

# **2012 MDA Meeting Minutes and Motions Master File**

## **MDA Meeting January 9, 2012**

Members in attendance: Brianne Reynolds, Lauren Sumwalt, Sue Van Norman, Susan Brooks, Toni Over, Susan Peterson, Jackie Caldwell, Claudia Kleinsmith

November meeting minutes read by Brianne Reynolds, seconded by Lauren Sumwalt

Membership: n/a

Young Rider report : n/a

Treasurer's report : ending balance for December 11 is \$9,426.19

Update from Schooling Shows : farm owners and dates confirmed, most of judges booked for shows.

Considering adding USEA tests to schooling shows, need to research riding tests in large arenas

Licensed show – need to find a new TD. Discussed adding dressage equitation classes and potential breed awards.

Change in criteria for MDA lifetime achievement award :

For a Bronze medal, 4 out of 6 submitted scores may be from recognized USDF shows

For Silver and Gold medals, 3 out of 4 submitted scores may be from recognized USDF shows

Claudia Kleinsmith made the motioned, seconded by Lauren Sumwalt, votes unanimous

Meeting adjourned Claudia Kleinsmith, Toni Over seconded

## **Email vote January 26, 2012 - USEA eventing tests**

Lauren Sumwalt made the motion that MDA will offer the following USEA dressage tests : Beginner Novice A & B, Novice A & B, and Training A & B. Riders Note : Tests *may* be ridden in a large (20x60) arena depending on the facility. Jill Blackburn seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous by e-vote.

## **Email vote January 27,2012 sponsors/donators and advertising**

Lauren Sumwalt made the motion that all those who donated items to the January 2012 Awards Banquet will receive a business card sized ad in the 2012 recognized show program. Sue Van Norman seconded the motion. Votes were unanimous

### **Email vote February 2, 2012 judges gas mileage**

Jill Blackburn made the motion to allow one work credit for waiving of judge's gas mileage compensation. Toni Over seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous by e-vote

### **Email vote February 21, 2012 - tax preparation and annual audit**

Brianne Reynolds made the motion for Deborah Mowery to prepare our 2011 tax returns and for Mr. DeGele to complete our annual audit. Lauren Sumwalt seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous by e-vote.

### **Email vote March 5, 2012 - liability insurance coverage**

Brianne Reynolds made the motion to approve and move forward with the liability insurance coverage quote of \$888.00 from Blue Bride Insurance for 2012. Lauren Sumwalt seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous by e-vote.

## **MDA Meeting March 12, 2012**

Members in attendance : Brianne Reynolds, Claudia Kleinsmith, Jackie Caldwell, Susan Peterson, Jill Blackburn,  
January meeting minutes read by Brianne Reynolds, seconded by Claudia Kleinsmith

Membership : 79 members

Young Rider report : n/a

Treasurer's report : ending balance is \$7,307.23

Licensed show update : Susan Peterson made the motion to purchase more ribbons for the licensed show. Seconded by Claudia Kleinsmith, votes unanimous.

Jill Blackburn made the motion to purchase silk flowers as ring decorations, Claudia Kleinsmith seconded the motion, votes were unanimous

Possible breed class awards :

dutch, oldenburg, holsteins - ?

Swedish and ISR Oldenburg -ribbons provided by breed organizations

Arabians – Toni Over, Friesians - jackie, Paints- Jill, Draft crosses – Lauren,

Thoroughbreds - Sue Van Norman, hanoverians – Claudia,

Jill Blackburn made the motion to present the two nominees for board officer positions: Paris Niesterowicz for corresponding secretary and Lizzy Loundas for young rider

president.

Votes were unanimous for Lizzy Loundas. Paris Niesterowicz ran unopposed as other nominees for the corresponding secretary did not meet the membership criteria of one year.

Jill Blackburn made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Susan Peterson seconded .

### **Email vote - 5/29/12 - Licensed Show Manager Fee**

On May 29, 2012 Sue Van Norman made the motion that the licensed show manager's compensation be set at \$5 per entry for this year's show and all future recognized shows. Claudia Kleinsmith seconded the motion and votes were unanimous by email.

