

Maine Dressage Society

April 19, 2011 Minutes

Members present

CMDA; Carol Poulin-Taylor, Elizabeth Owens, Cheryl Peaslee
EMDA; Tammi Brown, Rebecca Clark, Bryn Walsh
SMDA; Susan Pendleton, Jane Tremletts, Gretchen Shantar
NMDA; Paula Foote
WMDEA; Laura Brainerd, Beth Brainerd, Pat Martin
Call to Order by President Bryn Walsh at 6:40pm

Secretary's Report – Cheryl Peaslee

Minutes from Jan 2011 meeting were accept as written. Motion to accept by Gretchen, 2nd by Carol Poulin-Taylor. Vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report – Tammi Brown (see attached report) Checking balance is \$11682.39 and American Fund balance is \$10236.02.

A discussion followed; if clubs were reimbursing MDS for insurance cost of shows and clinics. Beth Brainerd will send out reminders to the club treasures and Tammi would like it if all clubs were clear about what they are paying for. Hopefully this will make it clearer in the future who has paid and for what. Motion by Laura Brainerd to accept the report as read, 2nd by Carol Poulin-Taylor vote was unanimous.

Membership Report – Tammi Brown (see attached report) We are down on members at the present, but it is still early.

Committee Reports

Bylaws (Beth, Carol, Cheryl, Bryn) Did not meet. Bryn please send Cheryl Peaslee a copy of the by-laws by e-mail. My hard drive crashed and I do not have a back up e-mail copy of it. Newsletter; Cheryl Peaslee is going to limit the number of forms when mailing the newsletter. I hope this will save some money on postage. Please send photo's of shows, events and clinics for the newsletter. June 1st is the next deadline.

Website; Bryn Walsh needs info from shows. Elena helped update the site. Board of directors is now on the web site. Do we want the by-laws and job descriptions on web site? This would save us from putting it in the Omnibus and help save money for printing fees. Motion to put a copy the MDS by-laws and job descriptions on the web site. Motion made by Carol Poulin-Taylor. 2nd by Pat Martin. Vote was unanimous.

Omnibus (Becky, Michelle, Paula, Elena) Plans and organization of 2012

Becky Clark needs advertisers to pay for their ads. They will not be allowed to do another ad until they pay. She will bill them again. We have the same deadlines as last year and they are listed in the Omnibus. Clubs need to have show dates in by October first. We have until December 1st to get the judges names to Becky Clark.

We cannot sell extra copies of the Omnibus for a profit or to nonmembers of MDS. Advertising. Michelle Zambrono is working on getting ads for the 2012 Omnibus.

Education (Bryn, Becky, Bobby)

L Program; Becky Clark shared with us, that we are going to hosting Part 2, but she could not get instructors for this year and needed larger shows. The tests have changed so much, especially in the collectives, so participants need to study and practice before 2012. Part 2 Program will start in March of 2012 and the first the show will be in Florida. Beth Brainerd does not know what that will do to the insurance piece with the show being out of state. Gretchen Shantar suggested she talk with the USDF coordinator. They will be able to help her with the insurance. The second show will be held at White Fences New Hampshire, with Venice Farm as a backup location on May 21-22, 2012. The final exam will be July 22-24 in West Brook. Should we do another Part 1? We did make some money. If someone would like to start thinking about organizing the program, the Board would like to hear from you.

Clinics; What are clubs doing? On the evening of the May 30, Marilyn Heath is at Puckerbrush Farm.

Scholarship from MDS to the Lisa Aylward Fund; Do we want to make a donation to the fund? It is a matching fund. The question came up about setting a precedent and would we have to donate to every scholarship. We will take it one scholarship donation at a time. Elizabeth Owens suggested that maybe we should donate to this fund. Motion made by Pat Martin to donate \$250 to the Lisa Aylward Scholarship Fund. Elizabeth Owens 2nd the motion. Vote was unanimous.

MDS youth scholarships next deadline is in September. No one has put in for one yet.

Jr/Yr (Pat) Pat wants to create a letter for high school jackets to be presented to dressage riders in high school, as the youth riders are as much an athlete as anyone. This would be a boost for our young riders and show recognition for the sport they love.

Awards& banquet; Beth Brainerd informed us that we lost about \$1083.00 on last year's banquet. This was in part to buying new medals. She wondered if we should go up on horse registration fees? In 2010 Horse registrations bought in \$1375.00, the silent auction made \$215 at the banquet. The total for awards cost \$2865.00. We had 85 people attend the banquet. Ribbons cost \$926.00.

Jane Petrin trophy, Susan Pendleton brought up that there was confusion regarding who was the sponsor of this perpetual award. The SMDA Board of Directors never voted to sponsor this award and it is unknown who originally brought it to the MDS Board. Susan has committed SMDA to providing a trophy for the 2010 winner, and because the award is listed in the Omnibus for 2011 SMDA will provide a trophy for this year's winner. However, after that it was recommended that this award discontinued and it should not be listed in the 2012 Omnibus. SMDA does not wish to assume sponsorship of this award as the club already has a Jane Petrin perpetually trophy.

Public Relations (Gretchen Shantar, Susan Pendleton) Article was in the Horses Maine regarding year end awards.

New Business

Board members/ recruitment; Could each club start recruiting Board members now before the next meeting? Then we have the right info in the Omnibus and know who will represent each club at our Board meetings. Board members do not have to pay the MDS fee. We need to pay the USDF fee and our club fees.

Year End Awards- Beth Brainerd is rewriting/ editing some of the rules and requirements. She will forward Cheryl a copy. She will add the helmet guide lines. Beth needs the support of the Board members with the recreation of the new intro rules and how to do the year end scores. It was discussed to leave it as it is now. We will be having three Horse of the Year awards. They will stay the same as 2010. Intro division changes, as intro has a canter test, intro is not an awarded class by USDF. So we will do the same as last year and see what happens.

USDF helmet rule changes and MDS statement of the helmet rule will be in the Omnibus. And we will follow this at all our shows.

Elections

Voting will take place at the September meeting, positions to start at the January meeting.

Job descriptions Cheryl update to her job description.

Memberships have to be to Tammi Brown by November 1st. Dues for USDF went up last year. MDS is going up on the fee for membership. Motion was made to increase dues by \$2.00. Motion made by Becky Clark and 2nd by Beth Brainerd. Vote was unanimous. MDS dues will be \$27.00. Each club needs to make the changes on their forms.

Next Meetings

Proposed: Tuesday, September 20th @ 6:30 at Maine Farm Bureau in Augusta

Proposed: Sunday, January 29, 2012 @10am @ the Senator Inn in Augusta

Motion to adjourn by Beth Brainerd and 2nd by Elizabeth Owens at 8:20pm.

Submitted by Cheryl Peaslee