

TVDCTA 19 July 2016 Meeting Minutes

1850 Meeting called to order by Helen Bergquist (President)

Program: "Soloshot Video Recording" by Brooks Garrison

The Soloshot 2/3 Video Recording system is a GPS video recording system that uses a GPS tag, a base, & a camera. The system was first developed for "surfers". The system works by (in this case-the rider wears "the tag" in a holder that can be worn around the arm or placed in a coat pocket-perfect for use @ a show), a base that tracks you by a broad casted signal, & "the controller" that keeps you constantly focused & centered in the shot.

The camera can zoom in & out & also be used for longer distances. Initial set up is required prior to use each time. Video is stored on a micro SD card. The newest version, the Soloshot 3 can hold up to 4 hrs of material & promises to be more user friendly. Start up cost is around \$500.00. The one downfall to the system is that it can not be used indoors, as GPS is required for it to work. The video is broken into 2 gig files that can be connected together. Other settings are also available, including several action modes.

Attendees: Helen Bergquist (President), Gretchen Sienicki (Vice President), Victoria Tripiano (Publicity), Natalie Weil (Shows & Clinics), Judith Fiorentino, Anne Chatterton, Kathy Coviello, Frances Steel, Marti Stone, Laura Pritchett, Marsha Tilford, Monica Yother (Website/Newsletter) Brooks Garrison, Marsha Laitinen (Secretary)

Absent: Denise Ferrara-Payne (Awards), Paulette Lyons (Treasurer), Maike Frye (Librarian), Chris Cochrane (Membership)

1907 Business Meeting (Helen Bergquist)

Reading and approval of previous minutes: There was no objection, therefore the reading of the minutes was waived and the minutes approved as submitted/distributed.

Report of Officers:

1. Board/President (Helen Bergquist. Approved up to \$175.00 for the Olympic Program to spend on supplies and materials for the booths & pamphlets.

Minutes from the January 2016-June 2016 meetings are now available on the TVDCTA website.

USDF Region 3 Award Nominations are due no later than 31 August 2016:

The following categories are eligible. Submission forms are available on the USDF website.

- GMO Volunteer of the Year Award
- GMO Newsletter
- GMO Website
- GMO Photo Award
- Ruth Arvanette Memorial Fund Grant

Added to the meeting agenda will be a new feature known as "For the Good of the Order". Whereby members may have up to 3 minutes each (as time is available @ the end of each meeting) to make a comment; comment summary to be written up prior to the beginning of the business meeting & passed to Gretchen. Allocate 60 minutes for each meeting.

Added a protocol to ensure a Board member has responsibility for each category of gmail sent to TVDCTA@gmail.com

Decision to purchase two books on parliamentary procedure/Robert's Rules of Order.

Treasurer Report (Paulette Lyons): Absent

Reports of Standing Committees:

1. Awards (Denise Ferrara-Payne): Absent

2. Bylaws/Grievances: (Gretchen Sienicki) Drafted a Policy & Procedures document, posted to the website for review by the members (Why Join?/Member Page)

3. Budget/Fiscal (Paulette Lyons): Absent-report submitted via email

TVDCTA 2016 June/July Treasurer's Report

Beginning Bank Balance \$2,639.94

25 June 2016 Show @ River Rock

Show Deposits \$773.57

LESS:

Venue \$250.00

Judge + Travel \$280.50

Show Profit \$243.07

PLUS:

Show Profit \$243.07+

Membership \$200.00+

LESS:

USDF Dues \$ 40.00-

Library \$117.85-

Ending Balance as of 16 July 2016 \$2,925.16

4. Librarian (Maike Frye): Absent

5. Newsletter/Website (Monica Yother): New pages have been added: Why Join?, Volunteer, About (Board Member contact info), Member Page (TVDCTA By Laws, Policies & Procedures. Meeting Minutes.) An automated response reply (3 business days) has been set up.

6. Meetings/Programs:

The August 16th meeting @ MyDesign will be an "L Program Overview" by Heidi Rose

The October meeting program will be "How TVDCTA Works" by Helen Bergquist

7. Membership (Chris Cochran): Absent

8. Publicity (Victoria Tripiano)

No new updates to report

A PSA has been recorded for WLRH, there is also a Facebook link.

Alabama Horse Talk Show-will broadcast an interview with Victoria regarding the Olympic Introduction Program

Inviting the host of "Southern Horse Talk" to our events/shows is being pursued.

9. Shows & Clinics:

A TVDCTA member has generously donated a printer to Natalie.

Bill Fields has changed his clinic dates to coincide with the August TVDCTA show date. An online entry form has been developed for use in conjunction with the shows (minor changes will be made for each clinic in regards to date/price/clinician/CT or dressage.

Bryan Tweed will be conducting a clinic following the show (Sunday). One mailed & several online entries have already been received. The closing date will be changed by 1 day.

Ride a Tests are also going to be available for the August clinic.

There will be no RAT for the October show, but a clinic the following day with Jim Graham. Jim will confirm the date in September.

10. Volunteer Coordinator (Biel Trudell): Absent

Reports of Special Committees:

1. Volunteer Incentive Program (Kathy Coviello): See website for breakdown of hours & awards (Cafe Press).

2. Olympic Initiative Program (OIP) (Victoria Tripiano):

The Olympic Introduction Committee presented display boards with general information on jumping, dressage, & eventing. Various "stations" will be set up @ the show with information on TVDCTA/USEF brochures/maps/olympic equestrian event schedules/saddles & other equipment.

An olympic level stadium type jump will be set up for viewing.

Vendors & concessions will also be available.

Presently we do not have an Grand Prix/upper level dressage rider to provide a demo.

The 4 H & Pony Clubs have also been invited to attend.

WLRH will broadcast the PSA recorder by Victoria & the interview with Ginny Kennedy the wk prior to the show.

Special Orders: None

Unfinished Business: There is/was no unfinished business.

New Business:

Two motions were received via email in regards to nominations for GMO Awards.

1. Kelly Arnold moved to nominate Marsha Laitinen for the USDF Region 3 GMO Volunteer of the Year. Kelly's motion read by Helen Bergquist, seconded by Victoria Tripiano. The motion was adopted. Kelly will prepare the award nomination -- Marsha for GMO Volunteer of the Year.

2. Gretchen Sienicki moved to nominate: #1 Victoria Tripiano for the GMO Volunteer of the Year (first motion made by Gretchen Sienicki & seconded by Natalie Weil, #2 Monica Yother for the GMO Website Award (first motion made by Kathy Coviello, seconded by Gretchen Sienicki), and #3 Marsha Laitinen for the Ruth Arvanette Memorial Fund Grant. Marsha Laitinen declined nomination for the Ruth Arvanette Award. Judith Fiorentino was nominated & accepted the nomination. (first motion made by Gretchen Sienicki & seconded by Kathy Coviello). The motions were divided into three separate actions. The motion in three parts was adopted. Gretchen has the lead for preparing award nominations: Victoria for GMO Volunteer of the Year, Judith for the Ruth Arvanette Memorial Fund Grant, and the TVDCTA website for the website award. Victoria Tripiano has offered to help with the website nomination.

There was no additional new business.

Motion to adjourn was made by Helen Bergquist & seconded by Kathy Coviello.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Laitinen, Secretary