### **MDA Meeting June 12, 2012**

Members in attendance : Jackie Caldwell, Claudia Kleinsmith Susan Peterson Sue Van Norman, Lizzy Loundas, Paris Niesterowicz, Toni Over, Brianne Reynolds, Jill Blackburn

Membership Report : N/A

Young Rider Report : Lizzy presented YR report

Treasurer's Report : ending balance \$20,409.54

Schooling Show Report : given by Toni Over

Licensed Show Report : Jill Blackburn said she is working on judges for next year

Sue Van Norman motioned to move meetings to Tuesday nights, seconded by Jill Blackburn, votes were unanimous.

Discussed replacing the second set of dressage arena, looking into estimates.

First installment payment to Erie Insurance for \$1383.20. Remaining \$2,000 to be paid over the next two years in annual installments for the club's legal fees. Motion made to accept by Claudia Kleinsmith, seconded by Sue Van Norman, votes were unanimous.

Three Honorary Lifetime Memberships will be given at the Annual Awards Banquet. Susan Peterson made the motion to accept, seconded by Sue Van Norman, votes were unanimous.

Claudia Kleinsmith made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Toni Over.

### **Email Vote July 8, 2012**

Susan Peterson made the motion to place an order for ribbons to cover the shows for the remainder of the 2012 season as well as the 2013 season. Toni Over seconded the motion and votes were unanimous by email.

### **MDA Meeting - August 14, 2012**

### **MDA Meeting – October 9, 2012**

Members in attendance : Jill Blackburn, Tracy Hurline, Carol Foreman, Paris Niesterowicz, Jackie Caldwell, Claudia Kleinsmith, Scott Nickel, Kristen Burton, Brianne Reynolds, Toni Over

Membership : 131 members currently

Young Rider report : N/A

Treasurer's report : current balance at \$9,099.66

Jill Blackburn made the motion that Carol Foreman mail the ballots, seconded by Toni Over, votes were unanimous

Nominations for the 2013-2014 board were presented. Tracey Hurline made the motion to accept the slate. Seconded by Claudia Kleinsmith. Votes were unanimous.

Schooling show report given by Toni Over, possible new locations discussed.

Claudia Kleinsmith made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jill Blackburn.

### **Email vote - October 11, 2012 – void current ballot**

Toni Over made the motion to void the 2013 ballot. Brianne Reynolds seconded this motion. Votes inconclusive

### **Email vote – October 16, 2012 – Entry forms for the Fun Show**

Jill Blackburn made the motion that people can remail OR bring their entry, checks, and coggins on the day of the show. Toni Over seconded the motion. Votes inconclusive

### **Email vote October 26, 2012 – Final Slate of Officers**

The nominating committee presented the final slate of officers. Jill Blackburn made the motion to approve that the board can vote by email to approve the candidate listed below as officially being on the slate. Jill Blackburn made the motion to place each name listed below on the slate for the MDA November 2012 elections. Susan Peterson seconded the motions.

### **Email vote 10/29/12 – Delay of deadline for awards application**

On October 29, 2012 Toni Over made the motion that the 2012 Awards Application be moved to Nov 30, 2012 due to the rescheduling of the Fun show. Brianne Reynolds seconded this motion.

### **MDA Meeting - November 13, 2012 Thornridge Manor Farm**

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Sue Van Norman, Susan Peterson, Brianna Reynolds, Lizzy Loundas, Claudia Kleinsmith, Toni Over, Paris Niesterowicz, Jill Blackburn.

Members Present: Hailey Burton, Kristen Burton, Charlotte Nygard, Scott Nickel, Jean Bosley, Carol Foreman

Old Business: None

#### ***New Business:***

#### **Committee Reports**

2013 ELECTION: Membership ballots were counted by: Carol Foreman, Jean Bosley and Jill Blackburn

Congratulations to all!!!

President: Toni Over

Vice President: Claudia Kleinsmith

Junior Vice President: Elizabeth (Lizzy) Loundas

Treasurer: Sue Peterson

Corresponding Secretary: Kristen Burton

Recording Secretary: Paris Niesterowicz

2013 Board Members

Laura Ruark

Shelly Caplan

Lita Hughes

Brianne Reynolds

Jackie Caldwell- outgoing President

### **Awards Banquet for 2013**

Ø Banquet Committee: Lizzy Loundras, Claudia Kleinsmith and Carol Foreman.

Preliminary discussion regarding date and site venue: date: Saturday, January 12, 2013, venues considered: Belissimos and Padonia Station. Awards Banquet Book, Toni Over, Chairperson. Discussed budget.

Ø Award Banquet Book advertising rates are the following:

- Full page, \$25.00
- Half page, \$15.00

Deadline for Ad placement is, January 5, 2013. Please consider purchasing an ad to celebrate yourself & your horse, farm, business, services or to thank your trainer. Contact Toni Over for details.

