



LOUISVILLE DRESSAGE SOCIETY

LDS Minutes 17 Mar 2018

Present:

Megan E Carr, Carol Fairman, Laura Corsentino, Wes Fairman, Kristen Young Allison Deaton, Cathie Fergus-Watson, Sue Strack

The Meeting was called to order at 1:19. Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted pending a minor grammar correction to change “firsted motion” to “made motion”.

Megan ran the meeting as president. Group discussed whether to back fill the VP position or leave it open (either is acceptable per our bylaws). An email was to be sent out to the membership asking for a volunteer. Wes was willing to accept the role if no other member stepped forward. Because it was thought that the change in president had to be voted on by the general membership, the board did not formally vote Megan in as president. *Since the meeting Kristen has agreed to resume the role of president.*

Discussed the need for committees to make decisions and then have the board simply vote up or down on them. Suggestion was to put the list of committee positions in writing so it would be visible to members to volunteer for.

Current membership is 51 (53 last year). Need to pay GMO fees to USDF.

Treasurer (Laura)

Balance as of 31 Dec 2017 = \$6,442.30

Balance as of 17 Mar 2018 = \$11,472.39 with approximately \$3700 outstanding

LDS accounts are now on Quick Books on-line. Books for 2017 were 98% balanced and all expenses categorized. 5 transactions will have to be researched by Stockyards Bank (for a fee) due to the lack of documentation. Full treasurer report will be available at the next meeting. Once outstanding and expected 2018 fees are paid the organization balance will be approximately \$6500. This is a good cushion for clinic costs. Due to the 2017 expenses being less than \$50k, tax filing will be a simple online form due by mid-May.

2017 Income = \$32,899

2017 Expenses = \$28,131

2017 Net \$ 4,767

Wes will look into seeing if we can use QuickBooks to pay via the web site instead of Square due to the lack of documentation on the Square transactions.

Communications (Wes)

Newsletter went out last week. Budget for 2018 is \$228 for the web site and would like \$250 to buy photos to get away from using stock photos on the website.

Clinics (Kristen)

Judges Continuing Education event was a success. It was overbooked and ran well despite some weather related issues. Net earnings \$750 to LDS.

Want to add Director and Officer fees to the insurance. This requires bank statement and 2017 profit and loss statement. The board to confirm purchase of additional insurance once we get an estimate. Kristen and Cathy will continue to organize and run the clinics. In order for Kristen to be effective she needs:

- Admin privileges to LDS Facebook so she can quickly advertise clinic spaces
- Agreement that all new clinics must go through the board and be spaced at least 3 weeks apart.

Board agreed to add no more clinics this year due to manpower limitations.

Education (Cathie)

Would like to have video available for clinics. Suggestion is that LDS buy a camera and riders' support team or LDS volunteers operate the camera. Cathie to research options and bring information to next board meeting.

Fund Raising

Leggings fund raiser – LDS promotes the link and then LDS gets a commission from website (~35%).

There are no paypal fees and 501c(3)'s get an additional 5%.

Last shoutout from Face book reached 2200 people.

Sue to research Triple Crown proof of purchase rebate (have ~50 labels worth \$0.35/each). Will discuss at next board meeting.

Year End Awards

No report

New Business

- Kristen stated importance of each person to speak and work as a team
- Agreed to post board meeting schedule on the web site and Facebook with email notice to members
- Since Contact Us was not intuitive for everyone to find the minutes, agreed to change website header to "About Us".

On Line Meeting Minutes

Mar 19 2018

Sue proposed that all on-line discussion be held open for a minimum of 24 hour with a closing summary that is then documented in Board minutes. General agreement followed

Mar 19 - 23 2018

Kristen agreed to remain on as LDS President and continue to organize clinics. After a board vote, Kristen is reinstated as LDS President. The board thanks Megan for stepping forward during the confusion.

Mar 27 – 30, 2018

Sponsorship form was reviewed. Cathie motioned that the board accept the form. Jeri seconded the motion. The board approved the form with the modification that the sponsors name would remain on the web site for 2 years by a vote of 6 “Ayes”. It was understood that a sponsorship chair would be added the board to manage sponsorships.

Apr 16 – 18, 2018

Board discussed the refund for people who dropped out of the Bitting clinic. Vote was 4 to 3 to provide a 50% refund to the riders. Refund policy to be debated in more detail at next board meeting.