

Meeting Minutes for 1/14/14
Today's Meeting Date 2/14/14
Wegmans, Hunt Valley, Maryland

Attendance

Paris Niesterowicz, Toni over, Laura Ruark, Susan Peterson, Shelley Caplan, Lita Hughes
Diana Wallcot, Claudia Kleinsmith, Lizzy Loundras, Brianne Reynolds, Jill Blackburn,
Kristen Burton, Hailey Burton

Reading of last Meetings Minutes and Approval

Treasurers Report- Susan Peterson

Financial Balance - \$14,912.56

Young Riders Fund - \$2, 535.88

Membership Report- Carol Foreman

Membership dues are due now. Please remit your membership dues to Carol Foreman, Address is on MDA website.

Show Schedule- Brianne Reynolds

Brianne has created the new seasons Schooling Show Schedule.

GAIGS is on October 4+5. This date conflicts with Heavenly Waters. The Heavenly Waters show is moved to Tranquility Manor.

The Fun Show is moved to new Covert.

Spring Valley is suggested for the new show site for April 19+20th.

In addition, Spring Valley is the site of the June 15th Show .

September 20 + 21 additional Ships Quarters Show Weekend

The Fair Hill Show on September 27+28 is cancelled because the date competes with Dressage at Devon weekend.

The Show Schedule will be finalized by February 9, 2014.

MDA Logo Contest

The pictures are being loaded onto the website. The award winner will be announced at the MDA Banquet. The entries include the following; Carol Bossones full horse drawing.

The ½ pass horse with Maryland flag colors, the MDA dressage horse and state in Maryland flag colors, MDA logo created by Shelly.

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Awards Banquet Book Ads

Ads due on Jan 19th.

Slide Show Pictures - Please send all pictures to Jill Blackburn

Silent Auction Items Donated - Bobbi Randall Bling Browband, Karen Raney donated a lesson.
VIX. JBB Scholarship Award Winner - Committee - Jill, Lita and Sue. Brianne Reynolds deemed winner for her long service to Club.

XI. Caitlin Award –this award is based upon a mathematical equation. Five members have applied for the award. Only four awards are presented. This award will be decided later.

XII. Licensed Show News-

We are awaiting confirmation of the invited judge. The Technical Delegate is Kelly Former Licensed Show entry fees are the lowest in the area. There are plans to increase entry fee by \$5.00 across the board for all levels for the licensed show. Stall fees to remain the same. Heavenly Waters states that it plans to make improvements to the barns. Vote - Claudia 1st motion, Shelly 2nd motion, unanimous.

Claudia suggests that some money should be used to give free items to volunteers.

Prize List is due created by Jill Blackburn.

XIII. Heavenly Waters Equestrian Center bi Monthly Meetings- Lita Hughes

Heavenly Waters states it is planning to redo electrical and stall walls in barn.

The National Alliance for Youth Sports Concussion Documents must have parents or guardians signature for minor age rider.

Heavenly Waters requires that all judges need criminal background checks because they work with youth, cost is \$8.00.

In order to be eligible to rent Heavenly Waters Facility the MDA must have a representative attending 6 out of 8 meetings at Heavenly Waters. Lita Hughes is our representative.

There are plans for new stone dust for ring 1. MDA suggest that Heavenly Waters purchases a portable watering system for the rings.

The Prize list will state that Barn A has matts. Barn B does not have matts.

XIV. Horse Expo-Timonium Fair Grounds

Horse Expo needs volunteers, Contact Carol Bossone.

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XV. Spring Clinic-Lita Hughes

Proposed for last week of March - Jeanne McDonald at Cedar Crest Farm.

XVI. Fall Clinic- Paris Niesterowicz

Proposed for October or November – Richard Williams Clinic, location TBA.

XVII. Discussion Regarding Qualifications for Finals

During the last meeting, voting approved that there are now qualifying scores for Novice, Intro and Training scores for Finals.

Should Open Intro have a Finals qualifier? There are plans to discuss at next meeting.

