

## **WDCTA Southwest Chapter Meeting Minutes**

Regular Business Meeting

Judd's Green Meadows Farm, Belleville

Nearly 30 members and non-members attended the presentation on dressage protocol, ably presented by trainer and L judge candidate, Kate Van Sicklen, with three volunteer demo riders and dressage fashion models: Sue Racine, Birgit Bach and Holly Beach. Kate covered the rules and guidelines for dressage competitions. Then the three riders rode tests, and at the end, the attendees were supposed to figure out which two of the three could be eliminated from a recognized competition based on dress. The answer: Holly would be eliminated because riding at the FEI level, she needs to wear spurs; Birgit would be eliminated because she had a seat cover on her saddle. Thanks to Kate, Sue, Birgit and Holly for the information and taking the time to not only braid your horses, but to dig out the show clothes.

### **Date: April 13, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by president, Donna Thomas.

### **Attendees:**

Becky Bebbler-Wells, Ruth Crennell, Pam Doolittle, Sue Genin, Mary Hanneman, Bobbie McDonald, Megan McIsaac, Andrea Mitchell, Sue Moran, Stephanie Severn, Chet Thomas, Donna Thomas (president), Kate Van Sicklen, Caryn Vesperman (secretary).

### **Secretary's Report:**

Pam made a motion and Becky seconded to approve March minutes. Passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Donna distributed an income statement with detailed info including cash receipt and cash disbursements. As of April 12, 2010, the SW Chapter has \$23,772.08 (Checking - \$894.30; money market - \$17,852.71; savings/membership - \$10.00; 12-month CD - \$2,507.44 and 24-month CD - \$2,507.63).

### **Old Business:**

**Gerd Zuther Sporthorse Clinic:** Caryn and Mary reported that all horse participation slots are filled, with two alternates on stand-by. Caryn went through a volunteer committee checklist. Please sign up to help on an area you are interested in:

Horse/Participant Registration: Mary Hanneman

Food: Becky Bebbler-Wells, Sue Genin

University Credits: Stephanie Severn

Publicity, Program and Inspection Forms: Caryn Vesperman

Vendor: Becky Bebbler-Wells

Facility: Kate Van Sicklen, Rita Pultz

**Janet Foy Clinic:** Mary reported that the April clinic is full. Opening date for June clinic is May 14.

**Janet Foy Oct. 16 Behind the Scenes @ WEG:** Mary explained the options she checked out for the evening in terms of Quality Inn & Suites food and room costs. She prepared a budget including expenses (approximately \$400) and presented attendance options. Becky made a motion and Chet seconded to go with option D: WDCTA-SW Chapter members attend for free; other WDCTA members and non-members attend for \$10/each.

**Policies, chapter D&O insurance, instructor certification program updates:** Donna reported that policies manual and insurance quote are still being worked on, and the instructor program may become a state-sponsored versus only the SW Chapter – and there was interest to do the entire program. Stay tuned for more information.

**L judge program:** Pam reported that two sections left of the L program to be held in May and August. There was a special request from one of the participants for a payment extension from June 1 to June 30 for the final exam. Becky made a motion and Ruth seconded to allow this. Passed with two abstentions.

**WDCTA State Board Meeting:** Pam gave a report on the April 10 state board meeting. She mentioned that the state board had voted to switch WDCTA's membership year to be Dec. 1 to Nov. 30 matching up with USDF which will help with membership reporting as well as members receiving their yearbooks by renewing earlier (versus forgetting to renew and then not receive it). Also, at this point WDCTA has 141 members.

**Maryal Barnett Clinics:** Becky made a motion and Chet seconded to host two Maryal Barnett Clinics at Pam Doolittle's facility on July 3-4 and Dec. 18-19. Pam will handle the organization, including developing the registration form. Passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

**2010 Annual Meeting and Possible Symposium:** Discussed at the state board meeting was the annual meeting. Southwest Chapter most likely will be the main organizer with Kettle Moraine, UP and other chapters helping. Ideas were brainstormed on what we could do in addition to the annual meeting and awards banquet in terms of a symposium. Members were encouraged to bring ideas to the next chapter meeting.

**Announcements:**

Megan Mclsaac wanted to clarify that she did not run for the vice president or any office associated with NEWDA, that it was an error in that group's southern group's minutes.

**The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.**

**Submitted by Caryn Vesperman, SW Chapter secretary**