

TVDCTA March 2016 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:48pm by Helen Bergquist (President)

Members present: Helen Bergquist (President), Judith Fiorentino, Chris Cochrane (Membership), Pam Millin, Erin Yother, Monica Yother (Newsletter/Website), Paulette Lyons (Treasurer), Laura Pritchard, Victoria Tripiano (Publicity), Heidi Rose, Brooks Garrison, Biel Trudell (Volunteer Coordinator), Andrea Pappano, Marsha Laitinen (Secretary)

Introduction of speaker: Andrea Pappano, "L" Graduate with Distinction, Bronze & Silver Medalist (Andrea participated in the "L" program in 2012)

Topic of presentation: "Things You Should Know & What Dressage Judges Are Looking For"

Andrea's presentation was not only informative but comprehensive. Included were handouts that discussed "Things You Should Know", "What Do Those Numbers Mean", "Your Score - Basics + Criteria of Movement +/- Modifiers", "Common Mistakes"(Training, First & Second Level), "Pyramid of Training", & "USDF 2015 Glossary of Terms".

Referenced was the USDF Rule Book - the source for everything you need to know before showing & current information regarding rules, regulations, equipment, attire, etc. This can be accessed on line & they also have an "app" for this available.

Discussed were definitions of: rhythm, tempo, cadence & how they relate to dressage, what to do when the judge rings the bell, scoring & what the numbers mean as well as common mistakes & ways to improve on them.

There will be a dressage clinic with Andrea Pappano on April 2, 2016 @ River Rock Stables.

Old business: Helen Bergquist - Minutes from last meeting were not read as they had been provided to membership prior to meeting. A correction to minutes was made listing Biel Trudell as Volunteer Coordinator

Treasurer's Report : Paulette Lyons

TVDCTA Treasurer's Report as of 1 March 2016

Beginning balance: \$2,240.25

Plus

Show Profit \$ 343.00 +
Library Donations \$ 105.00 +
Membership \$ 623.00 +

Debits:

USDF Dues \$ 255.00 -
Liability Ins \$ 700.00 - (2 extra shows for 2016)

1st Place Ribbons \$ 301.00 -
Flowers \$ 37.30 -

Ending balance as of 15 March 2016 \$2,017.95

March Ride A Test/Schooling Show @ Steel Prize Stables

Show deposits \$1,028.00
Judge \$ 350.00 -
Venue \$ 250.00 -
Porta Pot \$ 85.00 -

\$ 685.00 - Show profit \$ 343.00

Newsletter/Website: Monica Yother - Verified that everyone had access to the newsletter.

Membership: Chris Cochrane - TVDCTA is now 42 members strong.

Publicity: Victoria Trippiano - Nothing to report.

Shows & Clinics: Natalie Weil - Per Helen Bergquist, nothing new to report.

Volunteers: Biel Trudell - Gretchen Sienicki asked if membership forms/applications could be made available @ the check in table @ future shows.

New Business: Helen Bergquist

Helen Bergquist moved & Laura Pritchard seconded the motion to discuss for 5 minutes the topic of a memorial to commemorate long time TVDCTA member, Donna Barnes. Donna passed away unexpectedly on March 5th.

Paulette Lyons will speak with Debbie Gilbert for ideas, i.e. 2nd Level Class in her honor @ a future show, monetary donation to some humane society/organization, year end rider award, or donation of show proceeds to local humane society.

Other ideas: Donation to library fund, pas de deux award.

There will be further discussion & voting @ next meeting. Plan to invite Debbie Gilbert to next meeting, offer insight into desires of Donna's family. Motion accepted by Judith Fiorentino & second by Chris Cochrane.

April TVDCTA Meeting Announcement: "When Two Spines Align" featuring chiropractors from both equine & human practices.

Move to adjourn at 8:31 pm, motion 2nd by Judith Fiorentino.