

Maine Dressage Society Agenda  
Tuesday, September 22, 2009

I. Call To Order by president Carol Poulin-Taylor at 6:30 pm

Members present were Carol Poulin-Taylor, Elizabeth Owens, Cheryl Peaslee, Bobby Murray, Nikki Karlson, Gretchen Shantar, Jane Tremlett, Wendy Brunson, Laurie Lee, Michelle Zambrans, Sandy Welch, Pat Martin, Becky Clark, Tammi Brown, Beth Brainerd, Laura Brainerd

II. Secretary's Report – Cheryl Peaslee

Minutes from April 28, 2009 meeting were presented. Elizabeth Owens motion to except as written Laurie Lee 2<sup>nd</sup> Vote was unanimous.

II. Treasurer's Report – Sandy Welsh read her report checking account balance is \$7347.89. The American Funds balance is \$10235.59. A hard copy was given to the secretary. Sandy has some deposits that she cannot account for. She is going to check with Stephanie Hatcher to see if it came from the Omnibus. She also requested that the new treasurer do all of the deposits to save the tracking and what account it goes into. We need to match USEF reporting times.

III. Membership Report- MDS membership has gone up over last year. With a total of 115 new members over 2008. EMDA had the most new members. Motion was made to except by Laurie Lee. Becky Clark 2<sup>nd</sup> vote unanimous.

V. Committee Reports

A) Newsletter – Cheryl Peaslee All is going well. Need news by dead line.

B) Website – Bryn Walsh was not present to give report.

C) Omnibus – Stephanie Hatcher was not present, so Wendy Brunson gave us an update and had a deadline sheet and Advertisers form for us. Laurie questioned about past advertisers. She has the list and will be contacting them. Alana Raymond would like to help with the omnibus. She does proof reading. FEI test, we will be paying from them and they will be in the omnibus.

D) Education

- Jan Ebeling Symposium Nikki was here to answer question and she has riders and most are riding both days. The MDS web site needs to have a link to make finding the clinic easier. Nikki is getting calls from riders. The auditor forms are going to Becky Clark. She has 3 at this time. The forms are in the news letter. Is NEDA advertizing the clinic? They could e-mail their group and put an endorsement on their site.

E) JR/YR Taylor Newton is looking for sponsorship to go to the Jr/Yr rider event. How do we handle this?

- Sponsorship for championships we may need to do an application process. We should look at a setting an amount. We might do a matching fund. They should do a fund raiser then come back to the club for a matching fund and be willing to do something for the MDS club, such as speaking at our annual banquet, writing a news article for the news letter. We may want to set a committee do look into how to make this work. Chair-people are Pat Martin- Beth Brainerd. They need to come back to the January meeting with an outline. They can choose other members to help them.

F) Awards – Beth Brainerd she has 3 sets of scores to date. She is hoping that the girls from WMDEA who attended “ Dressage for kids” will speak to us at the banquet. Loot is always welcome. Dover Saddlery is going to be contacted to see if they will donate gift certificates. Becky Clark will also help contact sponsors.

G) Banquet – Beth Brainerd date and time is all set.

#### H) Bylaws Review – Carol Poulin-Taylor

- Vote by e-mail on special issues. The vote was unanimous to make the change from just mail to e-mail.
- Chapter Members annual affiliation fee to MDS? Was \$10.00 fee is in the by-laws. Do the members want to change this? We will have to put it in the news letter before we can make this change to let members give the Board feedback. No change was made at this time.

#### VI. Old Business

A) MDS Banner. The feeling of the membership was to keep it simple. Laurie Lee made some suggestions, as CMDA Banner was made at Copies Ect. She is willing to have one made up at Copies Ect. Laurie Lee was given the job to get the banner done as long as she stays within the budget set at the last meeting.

#### VII. New Business.

A)“L” Judges Program Bobby has people in State and out of State that are very interested in doing the “L’ program. He has contacted USEF and has a lot of info on how to make the program happen. Neda will be willing to pick up part 2 of the program next year. We are only doing part 1. We have done this in the past. Who will do the organization? Bobby wants this to happen and thinks He can do a lot of the leg work. He needs our help, they have the space at pinelands and it is warm with the space and classrooms. They also can handle a lot of auditors, it is a wonderful opportunity to learn at a low cost experience. Beth Brainerd made a motion to sponsor the “L’ judge clinic Becky Clark 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor. No date is set yet. We need a committee. Gretchen Shantar is on the committee. Needs to be approved by USDF before they can start advertizing. Anyone can help on this committee. Let Gretchen or Bobby know. The hope is that all clubs of MDS will have a person to help on this committee.

B) NMDA we welcome a reforming club and Michelle Zambrans gave us a little report on what is happening.

C) Elections: We need to form a committee to find new people to hold officers. We will have something in the next news letter.

Sandy is stepping down as treasurer. We Thanked her for the service she has done for our group. We then voted for Alternate at large (2) & Tammi Brown willing to hold this position Elizabeth Owens made a motion to vote for Bobby Murray & Tammi Brown as director at large Michelle Zambrans 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote unanimous.

Bryn Walsh is interested in President Motion Becky Clark. Vote unanimous

V. President Gretchen Shantar All in favor.

Treasurer. Tammi Brown All in favor

Secretary. Cheryl Peaslee All in favor.

#### VIII. Next Meetings

Proposed: Sunday, January 31st @ 10:00 AM @ the Senator Inn in Augusta

Proposed: Tuesday, April 20th @ 6:30 PM @ the Maine Farm Bureau in Augusta

8:00 pm we adjourn the meeting Motion Laurie Lee 2<sup>nd</sup> Elizabeth Owens all in favor