XVIII. Next Meetings Discussion Points

At this time a rider must establish a membership 30 days prior to the date of a show. Should we continue this rule? Should we allow riders to submit membership dues with a show entry or even at the day of the show?

Plans to get rid of the A/B split across the board for Year End Awards.

Plans to have only 2 classes for each level across the board.

Claudia1stmotion/Paris 2nd motion

Plans to have an Intro qualifying class for into open of 62%

We need ideas to stream line Year End Award process.

Should we email the members who qualify for Year End Awards? Or should members continue to apply for awards on their own?

Adjourn

1st Shelly/2nd Paris

Maryland Dressage Association Meeting Minutes for Feb. 18, 2014

Meeting date: March 4, 2014

Wegmans, Hunt Valley, MD

Attendance- Paris Niesterowicz, Toni Over, Laura Ruark, Kristen Burton, Shelly Caplan, Claudia Kleinsmith, Sarah Dulcos, Lizzy Loundas, Brianne Reynolds

Previous meeting minutes read and approved- Paris Niesterowicz

Financial Minutes Read- Sue Peterson

Membership Report- Carol Foreman-44 current members, please send in membership renewal forms and dues, ASAP

Young Riders- Lizzy Loundas-6 riders

Old Business- Brianne Reynolds

Schooling Show Schedule is complete. Judges are emailed. We are awaiting replies

New Logo- logo reviewed and approved by Hodges. Old logo medals and ribbons will be used until finished.

Horse Expo-Carol Bossone

The new display was well received. The \$100. Budget was spent on improvements.

Awards Banquet Cost were reviewed

Spring Clinic- Jeanne McDonald Clinic- 2 day commitment, date TBA, check website

Heavenly Waters Equestrian Center Meeting- last meeting was canceled.

Fall Clinic- Richard Williams Dressage at Olney Farm. Three dates suggested Sept 14&15, Nov 3&4, Oct 19&20. Dates will be presented to Olney and Richard for determination of final dates.

Discussion regarding changing horse show class-

Last meeting we voted to add into.

Suggested during March meeting to reorganize class schedule.

Plan to get rid of young horse? 6 yrs. and under Training and First Level.

Do we plan to keep Novice?

Discussion- Do we get rid of division A&B for Year End Awards?

We will keep the rule of 5 scores from 3 different judges.

Require rider to ride at least 2 test in their level.

We will not require rider to ride the highest test in order to get a Year End Award,

Ex. Intro C

Novice Level will be divided up at Year End Awards.

Open, Young Rider, Novice-ride in Open Classes

Young Horse- any level, all levels would get pinned 1-6 for Year End Awards.

Novice Division- rider may ride for one year at Novice Division Level.

The term "Maiden" will replace the term "Novice".

For example- Maiden is used for horse & rider combination riding in their first year of showing in that season in only Intro & Training level classes.

A "maiden" rider is considered to be an amateur rider.

Paris 1st/Laura 2nd, unanimous

Show Rule Changes-

Maiden Intro Level; A, B & C

Maiden Training Level 3

Motion Kristen 1st/Laura 2nd

Young Horse will no longer be offered as a separate class at schooling shows.

However, a young horse year end division will be awarded at the Year End Awards for scores earned in Open Class for horses 6 years and under. This policy will be posted on the Show Page of the MDA website.

Motion: Shelly 1st/Kristen 2nd, unanimous

Sarah Dulcos volunteers to write the Schooling Show Rules

Division B will be eliminated for Year End Awards

Motion Lizzy 1st/ Shelly 2nd, unanimous

Suggested that an email Blitz be directed to members to review all Schooling Show Rules for Year End Awards.

Championships for horse & rider combination can be won for 2 years only. Paris 1st/ Laura 2nd, unanimous

Adjourn 1st Kristen/ 2nd Shelly

Maryland Dressage Association Meeting Minutes 3/4/14

Hunt Valley, MD

Attendance: Lita Hughes, Laura Ruark, Claudia Kleinsmith, Kristen Burton, Susan

Peterson, Paris Niesterowicz, Toni Over ,Sara Duclos, Shelly Kaplan,

Previous Meeting Minutes Discussion ensues:

**A Horse & Rider combination may only win a championship two times(Lita
1st/Shelley2nd)**

**Further corrections made to minutes report for clarification and minutes
unanimously approved.**

Treasurers Report- Sue Peterson

See printed Treasurers Report

Taxes will be done by Deb Mowery due on May 15th.

