

## KCDS Board Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2017

1. Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm
2. Members present:  
Jennifer Heck, Angie Cumberland, Jackie Maloney, Lily Schoeppner, Becky Schoeppner, Kim Hawkins, Deborah Johnson, Kindra Wilson, Meghan Nichols, Chrissie Simpson, Kathy O'Brien, Melissa Allen, Julie McCrady, Linda McCormick, Wendy McGraw, Alexis Losey, Carol Krska
3. January 2017 minutes approved.
4. Budget:
  - a. An overview of the 2017 budget was passed out.
  - b. The banquet brought in \$13,000.
  - c. KCDS currently has \$68,000 in the bank. This is approximately equivalent to the 2016 operating expenses.
  - d. New dressage arena letters were ordered for \$500. They came in and were too small. They were returned, and the \$500 was refunded. Larger letters will be ordered for \$900.
  - e. The 2017 budget that was previously approved needs to be revised, as it did not contain all of the horse show expenses. When these extra expenses were added to the budget, the overall expenses exceeded the income. Also, the horse shows last year made significantly less money than previous years. The 2017 budget will be revised to reflect these updates.
5. Sponsorships:
  - a. The Horse of Course will be a new sponsor this year. They will provide \$500 cash and \$500 in prizes (saddle pads, coolers, hoof picks, etc)
  - b. Current sponsors include Linda Landers, Wilhite and Frees, Deborah Johnson Pilates, CM Tack, Stephen Losey Agency
  - c. Making Hulsebos an honorary sponsor was discussed, as they have donated two saddles for the auction. Their logo will appear in the newsletter, directory and on the website.
6. Longview Board Update:
  - a. Longview is building a third barn.
  - b. They are also building a pavilion for eating near the concession stand. The gazebo, where the photographer usually sits, will be moved near the warm up arena.
  - c. Longview is soliciting donations from the clubs. There was more interest in donating toward the pavilion rather than the extra barn. KCDS would likely never use a third barn. There is \$1000 set aside in the budget for donations. A donation could be made in Miki Christophersen's name.
  - d. There is a Longview fundraiser for the pavilion March 10, from 2-6 pm.
7. Scholarships:

- a. Chrissie noted that the scholarships should be decided in committee. There was concern that this is too sensitive to discuss in an open forum at the board meetings.
  - b. Clinic scholarships could be a reimbursement or a direct payment.
  - c. The question of whether to budget for scholarships was raised. Currently, there is \$1500 set aside in the budget for scholarships. That was voted on in November 2016.
  - d. It was also discussed to either have the scholarship committee be a standing committee vs an appointed committee.
  - e. It was also noted that there is no line item for education in the budget. Education is a core function of KCDS. Last year, three people applied for scholarships. Instead of scholarships, the money could potentially be spent on educational events for the entire membership.
8. Communications:
- a. Kathy will obtain a complete list of trainers and barns. Putting a “trainer tip of the month” on the website was discussed.
  - b. How communication is funded will be examined at the budget meeting.
9. Volunteer Coordinator:
- a. Linda noted that it was simpler for her and the members for volunteer hours to be given out in emails rather than volunteer bucks. Emails can be easily accessed at a later date.
  - b. Having a form on the website on which members can self report horse show volunteer hours was discussed.
10. Membership:
- a. A deadline will be established for membership renewal, so the directory can be sent out.
11. Horse Show Committee:
- a. Prize list deadlines are in mid February.
  - b. Raising fees was discussed. It was noted that our current fees are in line with other regional shows