



EDCTSA

Eastern Dressage & Combined Training Schooling Association

Board Meeting Minutes from Annual Meeting

Saturday January 31, 2009

Opening:

Jennifer Collins called the meeting to order at 8:25pm. Motions were presented to present members.

Motion #1 was to drop the open Intro level division. The reason for the motion was that there were very few entries in 2008 for this division. Also membership felt that trainer's should be able to show young horses at training level. Melissa Deal said it was a good idea to keep this division and to maybe give it another year to get off the ground. Chris asked if it was a monetary issue to keep the division. Jennifer stated that it costs to provide ribbons, year end awards, etc. for this division. Tricia Hooton stated that didn't horse show organizers have the option of dropping or combining classes. Jennifer said that yes that horse show organizers do have that option. Tricia said that professionals will be competing against their own students if this division is dropped. Wanda stated that if trainers are entering this class, we should keep it for another year. We all had an off year. If this division is dropped, could show organizers add this class. Monica commented that we then wouldn't know show to show if the class would be available. Sarah Langham stated that you should have intro level for green horses and green riders. We are a schooling organization and we want to encourage youth and new riders. Jackie Acha asked the question "don't individuals who are scoring high consistently in Intro level need to move up to training level." Jennifer answered yes to the question but mentioned that this was a problem in 2007 and why the open division was added for 2008. The motion was then voted on by current senior members. The motion was voted down, the open division will continue for 2009.

Motion #2 was to change the by laws to read that a rider can meet the 50 percent requirement even if they show a different horse but that the end of the year awards are still based on the same horse/rider combination. This is to allow a rider to still be eligible for year end awards in the case that their horse becomes injured and they are unable to make enough shows to then meet the 50 percent requirement. The motion was voted on and carried.

Motion #3 stated that riders had to attend 50 percent of either dressage only or combined training shows to be eligible for year end awards. It was felt that this motion was unclear, so the motion was tabled.

Jennifer made a new motion that riders must compete in 50 percent of ALL shows to be eligible. Jackie seconded this motion and the motion was voted on and carried.

Motion #4 was the the open training level test of choice division will be a year end award. This motion was voted on and not carried.

The 5th motion was to change the printed newsletter to every other month and that the advertisements would be on the website monthly. Gina Mckim felt that it was a problem to not have the monthly newsletter for show organizers because that the monthly newsletter reminds the membership of upcoming shows and contains the entry forms. Jennifer stated that the entry forms were available online. The motion was voted on and carried.

The western class was discussed, may be incorporated into the sport horse versatility class. Show organizers have the option of adding this class.

Next were nominations for the board of directors.

President

- Cathy Fletcher (declined)
- Marsha Latinen (declined)
- Tricia Hooton (accepted).

Vice President

- Cathy Fletcher (declined)
- Lisa Graff (accepted).

Secretary:

- Mary Ann (declined)
- Bethann Morison (accepted).

Treasurer

- Wanda Morrow (accepted)
- Shari Rojas (accepted)

Newsletter:

Gina Mckim (accepted).

Website

Libby Kachmor (accepted).

Awards Chair

Debbie Swain (accepted).

Members at Large

- Jennifer Collins nominated by Debbie Sain(accepted)
- Catherine Marks nominated by Tricia Hooton(accepted)
- Pam McKnight nominated by Mary Ann C.(accepted)
- Jackie Acha nominated by Gina Mckim,
- Sarah Langham(declined)

All the nominations passed.

The 2009 Board of Directors:

- President: Tricia Hooton
- Vice President: Lisa Graff
- Secretary: Bethann Morison
- Treasurer: Wanda Morrow
- Newsletter: Gina Mckim
- Website: Libby Kachmore
- Awards Chair: Debbie Swain

Members at Large:

- Jennifer Collins
- Catherine Marks
- Pam Mcknight
- Jackie Acha
- Mary Ann Cabbage

Motion to adjourn meeting, seconded and meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm