IDCTA Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2018

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

**Absent:** Amy Grahn, Linda Bland, Lil Kane, Caroline Farrell,

**Guests:** Mary Jo Downen

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the November 2017 and January 2018 Board meeting were reviewed and voted on. For November- Fatima moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Heather and the minutes were approved. For January- Cindy moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Sara and the minutes were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Michael- hasn’t had a chance to updated the financials for the meeting but will distribute them within the next week

**Dressage Committee:**

* George Williams- Cindy, End of April at Tempel Farms, we have all the documents out on the IDCTA website and January and February scribes.
* Scribing Clinic- Cecelia, we’ll be hosting it at Fields and Fences Sunday March 25th from 9:30-11:30, Jennifer Kotylo will be presenting and has agreed to donate her time, free for members, $5 for non-members.
* Sarah- compiling list of membership benefits.
* Compiling list of clinicians to survey membership, will hopefully have it by next month
* Recognized Show- Molly, secretary bids chosen, Debbie Heyer, Cathy Granolli, and Lisa Canatta posted bids. Debbie’s was the highest, Lisa’s was second, and Cathy was the least expensive but also the least experienced and unfamiliar with the facility. Lisa was chosen to be the show secretary. Michael, Molly, Amy, and Allison were on the selection board. The show received it’s Level 3 status and we are starting to collect sponsorship for the show. Fatima suggested that we have a write up for the show to encourage sponsors, Molly has last year’s letter that she will revise and send out for the March board meeting. Lilo Fore, Caroline Vandenberg, and Tom Poulin are the confirmed judges. Fatima suggested contacting Carol Bishop for additional judging.

**Eventing Committee:**

* Heather Kuenzi will be doing the ride right clinic, April 14th and 15th at Don Bar Farm, clinic cost will be very reasonable for riders and auditors.
* Possible dressage ‘2018 change of test prep clinic’ for mini eventers, combined training riders, and eventers, possibly April 7th at don bar farm.
* Leslie Law, John Holling and Zach Brandt have been contacted as possible clinicians
	+ Leslie Law and Zach Brandt would be possible 2018.
	+ Other locations are also being looked into for more experience on different courses.
* A membership call will also be put out to gain additional eventing committee members

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**Membership**: Lil Kane was absent, reported that 165 current renewed members.

**Year End Awards:**

* Allison contacted Fredrique and will meet up with her in person at Land Rover Kentucky Three Day Event in April, she will get pictures and prices for what is available.
	+ Molly suggested creating a multi-year series of different types of ceramics from her to create an awards ‘set’.
	+ Cindy suggested that setting up multi- year orders ahead of time we might be able to get a discount.
* Updates
	+ Dressage- updated for current rules and requirements for eligibility, everything looked good.
	+ Eventing- converted many awards from allowing schooling show awards to requiring scores from rated shows, revisions to remove starter level to mini event only, took out beginner novice green horse award and novice green horse award, high point horse of the year wording was also updated, points system calculations were also removed so that they are not as confusing for riders, excellence in eventing award was also removed, journey awards were kept, everything looked good.
	+ Schooling Show- updated for new qualifying requirements for ct and mini events, dressage championship tests were updated, everything looked good.

**Grants:**

* Uupdates were reviewed to highlight article requirement and change the amount from $200 to $200-$400, applications are now accepted every year instead of every other year for each rider
* Cindy asked about member requirement being a barrier for applications. Cecelia stated that all other local GMO’s require a year minimum before they are eligible for scholarships.
	+ Katie stated that the biggest limitation seems to be writing the article, 3 grant recipients last year did not write an article after the clinic

**Website update:**

* No updates

**Communications:**

* Scribing clinic event created and shared

**YR/Pony club:**

* No updates

**Schooling shows:**

* Omnibus is printed and in the mail

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**Other Business:**

* Learner judge courses- Molly will further investigate.
* additional membership- Linda had some ideas.
	+ Increase presence at events with a member/display board, Sara is creating a list of benefits.
	+ Explore expanding benefits.
		- More comprehensive service directory
			* vets
			* insurance
			* etc.
		- Social events/evenings, group gatherings, educational evenings.
		- Book club about training books.
* Brittany- saw someone doing a bit fitting clinic that travels to other areas, may be something to look.
* December party.

With no further business, Fatima made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Alison. The meeting adjourned at **8:07 PM**.

**Next Meeting:** March 6th, 2018