

DIABLO ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES-BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Board Members

Tammy Collins
Diane Wishart
Marla Melloway
Debbie Heinzmann
Penny Marrs
Roseann DiCiari-Jones
Leigha Perry

Committee Members

Guests

Kathy Campbell Coke Swift Peyton Bergstad

Tammy called the meeting to order at 7:04

Minutes Review: Tammy asked if everyone had read the minutes from 2-1-22. Diane moved to accept the minutes as written. Roseann seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

<u>Correspondence:</u> Marla has received numerous communications from AHT Support concerning moving our domain to their new server. This is a work in progress.

Calendar Review: Tammy asked Marla to send her a copy of the Club calendar.

Diane suggested adding the calendar to the back of the agenda, as well as the list of current board members and committee members. Penny agreed.

Treasurer's Report: Diane reported the following:

Cash Balance: \$2832 Jr. account

\$8816 Operating account \$74,151 Show account

Diane sent Judge Melissa Hawkins \$500 as pre payment on travel. She will be able to secure air fair to our Spring Show in a timely and economic fashion. She also paid \$194.25 to CA Dressage Federation for show fees and Coke's membership.

We were all reminded March 31 is our fiscal year end. Everyone needs to turn in any receipts they are holding, before time runs out.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

<u>High Point:</u> Kathy reported she has given High Point entry forms to all the trainers. No further applications have been received. She talked to Denice about updating an incorrect address on the front page of the form on both Facebook and the website.

Awards Dinner: Penny asked to be removed as awards dinner chair. Tammy will take her place.

The general consensus was that we try to secure Fox Haven Ranch for our Membership/Awards dinner in January 2023. When that's done, we should organize silent auction donations, at least 6 months in advance. Tammy suggested we have a Liberty Challenge. That has been a popular event in the past. Maybe we could have a short speaker. Everyone agreed we should invite non members. Deb H reiterated we need to get on it early and use everything we have to advertise. Tammy thought we should budget \$8 to \$10k, for 150 people. Diane and others felt that was to much. Kathy suggested we form a committee. Debbie, Roseann, Diane, Tammy and Marla volunteered to be on the committee.

Past years expenditures:

2013	\$7,000
2014	\$5,200
2015	\$5,200
2016	\$20,000
2017	\$22,000
2018	\$10,000
2019	\$27,000
2020	\$3,500
2021	0
2022	\$3,000

<u>Club Excellence Entry:</u> Marla asked Diane to forward her the volunteer nominations bios from 2021, for Penny Marrs and Lisa Walker.

Breed Awareness, Family Outreach, Public Relations: Kathy talked to Gayle Jackson, President of Equestrian Center of Walnut Creek, about Day of the Horse. Although, it is not advertised on their calendar, they are planning to hold this event in December. Our club will be happy to participate. Roseann will keep in touch with her friends at ECWC as to the progress of planning this event.

Marla looked up the Cow Palace calendar of events. They are definitely having the Rodeo, but nothing was listed for the Horse Show and Livestock Exhibition. Deb H. offered to check with DeeDee Kramer, who has been our Cow Palace liaison in the past.

<u>Social Media, Newsletter:</u> Penny requested any information members might have about their experiences in Scottsdale this year, for posting on the website/Facebook/Newsletter. It was suggested our calendar be posted as well.

Horse Shows: Leigha asked if we would be affected by the recent outbreak of EHV1. Coke told us Rancho Murieta reported 1 horse, and a barn in Alameda had reported 1 horse. As a consequence all Hunter/Jumper events have been cancelled through March. They seem to be the group most affected. AHANC and Golden Gate AHA still plan to hold their shows in April.

On to our show, Coke turned in the budget for the Spring and Fall Shows. The Spring Show is budgeted for 160 horses, \$77,746, with a profit of \$1,548. The Fall Show is budgeted for 175 horses, \$77,200, with a profit of \$6,559. Diane asked for a vote to approve the budgets. Diane moved to approve, Roseann seconded, majority approved, motion passed.

Coke reported Janda, who has supplied our ribbons, will unlikely be able to fill our order this year. Deb H. said she would look up the place she got garlands in the past, and check their product and prices.

We still need an announcer and TD for the Spring Show, but Coke thinks she may have the TD covered. All judges are in place for the Fall Show. Penny, Diane, Roseann, Kathy and Marla will all work the Spring Show in some capacity.

The premium is in its 5th review, with Irene. We are waiting for patterns, and Western Dressage has changed requirements. Diane asked that the current premium be sent out to the board members and Denice. As soon as it is complete we should send it to Region III. Now, we need flyers. Coke will simplify the graphics this week, something that would look good on a flyer. The premium and the flyer information should be done this week. Kathy offered to distribute flyers at the Golden Gate Show.

Insurance application needs to be in 60 days prior to the show.

Trail: Penny had 2 questions for the board:

- 1. Do we want to set a specific weekend, like the second Saturday of each month? Tammy suggested to go ahead and set it up.
 - 2. Should we set a maximum number of riders, or leave it it open?

We could send out an email and ask for an rsvp.

Diane brought up insurance. We need to, at least, have a signed liability release from participants. Diane will check with our insurance rep. We will test the waters first; put out feelers. Tammy suggested we do a soft invite, with Club liability release forms.

Racing: Evelyn couldn't make the meeting. However, she passed on the information that there's racing in Texas right now, but not much going on in California. It's looking more like there will be racing in Grants Pass this year. The Darley Awards are coming up this month, March 19, in Texas. Evelyn and Cory will be attending, with possibly a few more from our area. Dream Pearl is, once again, nominated in the category of Older Mares. She will be retired this year.

Evelyn asked if Racing could be moved to earlier on the agenda. The request will be taken under consideration.

<u>Membership:</u> Deb needs more time to learn the system. She and Evelyn will meet Thursday, 3-3 at 5:00pm, at Marla's, to go over membership material.

Youth: Peyton reported she has lined up Anne Judd, a highly respected professional horsewoman, to hold a youth clinic here. Anne, known best for her exceptional talent in Saddle Seat Equitation, is also a phenomenal teacher of Performance Seat. She has worked with Stachowski's in the past. After discussion, the first or second week of June was decided upon to be the most optimal time to hold the clinic, leading up to Regionals and Nationals.

Convention: Marla needs to send Convention contracts to Jill, Tammy and Kathy.

Volunteer Awards: Diane is still open for suggestions from the board for the 2021-2022 Volunteer Award. Nominations are due by September 15.

<u>Old Business:</u> Deb needs more time to evaluate Wild Apricot, once she becomes familiar with her needs. Penny stated, if we go that route, the company can do the detail of getting it created and up and running for a minimal charge.

New Business: We talked about having a tack sale the second week of May. Tammy will run it by the Jeffress, to possibly hold it at their new ranch.

Tammy asked for a motion to adjourn. Diane made a motion to adjourn. Debbie seconded. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.

Respectfully submitted, Marla Melloway DAHA Secretary