

## Dressage Desperados Meeting 2/22/09

Location: Debbie Lindley's home

Attendants: Gina Sparks, Debbie Lindley, Kathy Nushart, Sharon & David Zovod, Betsy and Jack Tismeer, Kate St. Clair, Onne & Simone, Janet O'Connell, Lara Davis

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Kathy: Welcome to the largest DD meeting we had thus far.

All: Went around and introduced ourselves to new members.

David: Was so gracious to give his minutes to his wife!

Lara: With her 5 minutes asked about sponsorship form.

Gina: Replied with right now sponsorship is \$50 and doesn't expire. web page sponsorship includes a link, business description, and picture/logo/banner. sponsors can donate prizes for high point, passive member drawing. What should change?

Betsy: Reminded us that NAC has a seminar with Sports Psychologist, Lotta Ahlberg, on March 8th at Carol Funderburgh's home. Lotta will focus on overcoming one's fear in riding and Shows. Contact Carol for more information! Cell>928-925-4180

Simone: Asked if we have a DD link on any other web page, i.e., NAC or ADA.

Betsy: Asked for clarification on sponsorship.

Gina: Where can sponsorship go? DD will be sponsoring a basket at the NAC shows. Maybe ad in NAC program.

Debbie: Started collecting items for the show baskets already!

Kim: Needed feedback on bylaws edits. Also, Canyon River Ranch in Payson offered to host a DD Schooling Show at their facility! They have a half-acre covered arena. Start sending in your horse pics for the calendar! \*\*They are offering it for free, but it is very far away.

Gina: We need to find out more about the conditions (warm-up, footing, parking) at Canyon River Ranch.

Betsy: People from Phx may be interested in going to Payson in the summer to beat the heat.

Gina: Mary k, sara and Carolyn did excuse themselves for not coming (sickness and other appointments). The long version of the minutes only goes out to the members, not all have renewed yet from last year. The mini minutes are not sent out, they are posted on the website.

Kate: Asked what the cut-off date was for membership renewal. Suggested: No longer able to vote after cut-off date.

Gina: Most people don't care about voting, rather care more about becoming a member to not have to pay a every show the non-member-fee.

Betsy: Inquired about her current membership status and gave Lara membership dues.

Janet: Introduced herself, moved to Chino to live with her horses, and just body-clipped her horse Huey and it took hours! (he had mites too)

Kathy: Introduced the bylaw conversation...

Kim: Sent homework out to members instead of bylaws, worried her profs got the DD bylaws!!! Personally, I liked learning about the history of dentistry. She also shared that it was beneficial to go non-profit (but have to give more info to IRS), would need to email a copy of newsletter.

Kate: The way our bylaws are written we couldn't go non-profit because we need a mission statement for tax write-off. DD is too small, we should piggy-back with NAC, would be a smarter decision.

David: Don't have to be federal 501 (c) (3), can be state non-profit, asked if club was incorporated and Gina said "no".

Kate: We don't want to be for profit, need to be just a club!

Kate: The benefit of being non-profit is the insurance benefits, if we can piggy-back then we don't have to do this on our own.

Kathy: The concern on piggy-backing is that joining NAC/ADA could potentially dilute the relationship.

Gina: Being separate would keep both entities stronger with all of our shows and educational outreach programs.

Betsy: Offered herself as "bridge" between NAC (she is on board) and DD. Yeah, Betsy! We appreciate it!

Kathy: We have received zero quotes on insurance because we had no bylaws.

David: A member of the Prescott Sailing Club, the club is allowed to receive donations, issue of liability, events held at lake, insurance is cost-prohibitive so they decided to do Regattas on their own.

Kate: This is our own risk, we recognize it is dangerous, we do it on our own.

David: Do we need to get insurance to be non-profit?

Kathy/Gina: No.

Kathy: Comments on bylaws anyone?

Kate: Insurance Company will tell us if liability stands as an issue on our bylaws, will the insurance company accept the bylaws? Instead of us second-guessing ourselves, send it right to insurance company to get feedback.

Kathy: We need insurance coverage for liability, and it will cover minimum 3 events/year. Originally needed bylaws to get insurance.

Debbie: Can't get stuck on bylaws because we have Eric's demo!