New Business

**Presently, the MDA Website is down. The domain registry has expired. Toni Over
is having her name placed on the registered website. Site will be restored shortly.**

Membership: Carol Foreman

45 members

Young Riders Report: Lizzy Loundas, no report

Show Report: Brianne Reynolds

At this time, decide to omit Spring Valley Show due to difficulty getting a judge.

Lita suggests having an early Spring show in May 2015.

Blue Bridle insurance payments are complete.

Region 1 dues are paid for the licensed show.

Lita and Shelley volunteer to secretary the New Covert Fun Show on 10/25.

Discussion regarding requirement for young riders to volunteer at horse shows.

Discussion for young rider benefits and activities.

Spring Clinic: Lita H.

**Awaiting entries for the Jeanne MacDonald Clinic. Splits of two people allowed,
semi private 45min lesson .March 29&30. Contact Lita H. directly because website
is down**

**IX. Fall Clinic: Paris N. awaiting confirmation of dates from Richard Williams and
Ami Howard.**

Heavenly Water Equestrian Center-Lita H.

**Repairs: stalls, bathrooms, electricity, Concussion forms must be filled out by
parents of young riders to participate in shows. All coaching staff must have an
up to date background check completed and submitted. Cost \$8.00.Heavenly
Waters work day is March 8th. Please attend.**

All young riders parents should receive a concussion information sheet.

**Discussion of new truck and trailer rules for traveling to PA. If you are
transporting horses for others and your trailer is over 10,000lbs. you need a CVL
license.**

Licensed Show Update: Jill Blackburn- need to order ribbons, we need 1st and

2nd place ribbons, need neck ribbons for Champions and Reserves. There is a \$100.00 set up fee for

Digitizing new MDA logo or only order enough 1st and 2nd old logo ribbons to use up the remaining 3,4th place ribbons, etc.

Breed Awards for Licensed Show- contact breed registries with USDF; Off the Track Thoroughbreds, Paints and Arabians. Contact Jill if you want to sponsor a Breed Award.

Licensed Show offers double work credits!!! Sign up now to volunteer!!!

Plans to count glassware for new glass ware trophies.

Horse Show Rule Changes discussed

Musical Free Style- Sarah Duclos

MFS- will be judged as a group. MFS can be a combination of any level. Must have three scores of 55. Horse & rider combos are allowed to collect scores from 2 consecutive levels. Sarah plans to reorganize show rules chart

To Earn Year End Awards- must have 5 scores with a minimum of 55% or higher H&R combo are only eligible to win a championship award for 2 years, only.

Scores must be earned from any 2 tests of that level for Year End Awards

Intro-4th level. 1st Laura/2nd Lita

Unanimous

Motion to accept new class numbers 1st Lita/2nd Laura

Sarah is rewriting the rules and changes.

Work Credit discussion- Brianne

1 work credit per show

Can work credits be transferred within a family? Yes, Shelly

1st/Laura 2nd, unanimous

Discussion how many work credits can be used towards a show entry? Plan not to make changes until the 2015 show season.

XIII. Adjourn, unanimous

Maryland Dressage Association

Meeting Minutes for 4/15/14

Meeting Date: July 15, 2014

Hunt Valley, MD

Attendance: Toni Over, Paris Niesterowicz, Shelly Caplan, Claudia Kleinsmith, Lizzy Loundas, Susan Peterson, Kristen Burton, Hailey Burton.

Nomination Committee to be formed to nominate new officers and Board members.

March minutes approved

Young Riders- no news

Schooling Show Schedule is complete

Need secretary for Finals Show

Need organizer for Sept 29th Ships Quarters Show

Question. Claudia K asks: if same horse is used for 2 different riders can horse be ridden in 3 levels?

