

2015 MDA Board Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2015

In Attendance: Laura Ruark, Susan Peterson, Peggy Smilko, Claudia Kleinsmith, Olivia du Bois, Toni Over, Diana Walcutt, Lita Hughes, Shelley Caplan, Brianne Reynolds, Kristen Burton

Held: Thursday January 15, 2015: MDA board meeting called to order 7:08 PM

Tony will email November meeting minutes

Treasurers Report: Peggy/Toni gave Treasurers report

Tax audit needs to be done, a committee needs to be formed or we have to hire someone to do an audit.

Membership for 2015 is 43 members

Young Rider update:

Olivia created a new instagram account:

Maryland_dressage_Association_

Old business:

Still looking for a used trailer, will blitz and on website

2015 schedule:

Petticoats July

Ships in June and September no dates

Olney June and September No dates

Tranquility

Finals show at **Bel Air Equestrian Center** 1st weekend in October, 1 judge, 1 ring

Looking into **Spring Valley PA** for early mid may

Clinics:

Claudia's Clinic at Thornridge went well

Lita's Clinic at Cedar Crest went well

Next up Sarah Duclos; last weekend in February or 1st weekend In March

Should we continue with Young rider incentive for clinics? All in favor

Banquet:

Bellissimos (name changed to 510 Johnny's) No changes made to banquet

29 members RSVP'd as of 1/15/15

Ribbons and medals ordered/volunteer awards-Toni needs to know who gets them

Silent auction donations coming in

Banquet book-paid for by ads; being edited; Laura: let Toni know who is donating so she can add them to the banquet book

Slide show coming together

Betty Ann Greer making centerpieces

Scholarships:

JBB: One applicant

Caitlin Ben-Dror: 5 applicants

*Research the intent of the original scholarship in Caitlin's honor.

Big Mac Trophy-needed for banquet

Instructor Awards

New Business:

Equestrian Center meetings: Does Ed still want to attend? Toni will ask

Gaited horse tests open as long as entry brings test for the judge

Possible change to work credit "possibility of transferring" Will be discussed at future meeting

Meetings will now be held the 2nd Thursday of the Month, 7pm at Wegman's Hunt Valley.

Next meeting: Thursday February 12, 2015

Adjourn:

8:40 pm Motion to Adjourn made by Shelley Caplan, second by Claudia

February 12, 2015

MDA Board Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Kristen Burton, Shelley Caplan, Toni Over, Peggy Smilko, Claudia Kleinsmith, Brianne Reynolds.

Held: Thursday, February 12, 2015 7PM

Meeting called to order at 7:13PM

January minutes read by Toni and approved by all in attendance.

Treasurer Report: given by Peggy: ending balance 12,347.27/Young riders funds=249.88

Membership report: as of the meeting date there are 53, 2015 members.

Young Rider Report: None

Old Business:

Schooling shows: Dates set:

Olney Farm 6/7/15, Ships Quarters 6/28/15 Petticoats 7/12/15, Olney farm 9/16/15, Ships
9/20/15, Finals 10/4/15, Tranquility Manor 10/25/15

Looking into at least one "R" judge

Toni will send out Blitz for organizers and secretaries.

Brianne will be looking into Fair Hill for additional show venue

Clinics: Sarah Duclos up next looking into FVF or Cedar Crest

Donna Toole Suggested Michael Keirkeguard as clinician

2014 Banquet: Went well total cost was @ 3000.00

New Business:

Ed will continue to attend Bel Air Equestrian Center meetings. Need another volunteer to
"share" the meetings with Ed.

Caitlin scholarship-will revisit at the next meeting after more research is done.

Western & Gaited will be offered as one class, riders may enter 2 TOC. Riders must supply the
test for the judge.

Claudia Kleinsmith made motion to approve

Shelley Caplan seconds the motion

All in favor

Schooling show wording changes:

Entrants may join MDA on the day of a show, Membership will take effect upon receipt of
membership application and payment

Shelley Caplan made the motion to approve

Brianne Reynolds seconds the motion

All in favor

Motion made to Adjourned at 8:50PM, Claudia seconds the motion.

MDA Board Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Kristen burton, Shelley Caplan, Toni Over, Peggy Smilko, Laura Ruark, Susan Peterson and Brianne Reynolds.

Held: Thursday, March 12, 2015 7PM

Meeting called to order at 7:10PM

February minutes read by Kristen and approved(with change made to YR funds, from 249.88 to 2495.88) by all in attendance.

Treasurer Report: given by Peggy: ending balance 12,502.42/Young riders funds=2495.88

Membership report: No report

Young Rider Report: None

Old Business:

Toni renewed insurance with Blue Bridle for schooling shows

Schooling shows:

Olney Farm 6/7/15, Ships Quarters 6/28/15 Petticoats 7/12/15, Olney farm 9/16/15, Ships 9/20/15, Finals 10/4/15, Tranquility Manor 10/25/15

Clinics: Sarah Duclos March 28th at Cedar Crest Farm. Lita to organize.

