

IDCTA Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2018

**Present:** Linda Bland, Britany Burson, Michael Coghlan, Cecelia Conway, Molly Fine, Amy Grahn, Nikki Jewel, Emma Kane, Lil Kane, Fatima Kranz, Cindy Lambert, Heather McCarthy, Katie Miskovic, Andi Patzwald, Sara Stone, and Alison Volpentesta

**Absent:** Caroline Farrell  
**Guests:** Mary Jo Downen

The meeting was a face to face meeting at Docks in Wauconda. BOD members were introduced to each other. Each person gave a short description of their riding interests. The meeting was called to order at 7:21 pm.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the November 7, 2017 Board meeting will be approved at the next meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Michael reported checking balance is \$35,080. Some of the contributors to the balance growth were the Debbie McDonald clinic (made over \$1000) and the 2017 Dressage Show was profitable. Currently the Grant pool is \$900. (See grants for discussion). Cindy asked about yearly budgets. In the past few years, budgets have been done by individual events, the composite of which represents the financials.

**Review of last year:** Schooling Shows - Cecelia reported that there were 27 schooling shows. The turnout for the championships was lower than last year due to other competitions happening on the same date that drew competitors away. Alison said people who are competitive in the eventing world who were eligible for awards didn't become members and aren't motivated by awards. Alison said it is hard to motivate eventers for lots of reasons – for one there are not a lot of competitions in this area.

**Dressage Committee:** Debbie McDonald Clinic - Cindy reported 115 auditors for the Debbie McDonald clinic. IDCTA had been awarded a grant from the Dressage Foundation but because we made money, we had to return the grant (the grant can only be used if the event does not make money). George Williams Clinic - George Williams clinic 28 & 29 April at Tempel Farms, \$520 per rider and \$90 for stabling with auditors charged \$30 for members – need about 18 auditors a day to cover rest of fees. Cindy Lambert is the organizer. We are working to get other clinicians engaged like Cathy Connelly, Betsy Steiner and some others. Fatima suggested that it would be good to get dressage clinics that can help eventer dressage.

Cecelia gave the Dressage report – last half of year not a lot of planning. The committee is working on producing a clinicians list with pricing for each to include in a survey to send to the membership for input for use in clinician selection.

Fatima would like to get the young riders program going again and we are looking into continuing judge education.

**IDCTA Recognized Dressage Show Review:** The Secretary bids have been received from HITS (Debbie Reinhardt) and Lisa Connata. Debbie Heir bid has not yet been received but is expected – Bids must be received by January 22.

Molly reported that we were awarded a level three status after registering a complaint with USEF about the date mix up. June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> (Sat and Sun) – just recognized show. Opportunity classes will be offered for intro and training levels at the show.

**Eventing Committee:** Ride Right Pressure Proof clinic - Heather Kuenzi ran it in May. It is based on Daniel Stuart program. Alison reported that the riders made great progress and that it was well attended. She is looking to have another on this spring.

The Eventing derby in the spring is a big event – Katie Lindsey is the organizer and is trying to recruit more people. Perhaps through trainers and pony club. Emma shared that Sorenson shows have a trainer award that is given to trainers who bring clients to their shows. Some of those who have received the award are Jennifer Russo, Brad Hall, Dierks and her trainers. There was a brain storm session around incentives for bringing eventers via trainers. There will be a topic for next month's meeting – For both eventers and dressage.

**Membership:** Lil reported membership at 136. Michael and May Jo will send out another blast reminding members to renew now that the holidays are over.

#### **Year End Awards:**

A motion was made to allow volunteer hours from Pony Club events (2 fox FRV shows) – Heather motioned, Cecelia seconded and the motion passed. There was a discussion started by Fatima – that we need supervision if volunteer at horse shows. Update the documentation on volunteer hours for YE awards. Get awards on web site. **Fatima, Alison and Cecelia assigned to complete this by March.**

**Grants:** There was a discussion about raising amount of each grant, advertising the program more and reducing the time between grants from 2 years to one. Advertise before the next IDCTA clinic (April). And advertise with the clinic. Fatima made the motion to raise the amount (TBD) Nikki seconded and motion passed. Andi motioned to reduce to a one-year requirement, seconded by Heather and the motion passed. Cecelia will look into a low income grant similar to what is available in eventing. There are other grant programs to access through USDF. Molly recommended dedicating the next scribe (March) to grants. Katie needs to update the form before the March Scribe deadlines. Amy will check by-laws.

**Awards banquet:** Andi reported committee has been fantastic. 145 have confirmed with more to come! \$2500 raised in sponsorship (thanks in great part to Heather). Everyone on the board to arrive at 3 PM. All prizes have recipient name on them. We need volunteers during dressage awards for raffle.

**Web site update:** Molly would like to get more information on the announcement pages. Each is owned by the respective committee and needs to keep it up to date.

**Communications:** Awards Banquet has been posted on Facebook.

**YR/Pony club:** Alison attending annual meeting. More to come.

**Schooling shows:** There are 26 shows on the schedule for 2018. Championship will be held on one weekend, October 6-7, 2018, dressage and CT championships at Field and Fences and Mini event championship will be at Silverwood. At the planning meeting, show managers would not support Western Dressage series. They can however add it to their individual show bills. Western Dressage will be offered at the IDCTA Show. Emma mentioned Lendon Gray is coming to Bull Valley on April 14 & 15 (Lilo Fore is backup). Emma asked for ideas for speakers that are educational. It was suggested that she might approach the speakers we had at the Debbie McDonald Clinic. Fatima can also speak from a judge's view at the clinic.

**Other Business:** Training of show jobs – in gate, bit check etc. Cecelia will be arranging a Scribing clinic with Jennifer Kotylo.

For next year's banquet slide show, Allison suggested we ask for photos earlier so that the pictures are not just dressage pictures and that eventing photos be included. Next year have a non-photographer pull all photos together from other photographers for next year and include in award announcement.

**Next Meeting:** February 6, 2018 (teleconference)

2018 meeting schedule teleconference:

March 6, 2018

April 3, 2018

May 1, 2018

June 5, 2018

August 7, 2018

September 4, 2018

October 2, 2018

November 6, 2018

December 4, 2018 (Holiday Party)

With no further business, Andi made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Linda. The meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.