Schooling Show Ribbons:

New logo is sent to Browns

Jill submitted count of ribbons

4.5.6.th – 122 ribbons white/pink/green

Plan to get rid of inexpensive ribbons 4,5,6th

Plan to order new logo ribbons upgraded style same style as Devon

Use up old ribbons through Olney.

New Covert Fun Show Oct 25th, Lita Secretary and Shelly

Equestrian Center- no report

Fall Clinic possible use of work credits for reduced fee. Richard Williams?

Suggest having a lesson day featuring trainer and MDA members MDA will subsidize lesson? Claudia K. will work on developing this program.

Licensed Show Update-

May 24 & 25th, Jill looking for sponsors for breed awards

Ribbons \$7.00 champion and reserve champion \$7.00

Qualifiers and Ring Size

Intro riders will ride in small arena Motion 1st/Shelly, 2nd Paris

Discussion using website active host

No Facebook Shelly 1st/ @nd Kristen unanimous

At this time, Board decides not to rent out dressage ring

Invitation from Evelyn Pfoutz for team competition. Participation at show in York Springs, June 22nd. Plan to place invitation on website

Adjourn unanimous.

Maryland Dressage Association August 11, 2014

Attendance; Paris Niesterowicz, Susan Peterson, Laura Ruark, Claudia Kleinsmith, Kristen Burton, Shelley Caplan, Lita Hughes

Discussion- New Ribbons- disappointed in ribbon rosette size for 2014. Li Review of last minutes and approval.

Treasurers Report- Sue Peterson balance 13+K. Recognized shows only Only made \$2,200.00 due to decrease in entries. Schooling shows average \$600.00 per day in proceeds.

Judges fees \$2500.00 and lodging

TD 1,000.00

Blacksmith on call \$300.00

Vet on call \$200.00

USDF raising their fees

Secretary \$1600.00

Rental of Center \$2000.00

USEF fee \$1500.00

Heavenly Waters Facility

- Lita Hughes

2016 possible construction of indoor? political influences may be delaying construction. Wash stall does not work at HW?

Announcement system needs to be redone.

Shelley led discussion of Fair Hill Facility. Discussed making show one day, no stabling costs, less stress for volunteers, have 12 hour day with 8-3 pm and 3-8pm day. Is two day show costing more than it is worth?

IV. Taxes- are paid, need an audit.

Lita will ask her husband if he is interested in leading an audit. Plan to ask Pam Macon as well..

One returned check from recognized show. Member contacted. Certified Letter was sent in July, additional charge for bank fee \$12.00.

D&O insurance is paid. Last installment for legal fee due in August \$1,000.

Discussion regarding purchase of trailer for transporting ring- need 10 ft

Trailer, road worthy, should look for a cheaper trailer because we need 7-8K going into recognized show next year. Lita suggests request for a trailer in exchange for a deduction. The person hauling the trailer is responsible for the Insurance.

Year End Awards \$ 3-4K. Four more schooling shows for this year expect

\$2,400.00.

Next Meeting Agenda

Need another location for New Covert Show? Ring is under construction

Need new spot a potty company-\$86.00, Be there environmental

Did not show up for Ships Quarters. Sue suggests ASAP \$70.00 plan to switch.

Membership Report- 115 members

Discussion what events would attract more members. Goal to increase membership participation.

Winter activities, video night, affordable clinics, Western Dressage Clinic?

Young Riders Report- none

Schooling Shows Report- Breed Awards need to receive donations for awards upfront. Leda suggests contacting breed clubs for donations for Ribbons and awards. Paris will look into this.

Fun Show Oct 28th- Pony Club Class offered at MDA shows? Leda will follow up with Fran Burns about using Balt Ag Center for Fun Show? If New Covert ring is unavailable.

"pick a prize basket" for blue ribbon winners.

Discussed Finals Show Tranquility Oct 12th Show have Pony Club Class to encourage pony clubbers participation in dressage.

Nominating Committee- organized by Lita.

Emails will be sent requesting volunteers for nominating committee.

President

VP

Treasurer

Young Rider

Secretary

Slate will be provided for October meeting. Post cards will be sent.

