

# **2013 MDA Meeting Minutes and Motions Master File**

**January 8, 2013**

**Attention: No Meeting in February**

## **Attendance**

Paris Niesterowicz, Brianne Reynolds, Toni Over, Jacqueline Caldwell, Susan Peterson, Kristen Burton, Claudia Kleinsmith, Lizzy Loundas, Lita Hughes, Shelley Caplan

Reading of Last Meeting Minutes/ Approval- Paris Niesterowicz

Shelly Caplan motions to approve. Motioned seconded by Lita Hughes

## **Treasurers Report- Sue Peterson**

Sue led a discussion about the plans for the annual club financial audit and tax preparation. The club is looking for a CPA to prepare the clubs' taxes.

## **Membership Report- Carol Foreman**

Presently, there are 42 paid members for 2013. Please send your membership dues to Carol Foreman.

## **Young Riders Report- Lizzy Loundas**

At present, plans for the Young Riders Clinic are postponed . When everyone has recovered, discussion about the Young Rider clinic will be discussed.

## **Old Business**

The members discussed updates for the 2013 Show Schedule. We need several experienced show secretaries and show organizers. Please refer to the show schedule and consider volunteering.

Your efforts are greatly appreciated!!

The club needs three more judges for the 2013 Show Schedule. We need an "L" judge for Heavenly Waters, an "R" for Tranquility Show and an "R" or "L" for Thornridge Show.

During the last week of July, the Young Riders Team Competition will be held at Morven Park, Leesburg, Va. Mrs. Phoebe DeVoe will be judging. During the first week of July, The Adult Team Competition will be held at the prince Georges Equestrian Center.

Toni Over contacted Blue Bridle insurance to review insurance coverage with agent.

It was suggested that Jackie Sicoli be contacted for possible judge contract for the Show Schedule.

Banquet pictures- please contact Jill Blackburn with 2012 horse show pictures for presentation at our banquet

The membership discussed purchasing a new dressage ring. Jill Blackburn emailed some suggestions regarding the ring. The membership discussed that the new dressage rings rails are 13 feet long. The length may create difficulty transporting the ring. It was suggested that the rails could be cut to 9 foot sections. However, this would result in additional support cones needed to be purchased. It was suggested that additional replacement rails be purchased. The clubs CD for approx. \$4,200.00 will mature at the end of the week. The CD amount will be deposited into the clubs' account.

Toni suggested that the club inquire whether or not the new dressage ring can be stored at the Harford County Equestrian Center in exchange for volunteer work day for the center. She will inquire regarding this arrangement. At the moment, plans to purchase the new ring are tabled until March. The membership discussed plans to sell or donate the old dressage ring.

### **2013 Scholarships- Carol Foreman and Jean Bosley**

The following members have been awarded scholarships. Congratulations to Jill Blackburn- The Joyce Brocolino Award. Motion made by Paris Niesterowicz and seconded by Sue Peterson.

Karyn Rainey- Caitlin Ben Dror Scholarship

Shelley Caplan- Caitlin Ben Dror Scholarship

Brenna Miller- young Rider, Caitlin Ben Dror Scholarship

The award scores are calculated applying 60% weight of work credits and 40% weight of scores.

Motioned for approval by Toni Over and seconded by Claudia Kleinsmith.

Unanimous member approval.

### **Banquet**

Membership discussed that lifetime members should receive two free banquet

admission tickets. In addition, show ground donators should receive two free banquet tickets. Lita Hughes motioned that a lifetime member receives one banquet admission ticket (this does not include a guest), in addition to other lifetime membership privileges. This motioned was seconded by Brianne Reynolds.

Show grounds donators are to receive one free admission to banquet and one guest admission ticket.

Claudia Kleinsmith motioned for approval of this privilege. Kristen Burton seconded the motion.

Banquet Silent Auction Donations- Toni Over, Paris Niesterowicz, Jill Blackburn

Lara Ruark emailed her donations of two hunt scene prints.

Paris Niesterowicz will donate a wine basket.

Thank You!! For your generous donations!

If you would like to donate an item for the Silent Auction, please contact, Toni Over, Paris Niesterowicz or Jill Blackburn. We can arrange pick up of items, if needed.

### **Awards Committee- Toni Over**

Rider Achievement gold medals are ordered. In addition, ribbons and plaques are ordered.

### **Schooling Shows – Toni Over**

The membership discussed the addition of equitation classed to the schooling show classes. It was observed that equitation classes were not being filled in classes sponsored by larger dressage clubs. Membership decided to wait and see if equitation classes are filling at bigger shows before, adding equitation classes to our shows.

### **Membership Clinic- Lita Hughes**

Lita Hughes suggested that Cedar Crest Farm may be willing to donate their beautiful facility for our clinic. Several clinicians were suggested for our member clinic. Claudia Kleinsmith suggested Robin Silke-Archer. Brianne Reynolds suggested Jackie Kinney, as our clinician. The membership discussed possibility of

holding a second yearly clinic. Toni Over suggested a musical free style clinic with Mike Matson.

## **New Business**

Regarding the 2013 Class List; Intro A, Intro B ,it was proposed to add Intro C and Training Level 3 into Novice Division., The proposal was discussed by Board and Officers and rejected.

The Monthly News letter will be reestablished. Chairperson: Brianne Reynolds. Newsletter Committee: Paris Niesterowicz and Sue Peterson. Members, please consider writing articles for the news letter. Please share your positive experiences with clinics, shows, horse vacation themes, equine book, etc.

The meeting participants discussed the rider eligibility wording in Rule #5. In order to offer better clarity for rider eligibility the new wording for Rule #5 will read, "Adult Beginner Rider" The motion made by Claudia Kleinsmith and seconded by Jackie Caldwell. Children entering a show will ride under the Young Rider Division.

## **Banquet**

At time of January meeting the head count for the banquet is 22. Four members have signed up to bring desserts.

The Horse Expo has contacted the MDA with a request for 2nd and 3rd level riders to participate in the Jessica Ransehausen Demonstration.

Lita Hughes suggested that the MDA meetings might offer panel discussions and lectures in addition to monthly club business Lita suggested that we could develop a meeting featuring a panel discussion on horse nutrition, latest developments in veterinary medicine, etc. The motion was made by Lita Hughes and seconded by Shelly Caplan.

**Attention: There will be no MDA meeting in February.**

**MDA Meeting - March 12, 2013**

Members in Attendance - Brianne Reynolds, Toni Over, Susan Peterson, Shelly Caplan, Donna Booth, Claudia Kleinsmith, Laura Ruark, Lita Hughes

Previous Minutes - Will email later for everyone's approval

Treasurer's Report - read by Susan Peterson, briefing about taxes/audits for 2011&2012

Membership Report - Currently at 72 members

YR report - Lizzy reports looking for young riders for championships, will put in email blitz. Discussion about creating brochures to interest pony clubs.

Old Business -

1. Purchasing new ring : current estimates of \$3,200 and \$3,500. Unable to store at the equestrian center, jill has offered to store. Issues with length concerning storage and transportation. Put out email blitz for possible trailer donation. Insurance for ring will be approx \$90/year based on \$3000 value. Old ring will be auctioned off to the highest bidder after previewing condition.
2. Clinics: Mendoza clinic at Barbara Dreyer on March 29 & 30, currently full with waiting list. A second date at Cedarcrest farm is open April 13th or 21st. Possible clinic with Jeanne McDonald at Amy Hartman's Gladden Farm.
3. Schooling Shows Update: New schooling shows chairmen - Jill Blackburn will be handling the ribbons and secretary boxes, Brianne Reynolds will be handling computer related items. Still need an organizer and second judge for Tranquility Manor on 9/15. Possibly consider Jeanne McDonald. Have received half of the signed judges contracts. Blue Bridle insurance renewal has been completed. Ribbons to be ordered for schooling shows after income from the licensed show has been received. Will discuss ordering new ribbon designs at the next meeting.

4. Expo report - currently missing YR raffle money. Also discuss new booth design for next year, start planning early in the fall.

#### New Business:

1. Claudia made the motion to increase the 2013 schooling show fees to \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members. Lita Hughes seconded the motion, votes were unanimous.
2. Discussion of adding leadline classes, was dismissed.
3. Discussion of possible new logo, euro stickers, new swag

#### Licensed show update -

1. Need to solicit breed awards. Toni has offered to do Arab and part arab, Laura will do pinto. Possible TB tip program.
2. Start recruiting volunteers for the weekend. Shelly Caplan made the motion for work credits to be doubled for volunteers during the licensed show. Laura Ruark seconded the motion.
3. Need to order trophies-glassware-mugs. Discussion on selection with images to be emailed.
4. Jill to provide list of ribbons to be ordered, will discuss at next meeting.

Lita Hughes made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Laura Ruark seconded the motion, votes were unanimous.

## **MDA Board Meeting Minutes- April 9, 2013**

**Attendance-** Toni Over, Susan Peterson, Brianne Reynolds, Paris Niesterowicz  
Kristen Burton, Claudia Kleinsmith, Lizzy Loundas, Lita Hughes, Shelley Caplan

**Reading of Last Meeting Minutes/Approval-** unanimous approval, read by Paris Niesterowicz, motion made for approval by Brianne/2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue.

**Treasurers Report-** Sue Peterson

Taxes are being prepared on schedule. The ledger indicates we have \$36,000.00 in income and \$33,052.76 in out lay. This indicates good nonprofit status. Insurance is renewed for the year.

**Membership Report-** Carol Foreman

Currently, club has 91 members.

**Young Riders-** Lizzy Loundas

Presently, no response to email blitz.

**Old Business-**

The CD will be cashed out to pay for the ring. Estimates reviewed for new ring packages. There is a \$200.00 difference between the Two cone sizes for the ring. The 13 foot rails are too long to be transported in a pick up. New estimate for new rails, 13 ft 4.5 inches will fit in most horse trailers. It was suggested that we order at least 2 extra rails for spare rails @\$22.00 each. Proposed Lita, seconded by Brianne. It was decided to keep the same style of letters on cones. This will create a uniform appearance of the dressage ring. Proposed that club orders the "Tower" letter package no. 3509 with extra rails, vote unanimous.

Auction of ring on website, deadline June 2, 2013. If a member would like to examine the old ring, please make an appointment with Jill. Carol B. indicates interest in purchase. Motion made /to place ring for sale on website by Lita/2<sup>nd</sup> by Kristen, unanimous approval.

Mendoza Clinic very successful. Outlay for clinic to Mr. Mendoza \$2040.00

Income from clinic \$2010.00. Thirty work credits were used. Insurance for Cedar Crest

was \$68.00. Refreshments earned \$68.00 broke even with cost. There was \$39.00 in donations.

## **Future Clinics-**

Motion for Jeanne McDonald Clinic to be held on Sunday, April 21, 2013. Proposed by Lizzy/2<sup>nd</sup> by Claudia. Lita Hughes volunteers to organize clinic. Clinic has five riders committed and three spots still open. Bianne motions for 1 work credit may be used towards clinic/2<sup>nd</sup> by Kristen. In the future, Amy Hartman of Gladden Farm volunteered to host the Michael Madden Musical Freestyle Clinic.

Membership Call Out- for teachers experienced in teaching a clinic for Pas de Deux and Quadrielle Clinic, in the Fall. Lita Hughes offered to donate her literature patterns for Musical Freestyle.

## **Schooling Shows-** Brianne Reynolds, Show Manager and Jill Blackburn- Show Boxes

Call out to membership- we need a show organizer for the Tranquility Show. It is a two ring show. We need transportation for the rings.

Thornridge Show- awaiting judge's contract.

Blue Bridle Insurance is complete.

Show ribbons done. Licensed Show ribbons to be ordered.

Awaiting sponsorship of the Quarter Horse Association for their breed class.

Unanimous approval via email of new show ribbons with streamers and blue ceramic tall mugs for licensed show. As per Jill, we have at least 12 qualifiers ribbons.

For A Rated show, suggested we rent plants to decorate ring. Toni will approach Greens Nursery donation in exchange for advertising banner display.

It was suggested to send an email blitz to membership for request of donation of nursery plants in exchange for advertising banner.



## **New Business-**

Plans for Finals Show- Toni suggested a Tack Sale in the pavilion. Also, a saddle fitter invited to provide services in the pavilion. Toni will inquire if Gina Perilya or Ridgeley Davis from Maryland Saddlery is interested. The round ring at the finals show is available. Lita Hughes suggested a non judged trail course for dressage horses. Toni volunteered to organize a trail class for the Finals Show.

Year End Awards Discussion- Lita Hughes proposed beautiful hand knitted hats with dressage horses or MDA Logo. In addition, Claudia suggested the same award plaques awarded in 2013. Claudia suggested embroidered championship saddle pads. Items on website might be dressage horse knitted caps and scarves, Euro stickers and lapel pins. Sue Peterson will provide handmade soaps for the Judges gifts.

Lita suggested a \$35.00/rider group lesson to promote interest in dressage for young riders. Call out for trainers to donate one half day to teach lesson day. Lizzy volunteers to create fliers to get young riders involved in dressage.

**Adjourn-** motion by Paris/2<sup>nd</sup> by Brianne

## **Next Meeting-**

July 9, 2013 General Membership meeting

## **Meeting Minutes for July 9, 2013**

Thornridge Manor Farm

- I. Reading of the minutes. A motion made for approval by Shelly and seconded by Paris.
- II. Treasurers Report- discussion regarding profit/loss ratio for shows.
- III. Schooling Show ribbons ordered and approved by Board.
- IV. Plan to order new style of ribbons for next year. (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>).
- V. Finals Show on Oct 6<sup>th</sup>- Tag Sale, Paris is organizer for "Tag Sale" Carole Foreman is

assisting. Each table rental is \$5.00 for non riding equipment items such as used riding clothing for children. Toni has indicated that she will contact Blue Bridle Insurance to see if insurance is covering "Tag Sale." Saddle fitters Clinic is discussed. Ronnie Blatz of Skylands Saddlery has indicated interest for \$150.00/fitting if we provide a minimum of 5 saddle fittings. Other saddle fitters are discussed. Susan Coffee, saddle fitter 410-984-9590.

VI. Membership Report- Carole Foreman- awaiting report.

VII. Young Riders- Lizzy Loundras- no news

VIII. New Business- Rider Achievement medals-Silver need to order 100 castings @ \$685.00, only one silver on hand, Motion 1<sup>st</sup> Laura/2<sup>nd</sup> Brianne unanimous approval.

IX. Petticoats Schooling Show- discussion about coefficient error. Shelly motions to change rule about notification regarding errors on score sheet, suggested that this change should be placed on discussion list for next year's Agenda. Sue P. motions to adjust the competitors award score for yearend placement but, not for pinning of ribbon. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paris (7 ayes).

X. Schooling Show Update-Tranquility Show organizers are Carol Bossone and Karen Rainey.

XI. Above average entries for shows-will try to accommodate number of riders by shortening the ring size for Walk/Trot Classes. Will try to get local judges. Question discussed "How long should the shows go?" should we make popular shows two days or one and one half days?

For example: Ships Quarters, Olney Farm and Spring Valley Park. Discussion ensued. Concerns raised about "burning out" volunteer staff.

XII. Year End Awards Banquet- need to establish committees

XIII. Venue Committee- Lizzy and Claudia

XIV. Silent Auction- Paris and Laura

XV. Awards Committee- suggestions for awards discussed: embroidered saddle pads with MDA logo, gift card to Dressage Extensions or Dover, Champions to receive \$50.00, Reserves \$38.00.

- XVI. Sue P. volunteers for Award Budget issues.
- XVII. Kathy- will look into an artist friend who creates framed pencil drawings for Championship Awards for \$50.00.
- XVIII. Scholarship Committee- last year's recipients were Karen Rainey, Jill Blackburn, Brenna Miller and Shelly Caplan.
- XIX. Joyce B. Award- Phoebe DeVoe. Award given to member who is an MDA member for one year. Application is on line.
- XX. Slide Show Committee- Sue P.
- XXI. Next meeting- August 13,2013 @ 7:30 PM, Thornridge Manor
- XXII. Motion to adjourn Kristen/Paris 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Maryland Dressage Association meeting Minutes 8/13/13

### ***Thornridge Manor Farm***

Attendance; Toni Over, Claudia Kleinsmith, Paris Niesterowicz, Susan Peterson, Shelly Caplan, Laura Ruark.

### Financial Report- Susan Peterson

All financial reports are at auditors for review.

\$ 14,895.59 beginning balance

\$16,063.49 ending balance

Paid Insurance \$985.00

Medals & Ribbons \$1300-1400.00

Legal payment 2/3 \$1,000.00

Waiting proceeds from Olney Show. Discussion regarding taking out some of the money and buying a CD?to maintain nonprofit status. Discussion regarding stream lining the financial management process for MDA, Sue will Discuss with CPA.

### Other Notables

Young Riders Fund Money- from Horse Expo was found, hurray!

Need for a used 10 ft enclosed box trailer to store new ring.

Barbara Dwyer- has donated a second dressage ring for auction to MDA. First MDA dressage ring was awarded to highest bidder, Congratulations.

## Awards

Paris Niesterowicz- is donating a wool dress sheet with embroidery for the High Point Award Winner for the October 6, 2013 Heavenly Waters Finals Show. This award is Sponsored by Paris and her real estate business featuring horse farms and historic Homes with Coldwell Banker. This will be an annual award for The Finals Show. Other Estate Silver awards are planned by Paris Niesterowicz/Coldwell Banker, for future shows In 2014. A perpetual engraved silver Revere bowl will be awarded in 2014.

Membership- Carol Foreman Members 132

## Young Riders News

Two new YR members from Thornridge Farm

Claudia suggests overnight pizza party for YR at Thornridge Farm.

Kristen suggests hosting pool party & barbeque at her home.

## Old News

## New News

Schooling Shows- Finals Championship Ribbons and Sashes- good supply

Betty Anne Greer- organizing a saddle fitting clinic during Finals Show. Ronnie Blatz

Saddle fitter charges \$150.00 per fitting, additional fees for adjustments and needs five appointments to come out. Trying to reach Susan Coffee.

Need Judge for Trail Class- free

**Tag Sale** news for Finals Show- insurance company will not cover any tack that is sold.

Used tack may not be sold in "Tag Sale."

**Show Schedule**- Brianne is working on new show schedule. Suggestion that MDA offer

two new shows , in 2014? **Spring Valley** in Glen Rock, PA \$200.00 rental fee. Level, gravel parking. **Julia Wendalls Farm** on Black Rock Road. Discussion about parking and number of trailers. Plans to discuss with owner.

**Free Rider Vouchers-** Kristen Burton inquires, discussion ensues, can only use one work credit per show, per entry. Cannot use free voucher for qualifier. Can always use free vouchers. Toni will look into this.

**Liberty View Farm-** must send out reminders to competitors that; competitors **MUST** bring their own water for drinking and bathing, No dogs allowed, No visiting horses allowed in barns.

**In 2014, Preference for MDA members** discussed to enter classes, then nonmembers will be entered.

### **NEW GUIDELINES FOR SHOW SECRETETARIES**

To accommodate the large amount of show entries, **Intro and USEA tests** will be ridden in the small arena. **Training level and up** will be ridden in the large arena.

As per **USDF Guidelines, ride times** may be changed up to 24 hours prior to show date.

Our rules state ride times will not be changed once posted.

In 2013, every show was over filled by 1-2 hours overtime.

### **End of Year Awards Banquet**

Venue- Claudia will research Belissimos, Bel Air. Good food and location. Padonia Station is under renovation.

Awards- Toni brought samples of beautiful pencil portraits. Suggestions for awards are open; gift certificate from Dressage Extensions, Dovers, Maryland Saddlery, Synders, saddle pads with monograms, photo with plaques.

Fund Raising- saddle pads with MDA logo discussed.

**Membership Dues-** membership dues will be raised to \$40.00/yr. This includes a membership fee to USDF of \$20.00. The following dues are; Senior rider. \$40.00, junior rider \$35.00, Family \$40.00 each additional member \$20.00, lifetime membership

375.00. Approval motion Claudia 1<sup>st</sup>/ Kristen 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Horse Expo-** Carol Bossone will run the Horse Expo this year. Discussion ensues about upgrading Expo Booth. For Example; new table cloth, new photo boards, etc. Money is available for this. Expo Committee needs to be created.

Parade of Breeds – needs a team, two parades per day, contact Toni if you would like to Ride. Should MDA create a team?

**Free Style Clinic-** Very popular. 16 auditors, 3 guests. Thank you, Karen Rainey for donating the proceeds to the club!

**Equirey Ad-** Discussed placing Ad in Dressage Edition; \$110.00 for 1/8 of page.

Tabled for now.

**Adjourn-** 1<sup>st</sup> Shelley /2<sup>nd</sup> Paris

## **MDA Board Meeting Minutes October 8, 2013**

### **Thornridge Manor**

#### **Attendance**

Paris Niesterowicz, Laura Ruark, Shelley Caplan, Claudia Kleinsmith, Kristin Burton, Lizzy Loundas, Brianne Reynolds, Susan Peterson, Lita Hughes, Toni Over

#### **Reading of Last Meeting Minutes/Approval**

1. Last meeting minutes approved.

#### **Treasurers Report**

1. August balance \$16,063.49. Ending balance \$14,612.05.
2. Ship's Quarters and Olney Farm entries is equal to \$15,402.60 is the ending balance for September.
3. Awaiting entries for Tranquility, Thornridge and Finals Shows.
4. Erie litigation payments. Plan to make second installment for 2013 year. \$1,383.20 paid now (Second Installment). Remainder balance owed in August 2014 in the amount of \$1000.
5. The Audit
  - a. Recommendations to use financial software package (i.e. Quick Books).
  - b. Non-profit status good until 2016 (renewed).
  - c. Check that MDA has adequate insurance at the best possible rate. Paperwork must be in a safe place.
  - d. Audit was successful. Auditor owed \$500.00.

- e. Future plan. As per by laws, plan for future audit to be done by MDA financing.

### **Membership Report**

- 1. There are 132 members year end. Sent USDF.
- 2. New membership dues are due by Dec.1 for Board Members

### **YR Report**

#### **Old Business**

##### **1. Schooling Shows**

- 1. **Brianne is organizing next years show schedule 2014.**
- 2. **May loose Liberty View as venue.**
- 3. **New Covert is interested.**
- 4. **Spring Valley in Pennsylvania is a new venue.**
- 5. **Fair Hill's new venue fee is \$250.00.**
- 6. **Heavenly Waters Equestrian Center \$400.00 for final show fee, three day recognized show is \$2,985.00.**
- 7. **Need volunteers to represent MDA at Heavenly Waters monthly meeting.**
- 8. **Brianne is updating the "show managers scoring manual."**
- 9. **Brianne has updating the "show management manual." Copies of both manuals will be in the show boxes.**

#### **Awards**

- 1. **Tabled.**

#### **Awards Banquet**

##### **1. Venue**

- a. **Committee Claudia and Lizzy interviewed 8 restuarants. Choice is Bill Batements restaurant on January 25, 2014.**

##### **2. Banquet brochure ads to be sold.**

- a. **Full page is \$25.00; Half a page is \$15.00. First motion to approve is Toni, second motion is Claudia.**
- b. **Silent auction committee is Paris(410)303-9317 and Laura. Please begin to collect items for Silent Auction.**
- c. **Prizes**
  - i. **For Year End Awards.**
  - ii. **Picture and plaque motion for approval. First, Claudia and Kristin second.**

iii. Embroidered saddle pads. Toni will bring samples.

d. Ribbons

i. Mary Butler plans to change ribbon designs.

e. Banquet Program

**Scholarship Committees**

1. Sue will help Jill with JBB scholarship committee
2. Lita would like to be on the JBB scholarship committee.
3. Caitlin committee chaired by Jill. Other members; Shelly Caplan, Karyn Rainey and Brianne Miller.

**Horse Expo January 18, 2014**

1. Location is at Timonium Fairgrounds.

**Musical Freestyle Qualifiers**

1. MDA will follow USDF Rules regarding musical freestyle classes. Lita first motion, Claudia second motion.
2. Musical freestyle one division as per USDF rules.

