

**Kansas City Dressage Society
Board of Directors Meeting
September 13, 2010
Stoney Meadows Farm**

1. Call to Order
 - a. At 7:02pm, Janet Blauvelt called the meeting to order. In attendance were Janet Blauvelt, Elise Mann, Aless Hall, Dawn Kindt, Carol Davis, Wendy McGraw, Amy Stuhr, Beth Springer, Megan Nichols, Linda Landers, Kathy O'Brien, Margene Schwarts, Becki Dick, Carol Krska
 - b. Thanks to Aless Hall for refreshments.

2. Janet Blauvelt asked for a motion to approve the minutes for August 2, 2010 meeting of the board. Motion made by Carol Davis to approve the minutes. Aless Hall seconded. Motion passed.

3. Treasurer's Report- Received checks for the "L" Program.

4. Standing Committee Reports-
 - a. Education- "L" Program starts November 13-14. Unlike last time there are 30 spots open rather than 10. There is unlimited auditing. If you are a KCDS member you get a discount on auditing. There will be a small fee for lunch. Demo riders will not be charged an auditing fee the day they ride and their lunch will be provided. November 20 is the Freestyle Clinic. Arlene Rigdon is providing Freedom Hill for our facility. Emily Wagner is looking to do a presentation on her time in Germany. Saddle and Sirloin has offered up their facility for this. February might be a good time to have this event.
 - b. Membership- New membership application and an information packet. Might consider attaching an Awards form with the KCDS Membership Application. It would be nice to make the Membership Application available to all the local barns. If we had a pre-filled out

form for everyone and all they have to do is send a payment then people may be more likely to sign up and sign up in a timely fashion. Once again: No retroactive signing up for awards. Might need to show how USDF benefits our club. On the logo embroidered items we need to know the logo and the items and the quantity before we order. Family 15, Honorary 5, Individual 123, Junior 30, Total 173.

- c. Communications- Nothing to report
- d. By-Laws- Nothing to report
- e. Finance- Nothing to report

5. Committee Chair Reports-

- a. Awards- All set for the October Schooling Show.
- b. Web Site- Nothing to Report
- c. Sport Horse- Nothing to Report
- d. Jr/YR- Combined YR team with Region 8. Jr team was combined with Region 3. Both regions were very helpful to us. Both teams medaled. Great learning experience. Qualifying shows for next year have been posted. Jan Ebling will be doing a Jr/YR clinic this winter.
- e. Horse Show- Objective budget for the October Schooling Show is slated to have a \$900+ profit. Looking for volunteers.
- f. Longview Horse Park- Nothing to report
- g. 2011 Symposium- Hale Arena gave our date away. If we moved our date to October we could have our pick of clinicians. We will check on the availability of the St. Louis Equestrian Center and William Woods.
- h. Sponsorships- Nothing to report
- i. Nominating Committee- Have a really good slate. President: Kathy O'Brien, Vice President: Julie McCrady, Recording Secretary: Martha Nowak, Corresponding Secretary: Terry Becker, Treasurer:

Aless Hall, Member-at-large: Janet Blauvelt, Member-at-large: Patty Hough. Thank you to the Nominating Committee: Margene Swarts, Pernille Andree, Julie McCrady, Martha Nowak, and Carol Davis.

- j. Annual Meeting- Need to finalize a date. Most likely Saturday January 29. Working with a party planner to make this a really special event.

6. Unfinished Business-

- a. Volunteer Chairperson- Work in Progress
- b. KCDS Brochure and Apparel- Work in Progress
- c. *Extension* Editor- Work in Progress
- d. USDF Delegate- update- Maggie Stonecipher volunteered to go since we did not have another nominee. Normally the incumbent President would go, but we need to check on this. Carol Davis made a motion that we support a delegate of either Aless Hall or Kathy O'Brien to the USDF National Convention. Seconded by Becki Dick. Motion Passed.

7. New Business

- a. 2011 Planning- Suggestions for membership growth: Create some kind of incentives, Breakdown on what we charge for annual dues, KCDS needs to reach out to other equestrian groups, Work on the design of the new logo(prefer to have it by December), Would like to have profiles and pictures for the Newsletter, Might be a good idea to have a member profile (a set of questions), A News You Can Use column (Helpful Hints) as incentive we are thinking about having a \$5 coupon for whoever gets picked, Include profiles on local instructors (a set of questions and members only). Aless Hall made a motion for Kathy O'Brien to follow up on these ideas. Wendy McGraw seconded. Motion passed.

Want to have a contest for the cover of the directory. Will have a prize. Might be an embroidered KCDS product. Big concern is KCDS financial health. Need detailed budgets for all KCDS events. Might need a new location for board meetings.

b. October and November meetings- Aless Hall will be chairing the October and November meetings.

8. Calendar Reminders-

a. October Extension Deadline- September 15 **Article- Linda Landers; Bio- TBD**

b. Next Board Meeting- October 4, 2010 at 7pm; Stoney Meadows

c. October host- Meghan Nichols

Meeting adjourned at 9:17pm. Motion made by Carol Davis. Seconded by Aless Hall. Motion passed.