

UDS Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 5, 2007 @ Julie Fox's home

Submitted by Kay Van Patter, UDS Secretary

Attendees: Sue Jero – Vice President, Julie Fox – Competitions, Faye Anderson - Newsletter, Barbara Proggess – Treasurer, Vicki May – Membership, Kay Van Patter- Secretary

Eva Adolphi – Advisor, Terrece Pearman – Awards, Sari Stevens - Marketing

August Board Meeting minutes approved.

DEBRIEF ANNUAL SHOW

- Preliminary show expenses and receipts – Barb Proggess
 - Expenses = \$11,670
 - Income = \$10,670
- Things that went well
 - Separate boxes for each volunteer
 - Cushions for the judges/scribes chair
- Needs Improvement
 - Need blankets for judges booths
 - Firm “Dog Prohibition” policy needs to be posted and enforced
 - Post the scores more quickly
 - Runners need to run, tests did not come in consistently
 - Ring steward needs better list, NOTE: Fox Village prints out lists for each ring for the ring steward
 - High Point – competitors have asked for something permanent rather than money which is gone when spent
 - Julie suggested we purchase high point ribbons for next year
 - Ribbons need to be better organized, recommend we take what is needed rather than all ribbons available
 - Heard both good and bad comments regarding blue ribbon awards (grab bag of grooming equipment, horse treats and so forth); need to return extras to Horse Crazy
 - Awards & Trophies could be assigned to a volunteer to gather
 - Recommend we establish a budget before the show and make adjustments following the closing
 - Should we hire Heather Peterson as our show manager?
 - Add Review show financials to the October Action Item List

MARKETING – Sari Stevens

- Sari will develop a marketing plan (add to Perpetual Calendar)
- Email will be distributed requesting marketing activities done in the past
- Suggest we invite reporters to our Awards Banquet (add to Perpetual Calendar)
- List Annual Show and other events in the Tribunes Community Sports Calendar

TREASURER – Barb Prograss

- Balance in our account is approximately \$31,000 with many large checks still outstanding.
- **MOTION:** A motion was made and passed to change check writing responsibility from the Vice President to the Director of Membership. The Secretary will change to the UDS rules to reflect this change.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- Consider Test Riding Strategies as topic for future education
- Suggestion that we sponsor a used tack sale in the Spring as a fund raiser

SCHOLARSHIPS

- We have a 2006 scholarship award winner who has not spent her scholarship money
- Criteria for use of the scholarship money needs review
- Can the scholarship funds be used to pay for lessons especially for beginning riders who might not yet benefit from a clinic
- Board consensus that lessons do qualify as a scholarship award activity

MEMBERSHIPS – Vicki May

We received 2 new memberships this past month

NEWSLETTER – Faye Anderson

Membership renewal cards will be enclosed within the newsletter

BOARD ELECTIONS

- We do not as yet have a nominee for President, Sue Jero will call Shawna Pickens, Ivy Wooley and Stacie Ade to assess their interest in serving a board position
- Ballots need to be mailed out in October and are to be postmarked by Oct 29th to be valid
- Sue Jero will notify Randi Verrier that she is responsible for ballot distribution
- Sari Stevens, Terrece Pearman and another non board member will be responsible for counting the ballots.

HOMEWORK

- Faye explained the development of the UDS Board into its present form
- Board members were asked to review the responsibilities of all board positions and be prepared to suggest changes in board member responsibilities at our October meeting.
- Specifically the board was asked who should be the board member responsible for the Annual Show
- Bonnie East and Nance Allen were both suggested as possible committee chairs or volunteers for the 2008 Annual Show

AWARDS BANQUET

- Venue selection for the 2007 Awards Banquet needs to be made
- Begin requesting donation for the Silent Auction – Vice President
- Year End Awards selection – we still have a number of saddle pads from 2006 provided the embroidered year can be changed

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 3rd at the home of Sue Jero.