IDCTA Board Meeting
Minutes for August 19, 2024 Meeting

Attendees *(representing a quorum (a quorum = at least 6 board members + 2 officers))***:**

Alison, Amy, Angelika, Ashlee, Brittany, Carrie, Cece, Cindy, Eric, Katie, Lil, Martina, Michael, Mary Jo, Molly, Sara

Missing: Lydia, Emma

Meeting via Zoom started at 7:04 p.m.:

- June 10, 2024 minutes approved with no changes (Carrie moved to approve, Angelika seconded);
- Treasurer report – Michael: we made a net profit of $12,138 from the dressage show, making our current balance $25,148; the IDCTA incorporation document was submitted to Illinois and once it is accepted the 501c3 paperwork will be submitted;
- Eventing Committee – Eric:
  - Creating a report of the Paris Olympics for the Scribe;
- Dressage Committee – Angelika:
  - Hospitality tents – June 30 at Winsom Farm (Carrie attended), July 28 at Hannaberry Farm (not attended), August 4 at Fox Valley Saddle Association (Cindy attended);
  - Kristen Becker/Jennifer Triumph – looking at dates in May or April Freestyle clinic;
  - Instructors' certification program – will be 2 days for 3 weekends (October, November (at Deanna Hertrich's barn) and January at Cheryl Quick's barn); we are applying for 3 grants; our budget (see attached) for all 3 weekends needs to cover 1 of the clinicians (USDF pays for the other); Angelika made a motion that we proceed with the program - motion unanimously passed;
- Year-end banquet planning – Cindy:
  - Reviewed prior year costs vs. attendance, strategy for the banquet and costs at different venues, days and times;
  - Amy made a motion to hold the banquet on Saturday night at Old Orchard Country Club – motion unanimously passed;
  - Dressage committee will help get more sponsors so we can keep the attendance cost as low as possible;
- Virtual Horse Shows - Amy:
  - Identified a new company, Dressage On-line, to run the shows; it looks like we will be able to maintain the current cost, so we should be able to keep the competitor cost the same; company seems to be more professional than the prior company; Molly suggested that we select the judges;
- Summer Dressage Show – Molly:
  - Obtained USDF/USEF licenses for both shows;
  - Applied for another license for the 3rd day (Friday) - IDCTA is now the primary date holder;
  - Applied for level 3 status;

    - We need to look for judges for next year - discussed potential judges with the Dressage Committee;
- Schooling Shows – Cece: last 2 mini-events are this weekend; next will be the championships;
- Web master – Molly: the committee (Eric, Michael, Angelika and Molly) established parameters for companies that to consider (i.e., at least 14 employees); a re-do of our website is really important in order to protect against viruses and hacking threats and make it easier for members to use; committee recommends SocialSurge for the re-do and to be retained as webmaster; estimated cost is $9,750 to re-do our website (potential of an additional cost for the membership module) (re-do will take 16 weeks) and $500/year for maintenance; Amy made a motion to award SocialSurge the contract – motion unanimously passed;
- Membership – Lil: current membership is 262 (vs 269 last year);
- Board election – Molly: Cindy will run the election;
- Next meeting: September 16, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m. (Eric moved that we adjourn and Martina seconded)

USDF Instructor/Trainer Development Program

Overall - three weekends

	Description	Budget	Notes
		Expenses	
Instructor expenses			
	Instructor 1 (covered by USDF)	$0.00	
	Expenses Covered by USDF	$0.00	
	Instructor 2	$4,800.00	(two days @ $800) x3
	Travel	$3,000.00	3 clinics
	Housing	$900.00	$150 per nightx3
	Meals - Dinner	$450.00	X3
	total	**$9,150.00**	
Miscellaneous:			
	Lunches and water	$450.00	instructors, volunteers,
	postage and office expense	$600.00	x3
	Other expence	$1,350.00	x 3 AV microphone screen
	Total expenses:	$2,400.00	
	Total expenses:	**$11,550.00**	
	Income		
	Participants	$5,400	(8 times $225)x3
	Auditors	$11,250	(50 x $75)x3) more likely number of auditors 25
	Sponsors	3000	
	Total income:	$19,650.00	
	Grants	**$4,000**	if needed depending on the number of auditors x 2 one in 2024 & 2025
	Profit	$8,100.00	

The Illinois Dressage & Combined Training Association Presents:

USDF Instructor/Trainer Development Program

Instructors: Sarah Geikie and Katherine Simard

Three weekends:

October 26 and 27: Riding
Freehorse Farm, 3490 252nd Ave., Salem, WI
Closing Date: October 12. 2024

November 23-24, 2024: Teaching
Freehorse, Farm 3490 252nd Ave., Salem, WI
Closing Date: November 9, 2024

January 4 -5, 2025: Lunging
Cheryl Quick's Farm, W1800 County Road B, Genoa City, WI 53128
Closing Date: December 21, 2024

The USDF Instructor/Trainer Development Program is designed to educate amateurs and professionals of all levels who wish to further their education in the classical system of dressage. Our program offers educational seminars on lunging, riding and teaching. There are three two-day clinics offered. The first day will be geared toward a general audience and large group, features demonstration riders, and is open to anyone.

The second day is designed for a small group and features a hands-on education experience for participants. A student can attend any or all of the three clinics. If they would like to attend day two of any clinic, they must attend the first day. These seminars are based on core content that everyone should know and will help those who wish to continue on to certification. In all seminars, attendees are in a learning environment.

The first day of each clinic is open to anyone and includes lectures and demonstration rides. There is no limit on the number of attendees on Day 1. Day 2 is a smaller, more "closed" environment which includes hands-on sessions, discussion, feedback, and it is limited to eight (8) participants who have attended Day 1 of that clinic. Depending on the focus of the seminar, the participants will teach lessons (private only), lunge horses and horse/rider combinations, and ride horses. They will work on the theory, methodology and techniques of classical dressage. There is a lot of interaction between the participants and the faculty during each session. There will be discussion regarding evaluating the horses and the riders in a particular way. The seminar atmosphere is supportive of discussion and inquiry. All this adds to the educational qualities of the program

Costs: Day 1 of each clinic $75
Days 1 & 2 - $225 (Fee includes both days – limit of 8 participants. First day attendence is mandatory)

If a participant brings their own horse, the charge for stalls is $40 per day. Day 2 participants and demo riders will be provided lunch.

Questions: Contact Molly Fine – 716-573-5390 or mollymfine@gmail.com

Sarah Geikie
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Katherine Simard
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