



## Minutes of DVCTA Board of Directors Meeting

Dec. 10, 2024

Stroud Water Research Center & Zoom

Alix James, Recording Secretary

The December Board Meeting was held at Stroud Water Research Center and on Zoom. The meeting was preceded by a meeting of Committees. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Darcy Miller.

### **Attendance at Meeting:**

#### **Officers**

Darcy Miller  
Mike Broomall  
Lisa Leana  
Alix James

Penny Knotts  
Becky Lynch  
Joanne Mohr  
Carol Lippa  
Karen Rubin  
Sharon Sexton  
Justine Watson

#### **Directors**

Kelly Barry  
Linda Drezja  
Megan Gioffre  
~~Megan M Huf~~

#### **Member Guests:**

A quorum of 3 officers and 50% of the directors (6 or more) being present, the Board was authorized to conduct business.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer (Lisa Leana):** Bank Balance: \$109,199.06, PayPal Balance \$6,180.38 Total: \$115,379.44. A check for \$2,000 approximately remains to be deposited towards quadrille costumes.

**Minutes:** Minutes of November meeting were approved with corrections that were submitted by email.

**Membership (Sharon Sexton):** 242 joined for 2024 including 21 juniors. 2025 70 members, 6 juniors.

**Quadrille (Anne Miller):** Check from DAD will be deposited this year towards costume expenses.

**Harvest Fest (Penny Knotts, Darcy Miller):** Eventing Harvest Fest hosted jointly with St. Augustine Pony Club happened and 3 or 4 people from DVCTA participated. St. Augustine would like to make a long-term commitment to partner with DVCTA to hold the joint eventing championships each year and promote it more.

**Eventing (Eliza Herman, Karen Rubin):** No report.

**Year End Awards (Joanne Mohr, Justine Watson):** All the submissions have been recorded in an Excel sheet which will be posted on the website for people to check their submissions. Justine said again that this is WAY TOO MUCH WORK for one person. Opening attachments to validate scores, assembling from emails, tallying, and then putting together the powerpoint. Alix will work with Annie on an award submission form.

**Sanctioned Schooling Shows (Lisa Leana, Alix James):** As part of the volunteer discussion we also discussed getting all the results from every schooling show and posting them on the DVCTA website. Alix will work on this with Annie and creating a template for upload.

**Volunteers (Meg Gioffre):** Volunteer hours posted on the website and up to date. Lots more people have submitted volunteer hours - probably because the form is easy to use and submitting hours monthly helps keep them from being forgotten. Carol Lippa pointed out that there is USDF recognition for volunteer hour milestones up to 100. Mike is going to check with USDF to see if we can bulk submit them.

**Scholarships (Anecia Delduco, Karen Walsh, Anne Miller):** No report.

**Adult Teams (Becky Lynch, Anecia Delduco, Karen Walsh, Linda Drejza):** Need to request that adult teams participants each solicit at least one contribution to the auction.

**Education (Karen Rubin, Megan Huf):** No report.

**L program:** 24 participants, 39 auditors, 5 volunteers. Next one is January 11 & 12 at the same locations but classroom hours will be in Alumni Hall which is larger and allows better space for everyone as well as easier food service and refrigeration available. Participants will have tables but auditors will have regular chairs. Need demo riders 1 or 1:30 both days. Saturday is First Level, Sunday is Second Level. Likely to be done by 3:30 on Sunday. Lost one participant from initial 24.

**Junior Teams (Megan Kuon):** No Jr. Team this year. Have not gotten interest from juniors at SNF or other farms right now.

**Pub at Dressage at Devon (Mike Broomall, Penny Knotts):** Still have not received the check. They are having some challenges with reimbursement but we'll get it - likely in 2025.

**Annual Dinner (Lisa Leana):** February 8th is the awards dinner. Last year was \$5200 total and charged \$50 and had 100 attendees. Raised price to \$55/head this year.

**Annual Auction (Linda Drejza, Kelly Barry, Joanne Mohr, Rita Lowry):** Linda has started to get some donations (8) and Rita has started to work on things as well. Will reach out to membership and specifically to adult teams participants soliciting donations.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

2025 Board Slate - Becky Lynch and Meghan Huf are resigning from the Board. Alix reached out to Annemarie Cochrane who declined. Penny Knotts and Linda Drejza both mentioned Lisa Fiorelli, Lisa Varotsis and Suzanne Miller. Darcy mentioned Pam Wiedemann. Kelsey?

USEA Area 2 wants all their affiliates to host an eventing related clinic. We have minimal obligations - they provide insurance and promote. We just are supposed to put on website and promote to our members. We are hosting the Sally Cousins clinic and giving \$25 towards DVCTA members who are also USEA members. Darcy is planning to arrange a cross-country clinic with Boyd Martin in 2025.

Darcy proposed creating a committee to decide about a replacement for HarvestFest at a different time of year. Basically a special schooling show to replace the recognized show. She also wants the club to start thinking about "big activities" for 2026 and beyond.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM.

## **2025 Board Meeting Dates**

**All at Stroud Water Research Center at 7:30. Most will be preceded by open member presentations and/or committee meetings beginning at 7:00.**

Jan. 14

Feb. 8 - Annual Awards Banquet and Auction + Member Meeting

Mar. 11

Apr. 8  
May 13  
June 10  
July 8  
Aug. 12  
Sept. 9  
Oct. 14  
Nov. 11  
Dec. 9

Board is required to meet 10 times per year so we can drop one of the meetings.

**Zoom link for virtual attendees - Valid for all meetings:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZEqdu-hqT4vG9HlpN2ckisBxgM9Ka7ImBek/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGtqTosE9OQtRiCRpwMB4j4M\\_PwtiVYjfp1tQ\\_LUSNYaxDULuVva5I-R\\_Hd](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZEqdu-hqT4vG9HlpN2ckisBxgM9Ka7ImBek/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGtqTosE9OQtRiCRpwMB4j4M_PwtiVYjfp1tQ_LUSNYaxDULuVva5I-R_Hd)