**IDCTA Board of Directors**

**Meeting Minutes**

**May 1, 2018**

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

**Absent:** Brittany Burson, Caroline Farrell and Heather McCarthy

**Guests:** Mary Jo Downen

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the April 3, 2018 Board meeting were reviewed and voted on. Alison approved and Cecelia seconded it. They were accepted as is.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Michael sent out an update from last month and concern is membership is down by 58 members from last year.

**Dressage Committee:**

* George Williams- was cancelled due to lack of interest. Amy Lewis picked it up at her barn.
* Meeting May 7 Docks at 7 PM- will compile clinician bios. Will discuss having Pilates or speakers. Discussed local barns bring in their own clinicians.
* Molly reported Lilo offered to stay for a clinic after the June show Mon and Tues. Lilo charges $2000 for 2 day clinic plus stabling. $500 price point. Discussion of mid-show year interest. Molly will send out an eblast to see interest.

**Recognized Show:**

* Molly updated on sponsors, Asked Andi to post to Facebook and is in the scribe.
* Requested if each person on the board could get 1-2 sponsors. Linda requested to ask Mario Contreas.
* Quite a few trainers at Barteau’s old barn, request barn to be sponsors, ask Brittany to request a full page add.
* Have 4 weeks to get sponsorships so pull out the stops!
* Will send an eblast for volunteers, only have 4 currently.

**Eventing Committee:**

* Alison reported on the derby
* May 26-27 Nita San Fillipo clinic at Don Bar. Have 9 people from outside and 5 from her barn for 14 total can accommodate 16-19. Willing to include a grooming talk with tips.
* Have 10 new cross country jumps to accommodate training to prelim.
* Dressage steward for upcoming event to help bring in members

**Membership**: Lil reported that there are currently 214, up from 193 last month, was 272 last year. Michael has not sent out additional mailers reminding members to renew/that their membership expired.

* Discussed having an IDCTA table at the recognized show and at Silverwood eventing shows.

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**Year end Awards:**

* Alison at Land Rover (old Rolex) and talked with Fredrique, the artist, who did the plates last year. Picked out 2 platters, both round, and one smaller, similar to an old fashioned pie plate with ruffled edge Alison thought would be nice. For those getting 2 first place awards she would pick a similar second one. Can also look at http://www.frederiquestudio.com/ for options.

**Grants:**

* Andi submitted grant for the Kottas clinic. All voted yes.
* Katie let Lydia Grey know her grant was awarded.
* Awaiting some articles.

**Website update:** MaryJo gave update.

**Education:** More information next month on details of education events at Paddock Hills will rent out viewing room for on the levels series.

**Discount Program:** Linda reported on reaching out to business members to have them provide discounts to members and looking at offering something back to business partners. Schedule a call with Mary Jo and Molly to walk through web site.

**Benefit List:**  Sara added Hallmark would be willing to do an insurance talk. All felt good idea. Leverage schooling show series, USDF membership through GMO and pony club. Cindy added using show forum to get feedback at the participant dinner. Start creating more of a community.

**Communications:** Andi reported CC helping on facebook. Cindy proposed an IDCTA facing email address.

**YR/Pony club:** Allison will push on Fox Valley pony club.

**Schooling shows:** CC looking for volunteers.

With no further business, Fatima made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Cindy. The meeting adjourned at **8:03 PM**.

**Next Meeting:** June 5, 2018.