**Christmas Shopping at Maryland Saddlery**

1. Date: Friday November 15, 2013. Time: 6 pm until 8 pm. Main store, consignment store, home goods store will be open for MDA members, friends and family with 20 to 25 percent discount on selected items. Wine and cheese provided by Hope Birsch, owner. See Paris 410-303-9317 or Hope for questions

**2014 Membership Dues are due.**

**April Clinics**

1. Lita Hughes suggests that Jeanne McDonald clinic at Barbara Dwyers farm.

**Connecticut Viscous Horse ruling pending.**

1. Pending in Federal Court. Discussed by Lita Hughes.

**Adjourn**

1. Paris first motion/Claudia second to adjourn.

**The Maryland Dressage Association Meeting Minutes for November 12, 2013**

Thornridge Manor Farm

Attendance; Paris Niesterowicz, Toni Over, Claudia Kleinsmith, Brianne Reynolds, Lizzy Loundas, Shelley Caplan, Lita Hughes, Laura Ruark, Kristen Burton.



#### **Old Business-**

**Year End Award Banquet location Bill Batemans? Now changed to Bellisimos, due to overwhelming response to year End Awards. We need a larger venue.**

**Year End Awards Silent Auction - plan for biweekly Blitzes to remind membership that we need donated items or services for the auction. The Silent Auction proceeds go to purchasing awards for the year End Awards Banquet for 2015.**

**Year End Awards News- 35 High Score and Schooling Show Applications received, so far...**

**2 Caitlin Award applications received. This award is presented based upon scores and work credits.**

**1 JBB Award application received. This award is awarded to the person who has worked hard for MDA during 2013.**

**Claudia suggests that Freestyle awards be awarded by splitting the levels.**

**Brianne researched how other clubs award year End Awards. Brianne states that only one club divides the Musical Freestyle by levels. This is done because the club has over 600 members.**

**The awards are presented to the following categories; Training Level, Adult, Masters**

**This year, we plan to pin according to level.**

#### **Disciplinary Actions discussed-**

**Regarding Board Member Jackie Caldwell.**

- 1) Lack of follow up of submission of entry checks for Tranquility and Heavenly Waters Finals Show**
- 2) Lack of attendance to MDA meetings.**
- 3) Lack of completion of paperwork for Tranquility and Heavenly Waters Finals Show.**

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#### **New Business-**

**Licensed Show May 24&25, Kem Barbosa "S" judge and fulltime judge needs to be hired, Beverly Fields -judge for overflow.**

#### **Volunteers and Work Credits Discussion-**

**Dressage rings work credits worth 2 credits**

**Schooling Show Manager worth 2 credits**

**Management of shows ribbons, ordering, delivery of show boxes to shows worth 2 credits, annually**

**Plan to have a meeting on Tuesday December 10, 2013, unanimous approval**

**2014 Schedule-**

**Thornridge Manor will no longer be available for MDA meetings and MDA horse shows.**

**Unanimous approval new meetings will be held at Wegmans, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Hunt Valley @ 7PM.**

**Discussion regarding Claudia K.s' entries for Year End Awards status, waiting additional info.**

**Claudia suggests a novice qualifying division.**

**Toni suggests a need to order High Score Ribbons.**

**Announcement regarding the Maryland Saddlery "Christmas Shopping Night at Maryland Saddlery for MDA members and their friends and family."**

**6-8PM, November 19th. All three stores will be open; Maryland Saddlery, Home Goods and Consignment.**

**Meeting Adjourn suggested by Paris, second by Claudia**

**Maryland Dressage Association Meeting Minutes for Meeting; 12/16/13 Wegmans, Hunt Valley MD**

**I. Attendance**

Paris Niesterowicz, Toni Over, Claudia Kleinsmith, Susan Peterson, Brianne Reynolds, Kristen Burton.

**II. Reading of Last Meeting Minutes/Approval**

**III. Treasurers Report- Susan Peterson**

- a. The entry fees for Tranquility Show and Thornridge Show are deposited.
- b. Ending Balance for the club account is \$16,785.54
- c. The liability insurance payment is made.

**IV. Membership Report- Carol Foreman**

- a. 26 members

**V. Young Riders Report- Lizzy Loundas**

- a. We need to collect items for the Young Riders Raffle Bucket for the Jan. Horse Expo

**VI. Schooling Show Update-Brianne Reynolds**

- a. Show Dates
  - 1. TBA dates for BLM & GAG
  - 2. Olney committed for 2 shows
  - 3. Tranquility is our October Show date TBA
  - 4. New Covert committed for 2 shows
  - 5. Fair Hill may be possible new location for licensed shows.