### **Awards Committee**

- Discussed awards for lifetime achievement, ribbons, gift certificates, and gifts
- To be announced
- Silent Auction Fund Raising Table- volunteer committee: Toni Over, Paris Niesterowicz and Jill Blackburn
- Please contact a committee member by January 5th, to donate Silent Auction items. New, lightly used or collectible equestrian items or service gift certificates are greatly appreciated. Silent Auction items are an important source of fund raising for our club. Claudia Kleinsmith has donated a lesson to our auction! Thank you, Claudia!!!!
- Joyce B. Broccolino Memorial Scholarship Award Committee: Phoebe DeVoe, Carol Foreman and Jean Bosley (presented & seconded)
- Caitlin Ben Dror Memorial Educational Grant Committee discussed. Jean Bosley, Chairperson

### **Finance**

#### **Treasurers Report**

- Update from schooling shows from this year.
- Update from licensed shows
- Banking
- Insurance
- Membership Dues
- USDF Dues
- Website Expenses
- Total Expenses
- Total Income

- Ending Balance
- Young Riders Fund

### **Membership**

- Members who have paid membership dues by 11/13/12- 12 members
- Life Time Members- 5 members
- Please send your 2013 membership renewal and check to Carol Foreman.

Membership dues are being collected, now. A membership would be a great Christmas/Holiday Gift for friends and family. Please make sure you add your correct address, phone number and correct e-mail address on your membership application.

### **Young Riders Committee**

- Lizzy Loundras, Hailey Burton and Alexandra (*add last name*) will attend a young rider's clinic, this year. Sponsored by MDA.

Congratulations to all of our young riders !!!!!

### **Winter 2013 Clinic**

- Discussed holding a Winter clinic for members, several clinicians were suggested. Details to be finalized, then announced.

### **Equipment**

- Discussion regarding plans to purchase new dressage rings.

### **Show Schedule**

- 2013 Show Schedule. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!**The schedule is out for locations and dates. Please consider to be a volunteer, entry secretary or show organizer. Our great shows are due to our great membership and volunteers!!!!

Toni Over motions to adjourn meeting. Sue Petersons seconds the motion. Meeting adjourned.

## **MDA Meeting - December 4th 2012, Thornridge Manor**

Members in attendance : Brianne Reynolds, Toni Over, Susan Peterson, Laura Ruark, Kristen Burton, Claudia Kleinsmith, Lizzy Loundas, Lita Hughes, Shelly Caplan

Previous Minutes - Read by Toni Over, approved by Claudia Kleinsmith, seconded by Lita Hughes, votes were unanimous to accept the minutes.

Treasurer's report - Read by Susan Peterson, ending balance of 11,389.42

Young Rider report - Given by Lizzy Loundas, currently collecting donations for YR raffle at the horse expo.

Old Business :

- update of 2013 schooling show schedule, looking for secretaries/organizers for Tranquility, Ships, and Finals show.
- Looking for a volunteer to take over as keeper of the show boxes/totes. Will be sending out an email blitz for more secretaries, organizers and a box keeper.
- Discussed purchasing a new ring to replace older 2nd ring and keep compliant with possible USDF rule changes in the future. Also discussed possible storage ideas for new ring ( cutting planks to fit in a truck, possible trailer donation, or storing at heavenly waters) Also discussed possible selling of older ring, will be tabled for later discussion.

New Business :

Banquet - Lizzy provided details of services offered at Padonia station (\$20/person, 4 entrees, available on January 12). Toni provided details of Bellissimo. Banquet committee will be meeting at Padonia soon.

Future Meetings : The board agreed to keep the meetings on the second tuesday of the month, start time of 7:30 at Thornridge Manor. The next meeting will be January 8th, 2013.

Discussed adding equitation classes to schooling shows and licensed shows. Also discussed adding the caprilli test, however was dismissed for insurance reasons.

Discussed handling of the maturing CD. Claudia Kleinsmith made the motion to deposit the money into the club's checking account, this was seconded by Shelly Caplan, votes were unanimous.

Discussed situation of award application for Josie Sedgley. Claudia Kleinsmith made the motion that her application be submitted in the Novice division, was seconded by Lita Hughes, votes were unanimous. Review and clarification of the novice division was tabled for the next meeting.

Susan Peterson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Lita Hughes, and votes were unanimous.