

Dressage Desperados Meeting July 30, 2011

There were six club members present: Debbie Lindley, David Zovod, Kim Kolstad, Dianne Lehmann, Susan Bynum, and Sharon Zovod.

Deb called the meeting to order and we started with our Five Minutes wherein we each get a few minutes to talk about what is new, old or just plain fun in our lives.

**New and Old Business** (we sort of mashed it all together this time around)

Dianne will continue to try to get in touch with the NAC regarding the exchange of e-mail address lists to further mutual participation in each club's shows. At least two of our members will be riding in the NAC's next show on August 7: Deb Lindley and Kim Kolstad. Dressage Desperados will be donating a basket of goodies for the NAC silent auction at the end of the year. Deb will be taking care of it.

We received a thank you card from New Hope Ranch for our club's donation of \$100 to their cause. The owners put a lot of their own money into the rescue operation in order to keep it running and appreciate any help. Deb mentioned that they at one time had a dressage horse trained to first level and that if you want a horse you should consider New Hope Ranch as a source.

We discussed our junior riders some more. In an effort to encourage more young riders, we talked about a special Junior Rider program with cool prizes at each show as well as a year-end high point award. It was decided that a Junior Rider prize would be presented at each show. Dianne was instructed to make certain that notification about our Junior Rider program made it into the newsletter, website (she'll send Gina a note) and show notices.

Susan will talk with Donna at American Ranch about possibly allowing riders in our shows to bring their horses to the arena in advance of the show to accustom their horses to the facility. More information will follow.

Because Kathy Nushart has moved away (boo hoo!), there is some concern about who will set up the arena for the upcoming show. Kathy had this great, really long measure and was a champ at getting the geometry right. Sharon volunteered to search for and purchase an appropriate measuring device.

Kim picked up some nice purple bells for the judge to use at a dollar store and she is donating them to the club.

We talked again about getting a public address system of some sort, but tabled that for the future. Dianne will bring her bullhorn again.

Deb said she now has a "cart" that she will bring to the show that will elevate the judge's scoring area a bit. The judge at our last show suggested this might be nice.

Kim presented the Treasurer's report. As discussed at the last meeting, she moved the majority of the club's funds into the savings account where it accrues some interest. Savings now has \$1,025.88 in it and checking has \$583.16.

[Our sponsors for the upcoming show are:](#)

Save the Fly Foundation: Intro level | New Hope Ranch: Training level 1 | SyZyGy Jewelry: Training level 2 | V.C. Smith: Training level 3

Susan downloaded the USDF equitation form that was recommended by the last show's judge and we will be using that from now on.

Susan inquired about western riders who might want to participate in our shows. We agreed that the rules pretty much require an English saddle. Sharon said that she has a saddle to loan and Deb said she has a couple of bridles to loan as well.

**We still plan on offering snacks for purchase at the next show:**

The Judge will select her lunch from the offerings for free.

Sharon will bake brownies.

Susan will bake cookies.

Deb will supply water (she usually does anyway), but there will not be sodas this time.

Kim will supply sandwiches.

Dianne will supply individually bagged chips.

**Show Volunteers**

Volunteers always get their water for free!

Deb and Kim will set up and take down.

Kim volunteered her brother, Cameron, who will be visiting, as ring steward and announcer.

Dave will score.

Sharon will scribe in the afternoon and Dianne will scribe in the morning.

Everyone will fill in as needed running test sheets to the score table.

That was the final piece of business and the meeting was adjourned and we all enjoyed some really good food.