As per PVDA Bayside Chapter meeting- this year, there are no licensed shows at Fair Hill.

- 6. Kudos- Brianne Reynolds won the Carol Level Riders Scholarship Award for \$1000.00.

## VII. New Logo Contest

1. There are three entries, entries close January 1<sup>st</sup>.

## VIII. Awards Banquet

1. Scheduled for Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> @Belissimos Bel Air, MD
2. Set up 12:30, Banquet begins 1PM-4:30PM dinner , awards and silent auction.
3. Menu: Tossed Salad, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Vegetarian Lasagna Beef Au jus, Shrimp Diablo, Penne Vodka Chicken, Strawberry Shortcake, \$35.00 may use a work credit for cost reduction to \$25.00.

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4. Ads for Banquet Awards book accepted for up to one week prior to awards dinner contact Toni Over .
5. Update on Silent Auction items- We still need items or donated services for the Silent Auction. If you would like to donate an item please contact Paris Niesterowicz @ 410-303-9317. She will pick up item, if necessary. We have a photo session donated by Claudia Weeks, a lesson with Sarah Dulcos, a lesson with J.M. Littleton, a bridle from Bit of Britain, a gift certificate from Maryland Saddlery and two beautiful dressage bridles, equine items donated by Laura Ruark, equine items donated by Paris Niesterowicz, a gift certificate from Dover Saddlery, a pair of black half chaps, a gift certificate from Dogwood Tack. Thank you so much for the donated items. They are very much appreciated!!!

## VIX. Awards Program

1. High Score Scholarship- 5 Applications, 4 awarded
2. JBB Award- 5 Applications- must submit 3 choices to Board for final decision
3. CALL out for perpetual awards to be returned to Toni over for engraving of awards for this year's Awards Banquet.
4. Susan Rittler- receives Lifetime Achievement Award.
5. Update on Silent Auction items- We still need items or donated services for the Silent Auction. If you would like to donate an item please contact Paris Niesterowicz @ 410-303-9317. She will pick up item, if necessary. We have a photo session donated by Claudia Weeks, a lesson with Sarah Dulcos, a lesson with J.M. Littleton, a bridle from Bit of Britain, a gift certificate from Maryland Saddlery and two beautiful dressage bridles, equine items donated by Laura Ruark, equine items donated by Paris Niesterowicz, a gift certificate from Dover Saddlery gift certificate from Dogwood Tack, a cross country schooling session donated by Ami Howard of Olney Farm. Thank you so much for the donated items. They are very much appreciated!!! Money raised from the Silent Auction is used to buy next year's awards.

X. Heavenly Waters- Lita Hughes

1. Discussion ensues regarding cost/earnings statement, discussion about need for EMT to be

Present at recognized shows.

2. Maryland State Department of Education requires youth Sports Programs Document Regarding concussions be signed by youth's parents for horse show participation. Form will be posted on MDA website for download and signature by rider's parents. This form is required for licensed shows and Heavenly Waters Schooling Show.

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XI. January 17-19<sup>th</sup> Horse Expo Table- Carol Bossone

1. We need volunteers to man the MDA booth, please contact Carol Bossone.
2. \$100.00 budget approved for improvements made to Horse Expo Booth at Carol's discretion.
3. Plan to make new improvements and upgrades to booth, each year.

XII. Horse Show Discussion-

1. Entry checks must be given to Treasurer and deposited within one week after show.
2. Discussion regarding Qualifier Classes for Shows- Claudia Kleinsmith
  - a. Novice/Intro- use Test A+B
  - b. Training novice- Test 1+2

No qualifying guidelines for yearend awards. Should we keep test A+B? Should we add Test C? Should we keep Training 1+2?

**Motion** to add Novice Intro Test 2 and Novice Training Test 2 to qualifying class list requiring one qualifying score of 62.0% or higher to qualify for Finals Championship classes.

1<sup>st</sup> approved Claudia K. / 2<sup>nd</sup> Kristen B. **Motion passed.**

Adjourn

1<sup>st</sup> Toni/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Paris

