

Dressage Desperados Meeting, October 1, 2011

Dressage Desperados members present: Debbie Lindley, Kim Kolstad, Susan Bynum, Sharon Zovod, David Zovod, Dianne Lehmann and Jack Tismeer.

New Business

Jack attended not only as a member of DD, but also as a representative of the Northern Arizona Chapter of the Arizona Dressage Association and gave a short talk. He presented a proposal. The NAC is wondering if Dressage Desperados might like to combine resources next year and collectively host four schooling shows. The thought is that this might free us all financially to do more than just put on schooling shows. And that it might allow us the time to do club clinics, fun days, derby days and the like.

Debbie reminded us that Dressage Desperados was created to offer more opportunities for riders to get out to schooling shows ... NAC's four shows and DD's four shows.

The members present had a lot of questions and Jack suggested that DD members attend the next NAC meeting so that we can discuss it further. The date, place and time are still to be announced.

Jack also wanted to let us know about efforts to have a representative from Platinum Performance come and give a talk about horse supplements. The clinic is tentatively scheduled for November 13, 2011 and a venue has yet to be secured. Jack thinks it will need to accommodate about 100 people. The Rock House and Rodeo Grounds are being considered. He would like suggestions. You may send your thoughts to me at dianne@dressagedesperados.com and I will forward them to him. When plans for the clinic are firm, I will notify all of our members.

Debbie informed us that it looks like we will be able to hold our shows next year at American Ranch. But we are keeping our options open with Freeman Farms.

Susan informed us that so far we have only received one official entry for the October 16 show to be held at Platinum Ranch in Prescott Valley. [As of 10/08/11 there are six official entries with about five more in the wings.]

Debbie will find out who the NAC uses to supply a porta-potty. And snacks/lunch items will be provided by specific members as described in the last minutes. They will be for sale.

It was decided that next year's charity to be supported by the Dressage Desperados will be Rescue a Golden of Arizona, which rescues Golden Retriever dogs. Ways of raising funds for the charity were discussed: charging a little extra for the snacks/lunch, holding a raffle, Sharon volunteered to contact the charity for logo items that we could raffle.

We figured out who would volunteer for what at the October 16 show: Kim tentatively is not showing and so can do anything all day, Jack volunteered Betsy as scribe saying that she thinks

it's educational (this is still to be confirmed), Dianne will do whatever needs doing, David will score, Debbie and Sharon will do whatever needs doing except announce, Susan will help with check-in.

Kim gave her Treasurer's report: checking has approximately \$675 and savings has approximately \$1,026 in it. She remarked that she thought that savings currently had enough money in it to cover the costs of the next show.

David got us some nifty trophies at a very good price. They are engraved with the name of our club and we will be giving one out at the next show to the youth rider with the high point for the show in our Young Rider Program.

Lastly, we set a date and location for the annual BBQ and awards party. It will be held on November 12, 2011 at Sharon and David Zovod's. The awards will be presented first and then the feasting will begin. Festivities are to begin at 4:00 p.m.

This year we will be averaging the scores from the two shows that we held in order to determine the high point winners. As always, all DD members, spouses and kids are invited to the BBQ and we are also inviting the members of the NAC. The party is potluck with the exception that David is firing up his Imu. Woo hoo!

Old Business

Kim noted that we actually raised more than the \$100 we promised to New Hope Ranch this year. Those additional funds will be sent along to them soon.

We discussed again how best to get the word out about our schooling shows. Debbie remarked that there is a radio station that does free ads. Susan said that she will contact them on Monday. We talked again about Craig's List and it was suggested that we put the notice in the Garden/Farm section rather than in Events. We also talked about contacting former participants of shows that are not members of the club. Kim said that she knew some and would let them know about the upcoming show.

The meeting was adjourned and we all enjoyed a delicious brunch and good conversation.