

## DD Mini Minutes, February 12<sup>th</sup> 2011

By Kim Kolstad for DD

**Members in attendance:** Dianne, Kim, Debbie, Kathy, Gina, Kelly, Susan

Debbie calls meeting to order

### 5 mins-

Dianne- She created a newsletter for club: May the Horse Be With you. The whole club is impressed by it! It is really fun and informative!! WE decided to issue color copies via email (as soon as we can figure it out) and have black and white copies on hand.. Dianne wrote all of the articles for the first edition. For future she suggests we have members write articles as well. It is a good intro to new members and fun stories. The general idea is to issue them 4 times a year. Gina also suggests we can put it up on website. Dianne points out that there is a 150-200 word limit for newsletter articles.

Susan- joined last year, but wasn't able to show at any shows. Just purchased new horse Percheron/TB cross who is 16. We are very excited to have her show with us this year!!!

Gina- There is a change on the horizon. She says she can no longer manage show organization or serve as a board member due to time constriction. She will still organize the first show with Tracey Lert and transition to the next person for the second show. She says she will continue to maintain website, but the shows are taking too much time. She wants to point out that she still supports the club. She has files and test sheets to give to the new show secretary and will help with the transition. She also says that several people are very excited about our choice of judge for our first schooling show. We don't have judges for last two shows for fall at this point. Finally, Champie (Sharon's banana loving boy, for those who don't know) will be a part of Gina's barn. She is very excited and happy to have him.

Kelly- First time at a meeting, she is new to horses. She is also new to Prescott and moved here from Washington DC. She is writing book about rodeo and is a rodeo photographer. Debbie suggests Savannah, the silly morgan mare, as a first horse. 😊

Kathy- I got n'thin (direct quote)

Kim- I got business cards made up. They are pretty purple powerful, if I do say so myself. Also, I suggest taking a gag photo of members wearing purple bandanas and do a mock gang sign for Facebook, this will attract new members...or cause them to laugh at us. Either way, we're used to it. 😊 And my NO DIVAS sign idea was shot down, just in case people didn't see the humor in it. I understand.

Debbie- Looking forward to a new year of fun shows and desperados. ADA one day show in Phoenix was well attended. Lupine was naughty. (please wait while I put on my surprised face....shes my mom, I can make fun)

## **New Business-**

Board members- nominations- David mentioned that he would like to stay as VP for next year.(two people confirmed that he stated this at last meeting...that's right, we have witnesses!). Will he stay as president for next year? Stay tuned to find out.

Nominations- Debbie for President nominated, seconded, accepted. David for Vice President nominated, seconded and we take silence as acceptance. Secretary- Dianne nominated, seconded and accepted. Treasurer- Kim nominated, seconded and accepted. Susan for Show Secretary nominated, seconded and accepted. Kathy will stay on as board member.

Website- we need to change the point system since there are no more test 4's. Debbie suggests leave it as it was for the high point earnings but take out test 4 score. So the final say on the high point system is as follows: if you ride test 1 or 2 of any level, your yearend score is face value. If you ride test 3, since it is more difficult, your year end (only) score will receive an additional 1 percent to equalize the high point sums. EXAMPLE: JellyBean rides test 1 and 2 of first level and receives a 56% in both. JellyBean's score is 56% on show day and also for the year end award. Pumpkin rides test 3 of first level and receives a 55%. Show day results remain 55%, however, the yearend score will include 1% ( $55\%+1\%=56\%$ ); thus equalizing the scores. The Yearend highpoint will be determined by averaging the three highest scores achieved in that level throughout the year. Therefore, you must attend 3 shows and compete in the same level to qualify for the yearend highpoint. We may actually have it all ironed out now.

American ranch is scheduled for 4 shows this year. They have new footing in covered arena! Gina will ask if they can drag and water all around dressage arena. We can use the covered arena for warm up, but we need to leave room for boarders to use. It would be good experience for horses to be used to covered arenas.

Debbie- Has created new bumper stickers with proceeds to DD. They state "Hauling Horses, don't need an Ass, so Back off!" designed for trailer tailgaters.

Gina suggests that we give DD bumper stickers to 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbon winners. Everyone agrees.

Debbie- Suggests for the website a link to SyZyGy jewelry with DD jewelry made by Dianne.

Gina and Debbie- Deborah Linsey is starting youth dressage club with Spanish horses. We are all in support of this and want to encourage them to enter.

Gina suggests that we give them gift certificates for classes. We all agree!

Susan- Has decided to volunteer as our new show secretary also donated \$10 to new hope ranch. Applause suggested and received. (She renewed!! This is the start of something good!)

**Old business –**

Remove Lara's email address from DD shop. We all miss her! How dare she move away and stay gone!

Debbie- We are having trouble selling donated items . For next year, perhaps we can think up a more efficient way of fundraising for our chosen charity.

Kathy suggests sending the \$100 we promised and we can still try to sell the remaining items.

Kelly- Can I see these items...(she walked away the proud owner of boots and breeches!) 😊

**Show-**

Our decision for show contests are as follows:

Show one-Bridle assembly,

Show Two-high point,

Show Three- volunteer drawing,

Show Four- costume contest.

Syzygy will sponsor prize for bridle assembly again. THANK YOU!!!!

High point is a blanket

\*\*Once again, thank you so much for attending Susan and Kelly!!! We are very excited to have you join us and you've already contributed to the club! So AWESOME!!

Meeting ends and we chowed on some delicious breakfast food!!!