



KDA BOARD MEETING

8/8/19 7:30 PM

Meeting Moderator: Bill Kraatz

Recorder: Sandy Kraatz

In-Person Attendance: Bill Kraatz, Bonnie Becht, Jennifer Harber (guest), Sheila Woerth, Cari Wlosinski, Alex Belton (guest), Ruby Tevis, Sandy Kraatz (guest)

On the Phone: Karen Moore, Allison Deaton, Kelly Azar, Jill Dixon, Ellen Murphy

Absent: Glenn Reed, Dave Talley, Megan Carr, Michelle Morehead

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Follow Up Needed
Meeting called to order at 8 PM		
Minutes	Minutes from previous meeting approved. Motion by Becht, 2 nd by Deaton, unanimous approval.	
Daphne Resignation	Unfortunately, Daphne Marvin has resigned as President of KDA. Per bylaws, Bill Kraatz as current Vice President becomes acting President until the next board is seated in 2020. If anyone would like further information, they are encouraged to call Daphne directly. Bill talked about keeping Board meetings focused and brief, and asked Committees to do as much as possible before coming to Board.	
Treasurer Report	Both the May and July shows were profitable, with approx. 24% net profit from both. Per Michelle, not final numbers. Very successful show, with only 1 or 2 minor complaints.	
Education Committee	The Lilo Fore Clinic at Queenslake was very successful, and had very good reviews from riders and attendees. Sheila is concerned that some people were using slack, others only emails, so several people were left out of the discussions of the clinic planning, causing mis-communication about who was doing what, and when. Some people had to alter their schedules because of this mis-communication. The \$1000 USDF grant was submitted too late for the Lilo clinic. The application for the next clinic must be fully completed and sent in to USDF at least 60 days prior to the clinic date. Allison is still working with Gwen Poulin to get a fall date for her clinic. Cat to remind members of Grant and Scholarship deadlines.	A determination of email vs slack needs to be made to avoid miscommunication Cat to publicize upcoming Grant and Scholarship deadlines
Recap of Show Committee Meeting	Sheila provided a recap of what was discussed/decided in the show committee meeting that was held immediately prior to the board meeting. One decision made was to offer an Early Sign Up bonus of \$50 to encourage riders to sign up earlier; within the first 14 days for the discount. They need to be postmarked or paid on-line	



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	<p>within 14 days of the show being open for sign-up. The late fees will still be charged for post-closing entries, but the sooner riders sign up, it makes it easier to work out the show details. Another topic discussed was regarding offering a Western Dressage show. There is a lot of interest and it potentially could be a new source of income for KDA. Sheila plans to discuss this with MSEDAs about a combo show next year with them as well as adding to our July show. No decision was made by the show committee, pending a lot of research and discussions that need to occur. Will be re-visited by the BoD in September for decision. Minutes will be provided by Sheila</p>	
Show Programs	<p>Cat determined that the on-line show programs for May had 385 views!!! Only 19 printed programs were picked up at the Show, and we are not aware of any complaints regarding the lack of printed programs.</p>	
Callie Jones	<p>There was a fine article about Callie Jones, written by Angela Jackson, and posted on Facebook. Her horse had colic, and she was diligent to keep up her college work while needing to walk her horse 5 times a day. Her horse recovered, and she was able to successfully complete on that horse since then. Because she was a previous grant recipient and there have been a couple of articles about her in Impulsion, it was suggested we do a follow-up article.</p>	<p>Cat will make sure a follow-up article is done</p>
Membership & fees	<p>Current membership is 178, so membership is still down compared to previous years. There was a lengthy discussion about the dues for 2020, since our USDF GMO fees have increased. Some want dues to increase, some want them to decrease to encourage more members, some want a decrease for non-competing members. There is not an easy method for calculating competing vs non-competing members, so we are not sure the % of each. It was discussed and determined that non-competing members are those who are not trying to achieve end-of-year awards. The final decision of fees for 2020 was to leave competing members at \$55, and decrease non-competing members to \$45. Motion by Becht, 2nd by Woerth, and unanimously approved.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An article needs to be written about the benefits of membership and spell out the difference of competing vs non-competing 2. Cat and Kelly will work on the website and forms
Website	<p>Cat is working on a membership page, making sure all the pieces work right to make it easier to sign up and pay. Allison requests volunteer hours be loaded so all members can see their current hours.</p>	<p>Cat will also publish on-line the Early Sign-Up Bonus Cat to upload all approved Board minutes on website.</p>



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Junior Riders	<p>Ruby Tevis gave a report that they had a very successful day at Sunbird. Julie Congleton helped them understand a judge's perspective. The cost to KDA was \$35 for pizza and supplies</p> <p>The juniors took Lilo out to dinner during the clinic. There were 12 in attendance and they found it very entertaining and fun. The only cost to KDA was Lilo's meal.</p>	
Board position and 2020 elections	<p>Nominating committee needs to meet in September. Daphne Marvin is willing to chair this committee as she had previously stated. Additional committee members are Jennifer Harber, Michelle Morehead, and Ellen Murphy.</p> <p>Bill will determine if he is running for President or not by then, so either the President or VP position needs to be filled for 2020. It was determined to leave the VP position unfilled for the remainder of 2019.</p> <p>The requirement to remain on the board is to attend at least ½ of the meetings, so the committee will need to review who rotates off and who may fall off due to attendance.</p>	Jill Dixon to have 2019 attendance records for September meeting.
2020 Budgets	Preliminary 2020 budgets need to be brought forward in the September meeting	
Awards Dinner	Bonnie says the awards have been ordered and she believes we will all love them, very excited about the theme picked for this year.	
Next Meeting	Topic to discuss: Flying Cross Farm/Horse Park in Lagrange. Does KDA want to consider a donation, request to be on their board, have an option to have shows at their venue, etc.	Follow up by Megan Carr and Bill Kraatz
Adjourn	Motion to adjourn by Woerth, 2 nd by Becht. Meeting adjourned	8:58pm