

# January 8, 2018

Board Members Present: Krystal, Liz, Crystal, Heather, Karry, Darian, Stan, Lisa, Margie.

Members Present: Anita Jaffe

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM

Heather presented the treasurer's report. Expenses include USDF dues, Flyer printing & shipping, and clothing orders. The club taxes need to be done. Heather offered to donate her time to fill out the forms and have her boss review and sign them. The club will need to pay for the review.

Krystal made a motion to pay Heather's boss to review and sign the clubs taxes, Stan seconded. The motion carried with all in favor. The club is missing some old bank statements from Adirondack Trust. Heather will work on getting copies from them. The signatures on the bank account were updated. Liz, Krystal and Heather can sign checks. Krystal and Heather have a debit card. Krystal proposed giving a debit card to Liz as well since she does most of the shopping for club events. The limit would be \$1000/day. Stan suggested getting a club credit card for Liz instead, since credit card companies will waive fraudulent charges if the card were hacked. Heather will look into it. Krystal made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Crystal seconded. The motion carried with all in favor.

Clinics: Beth Baumert is set for May 5th and 6th at Liberty Farm. We need an entry form. Carter Bass will be at Stockade on May 28th. Lisa, Liz, and Krystal have been working on getting the USDF Instructor Training workshops together. Tentative dates are 6/9 & 6/10, 8/11 & 8/12, and 10/27 & 10/28. Sarah Geikie is confirmed for the October dates. The Pre-Certification is tentatively scheduled for 4/27/19 – 4/28/19, Ann Guptill will be one of the examiners. The USDF grant for clinics deadline is May 5th. Reimbursements are only for documented losses. Profits go back to the USDF. The club would like to do an adult camp as well; locations and possible dates were discussed. The Landsafe clinic will be at Margie's on 11/17 – 11/18. The possibility of a Tik Maynard clinic for eventing was also discussed. Margie volunteered to work on the calendar again this year.

Winter Programs: The rider fitness day is 1/13. It's supposed to be potluck but the club will also provide refreshments. Krystal will present the USDF program on 2/10, Heather is her back up. Intro to Showing is scheduled for 3/10. Stan will put together a list of topics. Margie will do the Intro to Eventing on 4/10.

Youth Program: Heather would like to coordinate some youth events with the winter programs. The youth team for Dressage 4 Kids was discussed. The club will need to come up with a selection process.

Dressage Days: The Stockade land use contract was reviewed. Stockade will provide the venue, Jordan Burns will provide grounds maintenance. Krystal made a motion to accept the contract. Heather seconded. The motion carried with all in favor. There will be an EDDS committee meeting in February at the Gateway diner starting at 6:15. Krystal will contact Regina to let her know. Cheryl Szczepkowski will be the photographer in exchange for being allowed to audit the

Carter Bass clinic. Darian proposed giving her a membership. Penny Ploughman is the sponsor for the Top Ten awards in exchange for discounted ads and a banner. She offered bracelets or key fobs. The board agreed to key fobs in black & white w/ brass. Karry suggested contacting the massage school to have them offer chair massages at the show. The competitors' party will also likely be a celebration for the club's 40th anniversary.

Flyer: Stan will write an article on the USDF convention.

Directory: Karry will do the Directory. The club agreed to do it in color this year. Member list and ads need to be to Karry by 2/15 in order for it to get to print on 3/10.

Banquet: Landsafe will be the speaker. Darian sent out a survey to membership about dates/times/locations. She will present the results at the February meeting.

USDF Convention Recap: National Finals were discussed. Improvement is needed in transparency between the organizing committee, the board of governors and the membership. Location of the finals was also discussed as well as the lack of JR/YR classes. There is now a freestyle designation for judges. There are new isolation requirements at competitions. The FEI dropped 3 out of 4 collective marks on tests. The USDF will now be in charge of licensing dressage judges and TDs. A suggestion was made for ENYDCTA to give a stipend to the delegates it sends to the convention.

Area 1 Recap: Grindstone is no longer hosting events. Their dates were taken by Course Brook and Old Chatham. The Old Chatham Horse Trials will be May 13 this year.

Karry motioned to adjourn the meeting, Krystal seconded. The next meeting will be Monday, February 5th at 7 pm at the Gateway Dinner. The EDDs committee meeting will be immediately before, starting at 6:15.