IDCTA Board Meeting
Minutes for September 16, 2024 Meeting

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

Alison, Amy, Angelika, Cece, Cindy, Emma, Katie, Lil, Lydia, Michael, Mary Jo, Molly, Sara

Missing: Ashlee, Brittany, Carrie, Martina

Meeting via Zoom started at 7:03 p.m.:

- August 19, 2024 minutes approved with 1 change (Amy moved to approve with change to a name, Angelika seconded);
- Treasurer report – Michael: including the $3,200 in web-site charges, our current balance is $21,348; the IDCTA incorporation document was submitted to Illinois and once it is accepted the 501c3 paperwork will be submitted;
- Eventing Committee – Eric:
  - Zooms with event organizers, i.e., Otter Creek (25th anniversary) maybe in October and Sundance;
- Dressage Committee – Angelika:
  - Vet Zooms – Lydia: Dr. Molly Rice, dentist on November 13; looking for an eye specialist;
  - Zoom on show sign up – Lisa Wilson volunteered to do it;
  - 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) – resulted in interest in membership and the banquet;
  - Kristen Becker/Jennifer Triumph – Freestyle clinic potentially April 5 & 6 or 26 & 27;
- Instructors' certification program – Molly: will be 2 days for 3 weekends (October, November (at Deanna Hertrich's barn) and January at Cheryl Quick's barn); will be listed on Region 2 website; Molly has already applied for a Violet Hopkins grant; biggest hurdle is getting demo horses; we need to market this event; we already have 4 participants, just need 4 more;
- Year-end banquet planning – Cindy:
  - Reviewed project plan;
- Virtual Horse Shows - Amy:
  - Dressage Show Online (https://dressageshowonline.com/) will run the shows; we have confirmed judges for 1st show (January 17-29) and 2nd show (February 14-23); $50/ride for IDCTA members; $60 for non-members; we will order ribbons w/IDCTA logo and send them to Dressage Show Online to send out to winners;
- Summer Dressage Show – Molly:
  - Judges contracted – Debbie Rodriguez, Bill Warren and Bill McMullin – contracts sent
  - Obtained USDF/USEF licenses for both shows;
  - IDCTA is now the primary date holder for the Friday (so we permanently have a 3 day show);
  - Applied for level 3 status;

- Schooling Shows – Cece: last weekend was Dressage Championships – attendance was the same as last year;
- Web master – Molly: the committee (Eric, Michael, Angelika and Molly): SocialSurge has been contracted to re-do our website 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; committee met with Eric at SocialSurge to discuss navigation of the website and fixing issues to ensure the site is operational;
- Membership – Lil: current membership is 268 (vs 275 last year); we need to schedule a membership drive;
- Board election – Cindy: need to confirm who is up for re-election;
- Potential event – Molly: discussed with Kristin Becker a potential symposium at Equestrian Events;
- Next meeting: October 21, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m. (Eric moved that we adjourn and Emma seconded)