

Dressage Desperados Meeting, August 28th 2010

Mini Minutes

by Kim Kolstad

Called into order at 10:15.

In attendance: Diane O, Diane L, Sondra, Bliss, Kim, Debbie, Sharon, Randi.

5 minutes:

Diane O- Has been living on a sailboat for 15 yrs, but moved to home in Prescott for the summers. Used to live in Anchorage, Alaska. Has ridden in New Zealand, Australia, Mexico. She is trying to sell their boat, but until it does sell, she will be spending winters on the boat. She's been riding Gina's gelding, Flash now. She is interested in volunteering.

DianeL- Sponsoring class at Equistar? \$10 class. \$100/yr. (all in favor- voted through. Starting next year)

Sondra- Echo is doing well, she put him on Cosequin. (All agree we think Echo is cute!)

Sharon- Randi intro: She has a big dutch warmblood. He is doing wonderfully and will be attending show for the first time. Debbie, Gina, Kim and I went to show in Flag. Lupine was highpoint of the show because of her behavior. Also, show on 12th, if anyone want to go to Sharon's to get horses out they are welcome. You may have to wait if there is a lesson going on. But don't call because Sharon doesn't answer her phone ☺. Or call Gina to find out schedule.

Randi- Her horse has a checkered past. He was abused. He had also had an injured, hock. But he is healthy and is entering in next DD show. He was over ridden and over used, but he is now doing well and is calmer. Used to hate men, but now is getting along with her husband. Used to do higher level competition in Canada. He has a ton of personality. He chose her and their partnership was meant to be. (all horse people in attendance felt their heart flutter☺) Came from Holland and was not well cared for by a trainer. He is a lot of horse, but he helps her get over her insecurities. First show out!! SMILEY STICKER! She will be taking him to Sharon's house for a practice ride.

Bliss- Mother always said horse was her middle name. Always has had horses. She was Lupine's mom before Debbie. John has Percheron hitch, so she will not be available for show this time because she will be at a show with them. She will be gone most of September showing the Percherons in Idaho, Montana. But she normally summers in Alaska around Juno. They recently found a place in Alaska in Pelican whose slogan is: "drinking village with a fishing problem" ! ☺

Debbie- has nothing to add further. Had a great show, good competition. Fun time, Sharon got qualifying scores!

Gina- digital 5 mins- We need to decide what we will get for the passive member drawing and who will get it. (club votes that passive member prize is \$50 gift certificate to Murphy's. Kim will obtain). We have a confirmed judge for this show and the next show.

Kim- Debbie and Kim thought of some ideas for increasing club membership and encouraging show attendance. 1. Send out mailers with thank you card and entry form for next show . It would be fairly cost effective and would help remind people to send in entry forms. 2. Have a page on website with a link for trainers around Arizona and encourage them, in return, to bring students to shows. (voted on and passed). 3. Debbie has found a low-cost place to make business cards for the club. 4. Idea of sponsoring DD classes. \$10/class and include name on sponsorship page on website. The business is also free to set up some flyers or a booth at the show to promote their business. (voted on and passed). 5. Trade volunteering for advertising on website and at shows. The volunteer hours are long, and if we could split the jobs in to 1-2 hr increments we may be able to have more people offer their help. Debbie brought up her friends at New Hope ranch and said that she would like to sponsor a class for them. They are a non-profit animal rescue. Sharon suggests charitable donations. Kim suggests organizing tack rummage sale benefiting them. Also we could feature rescues in the area for selected shows?

New Business: Idea of sound system. Bliss suggests purchasing one. Debbie will look into sound system and cost. Kim suggests using a megaphone for now, since it will be less expensive. Diane L brings up that the ring steward could be announcer also. Randi suggests looking on CL.

Advertising/sponsorships. Sharon proposes that we all give thought to reaching out to people in the community and we can all send to Sharon and then have someone contact them and ask if they would be interested in sponsoring. Think vets, farriers, etc. Bliss suggests feed stores. Randi says she can talk to Savoinis. SyGyZy will sponsor class.

Sondra suggests doing a DD poster with lamination stating that any one is welcome and include our website and show dates and hang them at horsey places.

Show business-

Ring Steward- Diane L/Sondra

Check in- Diane O.

Float- Sharon (prefers to show in morning and volunteer afternoon), Debbie(prefers opposite of Sharons) , Kim (probably only riding one class so it doesn't really matter)

Scores- Dave (volunteered w/o his knowledge) ☺

Set up/break down- Sharon, Kim, Debbie

Sondra says volunteering makes you feel a part of the club. Everyone agrees.

Bliss suggests that the Williamson Valley Fire dept will sometimes do lunches. Apprx \$5/ meal Bliss suggests that we ask American Ranch if that is okay, but then we could have lunch provided. She also suggests that we set a long term goal of making one of our shows an approved show, so scores count as shows get bigger.

Then we all ate really yummy breakfast food and talked about....what else? HORSES.