

## EDCTSA meeting minutes

April 13, 2009

Board Members: Tricia Hooton, Bethann Morison and Libby Kachmor

Members At Large: Jennifer Collins, Mary Ann Cabbage, Pam Mcknight, Catherine Marks and Jackie Acha

Members: Shari E. Weiss-Riojes, Pat Mulligan, Michaela Stephenson and Amanda Myers

Treasurer's Report: Unavailable

Tricia Hooton brought up auditing our bank account due to some members having problems with checks being lost or deposited late. Jen Collins made a motion to audit the account. Amanda Myers 2nd the motion. The motion carried. According to the by-laws the account has to be audited by two board members. Catherine Marks and Bethann Morison agreed to do the audit.

March Meeting Minutes: There were not enough board members in attendance for a quorum so the March meeting was done online. Those minutes were unavailable at the meeting but Tricia Hooton will be sending them to Libby Kachmor to post online.

Old Business:

1. Newsletter: Our first newsletter was sent out for April/May. The cost of the newsletter was \$251.99. Tricia Hooton asked if members felt we should do an extra newsletter since no newsletter was done for Jan-March. Jennifer Collins felt that it would be too much extra work for Gina Mckim. It was agreed the newsletter would continue for every other month. Due to the cost of the newsletter, Tricia asked if Libby could put the newsletter online. Libby Kachmor said she could put the newsletter online.

2. Show Schedule (ECU Team): The ECU equestrian team wants to hold a dressage show at a facility in Farmville with a 20X40 indoor arena. Due to the size of the arena they can only offer tests through 1st level test 1. They want to hold a show in September or November. Our by-laws require that EDCTSA shows offer tests through 2nd level, so we cannot sanction the show in the Farmville location. Tricia Hooton will contact the team about using another location.

3. Big Name Clinic (Libby): Libby proposed bringing in a "Big Name" clinician. She has put on eventing clinics in the past that were big money makers. For an eventing clinic Libby mentioned getting John Williams, Sally Cummings, etc. or Jennifer Baumert for a dressage clinic. Libby mentioned having an opening/closing date for entries so if not enough people signed up for the clinic to warrant the cost it would be cancelled. Using local business sponsors to help defray the cost was also discussed. Jackie Acha mentioned having trouble filling clinics in the past. Libby is going to contact the membership via email to see if members are interested in a clinic and to see what discipline (dressage or eventing) members would want. Bethann Morison will be sending Libby an email list.

4. Trailer: Tricia Hooton wanted to table this issue for now until she received the treasurer's report. Jennifer Collins was positive there were enough funds in the account. So the club will continue to look for a new or used utility trailer for all the show equipment. The cost will be around one to two thousand dollars. Libby Kachmor will be looking into a used horse trailer at Carol Willets farm that may be suitable.

5. Equine Country Show: There are 29 rides at this point. The show should break even. Friday at noon is the set up time for the show. Volunteers so far are Mary Ann (scribing), Pam (registration), Bethann (score-morning, scribe-afternoon), Catherine (registration), Michaela (score), Shari (1/2 day morning)

Other Business:

1. Michaela has a friend who does acupuncture and wanted to know if anyone was interested in having her work on their horse/s.
2. Meeting time will remain the 2nd Monday of the month and will alternate locations from New Bern to Jacksonville.
3. Pat brought up fundraising ideas. Selling club hats, t-shirts and polo's. Jennifer will get samples for the show and we can take orders at the show.