DDC Conference Call

April 25, 2022

1. Roll Call in attendance are Julia Handt, Alecia Daniel, Bonnie Parker, Leslie Heltzen, Barrett Barksdale, Barbara Lewis, Becky Brown, and Silvia Stoumbaugh. Meeting called to order at 8:03pm.
2. Approve March minutes. Motion to approve made by Bonnie Parker, seconded by Leslie Heltzen.
3. Membership
   1. Seven additional members added at the schooling show.
4. Finances
   1. Balance is currently $54,978.36.
   2. Our insurance was renewed, and certificates have been sent to USDF and USEF.
   3. Becky still has receipts for the banquet
5. Shows
   1. Schooling Show
      1. Next schooling show is in July, which is a two-day show.
      2. Perpetual trophies. The information will be added into the next Transitions newsletter.
         1. The Walter Straus Perpetual Award - Presented to the DDC Member with the Highest Score in Training through FEI levels, excluding Freestyle.
         2. The Colonel (Major) Charles T. Valko Perpetual Award - Presented to the High Point Adult Amateur First Level Rider at the DDC Yellow Rose I Festival.
         3. Colonel Nance Memorial Award - Presented to the Amateur DDC Member with the highest Second Level Score, excluding Freestyles
   2. Recognized Shows
      1. Judges, airfares, etc. have been booked. One judge will be staying until Monday. Judges are
      2. We need to work on sponsorships for the show.
      3. May show is not a NAYC/FOC qualifier. Discussion that some travel grant money could be given out to DDC members that have to drive down to Katy instead. Mileage reimbursement per IRS requirement (with some sort of cap).
6. Ads/Promotions/Newsletter
7. Scholarships
   1. Leslie answered some scholarship questions.
   2. Applications due by May 31st. Leslie would like to make decisions by the first two weeks of June.
   3. Leslie will reach out to the scholarship applicant about criteria. One can also “buy” volunteer hours.
8. Education
9. New Business
10. Old Business
    1. Sponsoring the CDI
       1. Leslie makes a motion to donate $1,000 for the CDI this year, Alecia seconds. All in favor, none opposed.
    2. Prizes
       1. Usually $6-8 per prize but prices have increased, and we are now at about $11.
          1. Discussion about variety of prizes, sponsorship opportunities, different types of prizes (pads, caps, treats, dishware, salt blocks, brushes, bridle hooks, useful items).
          2. Barbara will talk to Caitlin about sponsorships.
          3. Bonnie will give Becky info/check about vet clinic sponsorship.
          4. Silvia said about $2,000 per prizes, including ribbons, is the average spent.
11. Next meeting: May 16, 2022, at 8pm.
12. Motion to Adjourn made by Silvia Stoumbaugh, seconded by Leslie Heltzen.