**DDC Conference Call**

October 30, 2023

1. Roll Call: In attendance are Julia Handt, Caitlin Demura, Mary Beth Henderson, Michelle Ames, Becky Brown, Alecia Daniel, Silvia Stoumbaugh, Barbara Lewis, Galvin Swift (with Leslie’s proxy), and Bonnie Parker.
2. Meeting called to order at 8:03PM. Welcome to the new board members! Motion to approve minutes made by Galvin Swift and seconded by Alecia Daniel.
3. Membership
   1. 172 total – highest number that we have had in modern times! Growing each year.
   2. Some clubs are dissolving. Becky will write a note the Beth, our regional director, to reach out to the members and see if they would like to join our clubs.
4. Finances
   1. $62,000+ cash balance.
   2. Not much has changed in September.
   3. Lemonade Daze was a loss.
5. Shows
   1. Schooling Shows
      1. Alecia is filling one judge.
   2. Recognize Shows
      1. Yellow Rose is this upcoming weekend.
      2. Added a ‘r’ judge for Sunday, which allowed us to take a few off the wait list.
      3. Looking for volunteers.
6. Ads/Promotions
   1. Slot is open. We can appoint someone to the board if we know of anyone.
7. Publications
   1. Send Caitlin content to post. She will go through it and post.
8. Scholarships
   1. One open rider/trainer applicant so far for this upcoming deadline. Yvonne is applying for the trainer’s conference and will complete her volunteer hours at the next show.
   2. The website says scholarships are due October 31st, but scholarship committee thought it was September 30th.
   3. Thought about additional scholarship for being a demo rider in national programs.
9. Education
   1. Becky looked at all the judges that did not have a freestyle designation and sent them a message about the Darnell FS CE.
   2. Eight people have already signed up.
10. Old Business:
    1. Discussion about awards. Need to start reminding members to submit scores.
11. New Business:
12. Next meeting: Skipping November – December 11th at 8PM.
13. Motion to Adjourn was made by Silvia and seconded by Alecia. Meeting adjourned at 8:53PM.