Discussion of plans to update MDA website- need webmaster position

To update and inform members of news and improve communication for membership.

Adjourn- Shelley 1st/Paris 2nd

MDA Board Meeting

Oct 21, 2014

Attendance - Toni, Claudia, Sue, Brianne, Kristen, Shelley, Lita, Jill

Reading of last Meeting Minutes/Approval - Sept minutes approval unanimous

Treasurers Report - Sue. No volunteers for audit committee. Further discussion needed. Has to be done according to By Laws.

Membership Report - 115 members

YR Report - None

Old Business

1. Schooling shows remaining are set for volunteers/ribbons.
2. Still looking for trailer for ring storage
3. Clinics - Claudia clinic set for Nov 15 at Thornridge, Shelley will organize.
4. 2015 Nominating Committee - Jill reports that we are still looking for a candidate for Treasurer. Slate is Toni, Claudia, Kristen, Sue, Olivia, Lita, Laura, Shelley, Brianne and Diana.

New Business

1. EC Meeting update from Lita -no impacts on us reported
2. 2015 Show schedule - in works, looking for grounds donators. Send a blitze?. Lic show - Jill to crunch numbers to look at profit/loss. Brianne needs a helper.
3. 2014 Banquet - To book Bellissimo possibly the 24th or 31st. Jill working on slide show. Laura and Paris gathering donations for silent auction. Scholarship committees set. Caitlin is Chairman Claudia, Toni, Nina, Laura. JBB is Chairman Brianne, Jill, Sue. Awards is Sue, Brianne, Toni. Lifetime Achievement is Jill.

Adjourn 1st Shelley, 2nd Brianne

MDA Board Meeting

Nov 11, 2014

Attendance: Toni, Laura, Sue, Brianne, Claudia, Olivia, Lita, Shelley, Kristen, Karyn Rainey

Reading of last Meeting Minutes/Approval - Not typed yet. To be approved in email.

Treasurers Report - Schooling show profit analysis shows lower profits due to show rescheduling because of weather issues and New Covert ring construction. Still need accounting audit for 2013.

Membership Report - 115 members

YR Report - None. Olivia suggests creating an Instagram account. Board ok with this social media.

Old Business

1. Still looking for trailer for ring storage.
2. Claudia clinic scheduled for Nov 15. Lita clinic needs concrete date for Dec at Cedarcrest. Discussed Dec 27. Date to be confirmed by email.
3. **Motion to give YRs free 2015 membership with attendance of any MDA clinic before 1st show. Money to be removed from the YR fund. Unanimous.**
4. 2015 Election, ballot approved and mailed. All positions unopposed.
 - President, Toni Over
 - VP, Claudia Kleinsmith
 - Treasurer, Peggy Smilko
 - Recording Sec, Kristen Burton
 - Corresponding Sec, Sue Peterson
 - YR, Olivia Du Bois
 - Board Members - Lita Hughes, Diana Walcutt, Brianne Reynolds, Shelley Caplan and Laura Ruark

New Business

1. EC Meetings - contact Ed for 2015
2. Horse World Expo - Carl Bossone looking for volunteers. Post and Blitze info.
3. 2015 Shows - Discussion on dates based on profits from last year. Blitze for farms?
4. Banquet - 1/24 tentative date not booked yet. Silent auction donations request posted and blitzed. one application for lifetime achievement. 18 apps for high score/medals as of today. Deadline is the 15th. Prize discussion- plaques, sweatshirts or polos with MDA logo. Kelley Magee suggested for embroidery.

Slide show being edited. JBB no applicants yet. Caitlin - 4 apps as of today 1 YR.
Banquet program - \$25 full page and \$15 half page price motion made. 1st by
Laura, 2nd by Claudia. All in favor. Table centerpieces being worked on by Betty
Ann Greer. Trophies being collected from last years winners.

5. Board members reminded to pay membership asap.
6. Schooling show rule changes tabled for future.
7. Meeting dates discussed. Meetings will be the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Adjourn: 1st Claudia, 2nd Laura