCDS will pick the judges for next year (Lloyd Landkamer had been taking care of this). Any suggestions from members are welcome. A list of possible judges was reviewed & Janet will start contacting them. Deb Gregoire suggested moving the May show to Hale. Concerns were raised about the cost, as Longview is a much less expensive site. There was also discussion about the problems with footing at Hale.

Meghan reported on the results of voting for a charity for the Saturday evening musical freestyle program at the 2010 March show. 62% for Children's Mercy Hospital, 23% for Heartlands Therapeutic Riding Program, 12% for Dance for the Cure, 4% other. Deanna Stockman will be in charge of this. Peggy suggested the donation to Children's Mercy be made to a particular program.

#### Unfinished Business:

Unfilled board and committee positions - any suggestions welcome, contact Janet

Committee to plan Annual Dinner - anyone who would be interested in working on the Dinner & Awards Program should contact Janet.

Janet reported that the annual registration with the state for the KCDS Charter has been taken care of.

#### New Business:

There was considerable discussion of a Clinic or Symposium in 2010 or 2011 with a big name dressage rider. Robert Dover presents such a program, which is geared for spectators. Discussion also centered on whether it should be a Symposium versus someone teaching lessons which auditors could watch. It was generally agreed that such an event needed sufficient time to plan all the details & should be done in 2011. There will need to be a group to plan it. The following were suggested: Amy Stuhr, Margene Swarts, Maggie Stonecipher, and Beth Springer. Anyone interested should contact Amy or Margene.

Terri Becker reported that Sarah Geike & Vickie O'Neal have agreed to be instructors for the next Adult Camp. She asked for suggestions for other possible instructors.

USDF gives an annual award for Volunteer of the Year. Janet has been contacted for suggestions from Region 4. Both Peggy Keller & Maggie Stonecipher were suggested. USDF also gives an award for the Junior exhibiting Good Sportsmanship. Any suggestions for either award may be sent to Janet.

#### Calendar Reminders

August Extension Deadline – July 15

Next Board Meeting – August 3; 7:00 at the LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE BUILDING, Kansas City, MO. August host is Janet Blauvelt

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 was made by Margene Swarts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melissa Allen. Passed.