DDC Conference Call

March 21, 2022

1. Roll Call in attendance are Julia Handt, Alecia Daniel, Bonnie Parker, Leslie Heltzen, Becky Brown, Silvia Stoumbaugh, Barbara Lewis, and Galvin Swift. Meeting called to order at 8:03pm.
2. Approve February Minutes. Galvin makes a motion to approve the February minutes. Alecia seconds the motion. Minutes approved.
3. Membership
   1. About 8 new members signed up, which puts us at about 130.
   2. This is on track from the previous years.
4. Finances
   1. Banquet
      1. Becky has two pink sheets from Holly Becker.
      2. Alecia wrote JR/YR on all the bid sheets that applied. Silvia found four JR/YR white slips.
         1. Becky needs to know the names and the amounts for thank you letters.
         2. There is a $380 check that Silvia mailed to the federation for the JR/YR fund that has not been deposited yet.
   2. Without the cash and check deposits from the banquet, we have a little of $59,000 in the bank.
   3. Linda Graves donated $500 to the club.
   4. Joan Darnell education event made more money than what was written down.
   5. The check sent to Sara Jane Martin has not cleared either.
5. Shows
   1. Schooling Show
      1. The next schooling show is active. Alecia is going to post it on a few different pages.
      2. Galvin would like to propose that a few intro/training level classes could be added into the small ring where side reins are allowed. These would be a separate class. Name of class: “Academy”. Cost of class: $25. For Jr/YRs and amateurs.
   2. Recognized Shows
      1. Opening date is in about a week and a half. Everything is on schedule for that.
      2. Barbara must apply for the YR paperwork mid-year. Please copy Becky on that.
6. Ads/Promotions/Newsletter
7. Scholarships
   1. We’ve received one scholarship. Volunteer hours are a requirement for the scholarships.
8. Education
   1. Allison from Rocking M emailed Becky that they have been brainstorming for a program where people could learn about how a judge gives a score and what the basis is. Becky sent her email along to Joan Darnell. Joan suggests going to the L program. DDC could also sponsor something.
9. New Business
10. Old Business
    1. Major Valko award: Supposed to go to the highest scoring DDC member in 1st level from the spring show. One article wrote that it was for the highest scoring amateur.
       1. Galvin suggests repurposing the award to reimagine the award to honor Major Valko’s role in mentoring dressage riders and trainers in the North TX area. To go to the trainer best exemplifying Valko’s mentoring role over the last competition year. No trainer to repeat more than once in four years. The trainer must be a DDC member.
       2. We need to put in the newsletter the different awards and why they were selected.
    2. Alecia found more perpetual awards from an old 2001 scrapbook. She is going to go through all of them and see what the award trends were.
       1. Valko: Highest AA DDC member from 1st level. Member required to attend annual banquet
       2. Strauss: highest score Tr-FEI score for a DDC member.
       3. award: AA DDC member from 2nd level. Member required to attend annual banquet.
       4. Business of the year, volunteer of the year, trainer of the year, member of the year, and sportsman of the year awards.
    3. Banquet
       * 1. Someone suggested to Bonnie that Hunter/Jumpers post point systems throughout the year, which makes the riders want to be members aka “leader board”. This is something we could implement.
         2. Barbara mentioned that she can help Bonnie with that. It is a large amount of work, but it makes year-end award calculation much easier.
11. Next meeting: April 25, 2022.
12. Motion to Adjourn made by Galvin makes a motion to adjourn. Bonnie seconds the motion.