Gina: The current bylaws state that there are three types of memberships; family, individual and youth. We should make it easier to just have individual. Active and passive

Betsy: Motion to change "passive" members to "supporting" members! Great idea!

Simone: Supporting members can vote, but can't ride in shows.

Kate: For liability insurance, it is a financial liability because an auditor and oversight are lacking from the bylaws. No oversight is an issue. An outside auditor could be donated service. Motion to change wording of "treasurer" and other person to auditing committee.

Betsy: The board should be oversight.

Simone: Why don't we make non-members pay more?

Kathy: They won't come!

David: Bylaws state something about Equine Activities being dangerous.

Kathy: Put statement into the show entry form itself. Get rid of the comment "unnecessary abuse" from Article III of the bylaws, all abuse is wrong!!

Simone: Second motion to change standing committees to audit committee and will consist of board members not included in the financial aspects of the club.

David: Suggested motion to accept bylaws changes, voted, and approved.

Kathy: Treasurer's report = \$1,374.94 (including 5 cents interest!)

Carolyn Harris can't be board member, Sharon Zovod can be a board member, yeah! Need

one more board member.

Gina: Voted for Kate.

Kate: An at-large board member? Yes! Kate accepted position.

Kathy: President of DD can vote based on DD bylaws.

Gina: NAC moved May 31st show to June 7st to avoid conflict with ADA show in flagstaff.

Gina: How can we improve our volunteer support of NAC? Need help with set-up and tear-down at shows.

Betsy: Jack and Betsy are involved with NAC show tear-down and set-up. Could use more volunteers. The one concern with more clubs is do we have enough volunteers? Less need for scribe and runners. One hour to set-up arena at 3pm, currently 3 people, need 6.

Contact show manager which is carol funderburgh for the first show or Joyce Cecchini (NAC President). There are 3 NAC shows this year, all at 5M Ranch.

Kate: Wait-we didn't create a volunteer system?

David: Meetings before shows.

Kate: Create volunteer forms at shows?

Kathy: Put on web page that volunteer support is needed.

Gina: NAC said we could use their arena for the March DD show! Yeah, NAC! Thanks so much!!! Mary K. Broyles clinic May 16th, 9 rides/day, cost is \$200 for day. Awesome! Only \$25/person and one spot to win.

Kathy: Happy to have clinic at her ranch if members only.

Gina: Suggested leaving one clinic slot to be a prize.

Gina: There will be a bridle assembling contest at the next show (Lara will oversee).

Beverly Rogers will judge the Oct. 18th show! She needs her contract.

Schleese saddlery wants do a free demo at a meeting, they specialize in saddles that fit the female body...ooooooooohhhhhh!

On the DD-webpage there is a new section about DD stories that people want to share.

Sharon volunteered to write something about Eric's demo! Thanks Sharon!

Suggestion to do one show a year with cheap costs and donate the rest of the show revenue to Horses with Heart or other similar organizations/rescues.

Should we do a combined NAC/DD show?

Trade tack at March show? -at the year end BBQ instead.

Write in the guest book! Only four postings so far.

Should we have a chat room online? No.

### **MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup> Show:**

Saturday before March DD show set-up at Nanke's ranch at 1 pm. Keep Nanke's Ranch clean at the show!

Jack: warm up area at Nanke's? Yes. Big warm-up but hard footing.

Gina: Dressage Equitation class will be judged by Michell Combs, it will be walk, trot, canter, halt, and favorites of the class may be asked to do figures.

Lara will be check-in, ring steward coordination, and will oversee the Bridle Assembly Contest

Kim will scribe or do ring steward, Michelle may have own scribe

Marla will score

Sondra will be taught how to scribe.

Anna will be a general helper, Kathy is runner too

Betsy: NAC arena in trailer at Carolyn Foster's house.

Kathy: Need set-up volunteers: 1pm at Nanke's Ranch in Chino Valley. Kate and Janet are on volunteer list to help set-up. Thanks! Kathy will pick up the trailer with the arena.

Debbie will let us use her tent, won't be in state at this time.

Betsy: Please use plastic bags on cones with the letters.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO NAC, AND BETSY & JACK FOR BEING THE COMMUNICATION  
BRIDGE!

THANK YOU NANKE RANCH FOR THE MARCH DD SHOW!

Thank you Lara for doing double duty and doing an amazing job at the minutes!