Donna Toole would like to have Michael Keirkeguard at New Covert, possibly April or May.

New Business:

Heavenly Waters: No update from Ed

Licensed show: No update

Caitlin scholarship-Need to form a committee: Sue Peterson, Ask: Lita, Jill?

MDA was invited to Talbot County Fair: No interest, Toni will let them know.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday April 9, 2015; 7PM

Shelley made a motion made to Adjourned at 8:00PM, Brianne seconds the motion.

MDA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2015

Attendance: Kristen Burton, Shelley Caplan, Olivia de Bois, Claudia Kleinsmith, Toni Over, Susan Peterson, Brianne Reynolds, Laura Ruark, Peggy Smilko, Lita Hughes & Diana Walcutt

March Minutes read by Kristen, approved as read by all.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Peggy, March Ending Balance: \$12,377.46; YR Funds:\$2495.88. Taxes have been completed by Deborah M. Peggy will look into By-Laws to see how long all records must be stored.

Membership Report: Currently 72(2015) Members

Young Rider Report: MDA has 10 Instagram Followers

Old Business

Schooling Shows:

- Still need Organizers and Secretaries for a few shows, Toni will send a Blitz.
- Jill will do a ribbon count and order as needed.

Clinics:

Sarah Duclos clinic went well

Kathy Rouse, possible next clinician

Eq. Center Meetings:

Betty Ann Greer will help Ed

New Business:

Eq. Ctr.: No Update

Licensed Show:

Insurance complete
Jill to order ribbons
Mugs: Order 16oz, 144 mugs @555.86
Farriers
Waterers?
EMT-Sue will check on EMT's

Volunteer Rewards: Possibly offer a free clinic at the end of the season

Work in progress: "We would like to offer our volunteers an opportunity to use as many work credits as they have at the end of the year towards an end of year clinic."

Recommendations:

Judy westlake
JJ Tate
Suzanne Hassler
Jeannie MacDonald

Caitlin Scholarship: Sue, Lita and Jill will research the original intent and make sure the wording for the scholarship is correct.

Trailer for ring: Ed is considering donating his trailer, Toni and Jill will go look at it.

Etsy discount: Diana Walcutt is offering a discount to MDA members in her Etsy shop which features custom stock ties. The sight is:

https://www.etsy.com/shop/DocsDesigns1?ref=shop_name_search_sugg

The code is MDA2015 for a \$5 discount off your order.

Adjourn: Shelley Caplan made a motion to adjourn at 8:16pm, Diana Walcutt seconds the motion.

MDA Board Meeting
Thursday, August 13, 2015
7pm
Wegmans Hunt Valley

In attendance: Susan Peterson, Toni Over, Lita Hughes, Peggy Smilko, Laura ruark, Brianne Reynolds, Olivia duBois, Claudia Kleinsmith and Kristen Burton

April Meeting minutes read by Toni. All approved the minutes as read with one exception: Lita Hughes did attend the April meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Peggy. Balance of 15,394.85 as of July 31, 2015. It was decided to pay Jill as organizer for the Licenced show.

Membership Report: 92, 2015 members down from 114 members in 2014.

Young Rider Report: No news, may plan a pool party early September

Old Business:

1. Schooling shows:

- a. 2015 schedule: Need a judge for Olney Sept. 6th show. Still need organizer for the Finals show and Ships. Spot o pots have still been an issue
- b. Jill placed a ribbon order

2. Caitlin Ben Dror: Lita spoke with Caitlin's mother. The intention was to focus on dressage education. Lita Sue and Jill will work on the wording and reorganization of the scholarships offered.

3. MDA will sell extra mugs at the finals show

4. Financial Audit: Ask Bobbie Randles if not it will cost \$200.00 to have an audit completed by an accountant. Amend the bylaws to exclude audit if taxes are done by a paid preparer?

We will pay someone to do it, no volunteers came forward.

New Business:

1. Equestrian Center: No Update
2. No to Facebook
3. Online payments/forms: Peggy will look into.
4. Banquet Committee: 510 Johnny's; Possibly January 16th or 30th 1-4pm
 - a. need a committee to shop for prizes/awards
5. Expo January 22-24th

Motion made to adjourn : Lita Hughes

Second made by Toni

Next scheduled Meeting Thursday October 8th

MDA Board Meeting

Thursday, October 22, 2015

7pm

In Attendance: Toni Over, Shelley Caplan, Peggy Smilko & Kristen Burton

Peggy is going to review actual cost per ride at schooling & licensed shows and ways to cut costs.

Bobbie Randles willing to do the 2015 Audit

YR Report: None

Old Business:

Schooling shows

Still would like a trailer to store/haul ring

Caitlin Ben Dror-Revision committee (Sue, Lita & Jill)-not present

Facebook account?

Mugs for sale at finals show

Summer picnic-Claudia

Coggins record keeping-Kristen

New Business:

Eq. Ctr. Meeting: No update

2016 show schedule

2016 Expo: 1/22/16-1/24/16

Adjourn at 8:40pm Shelly motions and Peggy seconds the motion