

Maine Dressage Society minutes to meeting

Tuesday, September 28, 2010 6:30 PM

CMDA; Cheryl Peaslee Carol Poulin-Taylor Elizabeth Owens

EMDA; Tammi Brown Becky Clark Bryn Walsh

NMDA; Michelle Zambrans Paula Foote

SMDA; Gretchen Shantar Elena Raymond

WMDEA; Beth Brainerd Laura Brainerd Gail Rein

I. Call To Order

II. Secretary's Report – Cheryl Peaslee

Minutes from April 2010 meeting were discussed and a motion by Becky Reed, seconded by Beth Brainerd. Vote all in favor.

III. Treasurer's Report – Tammi Brown read report see attached sheet. She did an up to date report, with the end of year in the next year, she could not have a year to date report.

Gretchen went over the L program budget, the program ended with 28 participants'. The program turned a profit at the end. She is placing a plaque at Pineland as a thank you.

Beth would like all horse Registration forms before Jul. If they come in after it makes it hard on her to get the paper work done. Motion by Michelle Zambrans was 2nd by Elizabeth Owens. Vote all in favor.

Bryn talked about the new membership form. This helps all clubs have same dates and information for members should be easier to understand. Beth asked to have the due date put in the form and stress that MDS needs to send into USDF by November, we need as many renewal members to submit early. Dead line set by October 5th to have all forms corrected and back to Bryn so we can get it on the web site.

IV. Membership Report – Tammi Brown

A) Membership cost increase for USDF is \$10.00 from \$8.00. MDS dues are not going up this year, the Board will revisit cost for next year at the January meeting.

B) Board member list. Is Bobby Murray still a member at large? Yes but needs to have his e-mail & phone number changed as he left Pineland and the info we have is not the same. Any other club who has someone who wants to be on the Board as a member at large let Bryn know.

EMDA has a new rep Val Philpot. SMDA has a replacement also Elena Raymond, she is replacing Susan Pendleton.

V. Committee Reports

A) Newsletter I'm waiting for membership forms and would love more articles. Elena Raymond has one for me and will be e-mailing it to me.

B) Website – Bryn Walsh, has look into a host change, but staying with the same host because of it would cost more to change. She would like pictures to add, so anyone having any, please forward to her and she will update the site.

C) Omnibus – Becky Clark had two or three estimates of fees for setting up the omnibus. Gretchen Shantar had a quote from “Tebo Designs” Becky Clark is willing to do the formatting. The Board questioned if we should buy a Quirk Program to format the Omnibus for her.

Bryn Walsh wants to contact all the advertisers that are already in the Omnibus, and not add any more for this year. Then find a MDS member to collect adds for next year. Discussion on the best way to do it for this year followed. We will have more pages with the EFI test included in the 2011 book. We can send our show list in word program and the editor of “Tebo Design” will convert it to the files to Quirk. Ads need to be in PDF file and we will set the ad sizes. Becky Walsh would like Judy to do the set up. Printing cost is about same as Staples. Elizabeth Owens wanted to know if next year the set up might be less? To pursue doing the Omnibus Becky Clark will oversee the show list and coordinate getting the info to the “Tebo Design” editor. All information for the 2011 Omnibus must be into Becky by Nov 15th, 2010. This is the dead line! Motion by Becky Clark and 2nd by Beth Brainerd.

D) JR/YR- Sponsorship- Beth Brainerd had a copy of the Jr. Riders scholarship form. See attached form. Discussion followed with after the scholarship has been awarded, who the check should be make out to. The person receiving the check, or the clinic they are in. We decided the person.

When should they submit the form? X number of weeks before clinic or event. Discussion

was to have 3 dates to submit to the committee. Spring date February 15th then May 15th with the last date of August 15th. A small committee of 3 to 5 members from the Board will review the applications. We will need person(s) from clubs to be on committee. We also discussed to limit on the length of essay. 1000 words max. The recipients must volunteer after the event or before the event. We have not committed to a dollar amount. Beth will be bringing a final draft to the next Board meeting in January.

E) Banquet – Beth Brainerd is all good to go. We have members who are attending the World Equestrian Games they may like to do a presentation at the banquet.

F) Public Relations; Bryn Walsh was asked by the trade show in that is held in February to get pictures, as they want to show case dressage, as we are one of the biggest clubs in the state, Bryn needs help, they want a video or picture of shows Michelle Zambrans said she will send what she has. If anyone else has anything please forward it to Bryn.

VI. New Business

A) Board members- revisit, recruit; Bryn Walsh suggested having free membership to MDS if you volunteer to be on the Board for a year. Members would have to attend a full years worth of meetings at end of year they will be receive \$25 for next year membership cost. The Board year is to start at the January 2011 meeting and ends at January 2012 meeting. Motion Gretchen Shantar Elizabeth Owens 2nd Vote All in favor.

B) Part II L program; USDF begging to have Part II of the L Judge Program. The riding/ judging can be done at the NEDA spring show, May UNH, June UNH, or Oct UNH. MDS would have to help with the organizing. Need an Organized person. Cost is 14,000 to run the part two. If we used \$5,000 from the part one it would cost about 1,000 per person to make part II happen. Gretchen Shantar will organize the Program. Thank you Gretchen.

E) USDF Convention; Club donation to be sent to Bryn Walsh for baskets. If donations do not come in from clubs by mid November, MDS will allow \$100 for Bryn to purchase items for the basket. Motion by Carol Poulin-Taylor & Michelle Zambrans 2nd

VIII. Next Meetings; Proposed: Sunday, January 30, 2011 @10 am, at the Senator Inn in Augusta

Adjourn; Motion By Becky Clark & 2nd Carol Poulin-Taylor