

KDCTA MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 19, 2022

The January meeting was held at the Ale House in State College, with a time for socializing and eating beginning at 6:30. There were 15 people in attendance, 13 members and 2 guests.

President Stephanie Dobiss called the meeting to order at 7:25. Molly Allen gave the treasurer's report, stating that the CD or approximately \$4500 was closed and deposited in the checking account, which had roughly \$14,000 in it at the time. She also informed us that we now have 30 members.

Stephanie said we now have received approval for 501 3C status, thus making us an official non profit organization. Any donations received will be able to be claimed on tax returns as a charitable contribution. We will also need to file a tax return this year with our new designation.

The audit of finances has not been completed yet, with the newly elected financial committee to get together at a time convenient for them to perform it.

The 2022 budget will be discussed at the April meeting.

The results of the recent election of officers was announced, with 28 emails having been sent out and 19 responses received. Results are as follows:

Molly Allen, Vice President

Karen Schuckman, Treasurer

Sharon Briggs, Membership Chairman

Carmel Dunlap, Secretary

Stephanie informed us that the KDCTA website is now up to date with upcoming dates for events listed. The goal is to get people to go to the KDCTA.org site for information. Karen suggested we use social media more than it has been, to get the word out, with any postings by members appreciated.

Karen also said that in the recent questionnaire sent out there had been a preference for using email in contacting members.

Stephanie stated that we will have quarterly meetings for members, with a topic of interest at each one, and next year we hope to have an awards banquet at the January meeting.

An upcoming bonus of membership will be Feldenkrais lessons beginning on Jan. 26 and running every Wednesday until March 30 on Zoom. Stephanie is generously sharing the Rider Makeover Course with us. This will help everyone, no matter your fitness level, in every aspect of your life. She will send out information and the Zoom link on Monday for the Wednesday evening lesson.

Show dates and events were discussed, with the first one being a Working Equitation Play Day at Blue Barn Farm on April 23. There is an indoor arena located there so weather will not be a factor.

We will not be having Hunter shows this year as there has been poor attendance in those classes. We will be having Jumper shows at Jodon's stables on Wednesday evenings, probably once a month for 3-4 months in a row, beginning in June. With the increased interest in eventing it was felt that this could be something that is needed and will have better participation.

The Fall Dressage Show this year on Sept. 24-25 will include a Working Equitation Schooling show. We must spend at least \$5000 to hold an event at the Grange Fair Grounds so it forces us to make it into a 2 day event. Some costs associated with the Grange for two days are \$300 to rent the small outdoor arena, \$1300 for the indoor and \$800 for the covered arena. Stall rental will be \$30 each, with bedding at \$7.00 per bale. As the Grange is requiring insurance for all 3 days, there will be a stipulation that you not work your horse in any manner on Friday. If you trailer in on Friday you will put him in a stall and basically do not take him out until Saturday. Entry fees will be increased by \$5 this year to help cover the additional costs.

Stephanie has been looking at different food vendors and has found one that offers a healthier alternative than the traditional burgers and fries. Happy Valley Chef will be a definite vendor for the fall show and if there are no farmers markets on the date of the spring schooling show (May 14) they will be at that as well.

Something new for this year will be a Fun Trail Ride in the fall. Karen said Jay Ziegler has a location in Raystown that would be perfect to hold such a ride. There is plenty of parking, some primitive accommodations for overnight stays and lots of mapped out trails. No definite date has been set, but with some members not interested in showing it would be an opportunity for them to be involved.

Other events and dates were discussed, with information on those on the website and further information provided at upcoming meetings.

We have also been given a link to a map that gives the location of all members of the club. This will enable more networking of members by looking at the map and contacting someone nearby to see if they want to get together and ride. It was also suggested that members might want to post on social media that they are interested in riding with others and thus expand friendships.

Stephanie said this year the registration for the shows will be with Strider Pro as this will make it very easy for show organizers.

Sharon Briggs gave a report on membership and said we met the USDF requirement for an updated roster. The roster will be updated monthly and we welcome new members. Stephanie passed out KDCTA pens to guests and new members at the meeting.

Stephanie also discussed the volunteer awards program, a program to encourage members to be more involved and earn hours by volunteering. Awards for hours volunteered will be awarded at the January membership meeting. Stephanie will be sending out emails asking for volunteers and all information can be found on the website.

Sharon announced the new logo contest. The present logo for the club was made in 1979 it would be nice to have a fresh updated logo to represent the newly revitalized and energized club. Logos will be voted on with the winning design presented at the April meeting. The winning design will receive a \$50 Dover gift card.

A member directory was sent to all members. Stephanie said they will use Sign Up Genius for volunteer sign ups as this company states they do not sell any info to 3rd party companies.

It was stated that the USDF has some free educational material on it that is also a bonus of your membership in KDCTA. Next year we may look at rider awards if there are enough members showing.

In Drill Team news, Stephanie is stepping down from the coach position but will help with what she can. We need a Drill Team leader. This person must commit to attending every practice, send reminder emails and make final decisions on weather issues. This person will need to travel to all events with all things needed such as speakers and rosettes. Stephanie will continue to help with drill team patterns and help with coordinating performances at different venues. We talked about having a drill team kickoff meeting on March 3 at 7 PM with location to be announced.

The meeting concluded at 8:35 PM.