

Minutes of KDEA Meeting – November 1, 2016

Present:  
Rhi R.  
ayle M.  
Jill D.  
Erin K.  
Kris K.  
Susan L. J  
Natalie M.  
Sherry E.  
Maribeth W.  
Jackie (formally Johnson) & John Schwartz  
Anne S.  
Marilyn L.  
Kathy Adkins > new member

Absent:  
Missy B.  
Lisa B.  
Marie M.  
Bekki M.  
Joanna G.  
Jessica H.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Marilyn Lee.

**Prior meeting MINUTES** summarized, via email, by Maribeth; as no hard copy was available. Approved by Natalie, and 2nd by Sherry.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**[Maribeth]: **Current balance (11/01): \$22,780.00.**

No recent activity, as fall events were cancelled.

**Susan asked if the \$20.00 membership fee remain the same for 2017?** [This amount is passed through to USDF.]

Motion to approve made by Sherry, 2nd by Marilyn.

**AWARDS** [Natalie]:

**Awards meeting to be held mid-January 2017. Date & time: TBD**

Natalie's husband, Patrick, will be making some items for prizes.

There will be a special presentation to Marie for her and Gator (deceased).

**Natalie proposed adding a \$15.00 annual, per horse nomination fee for those participating in awards eligibility.** This would allow our club to purchase some higher quality prizes and more Club promotional items (KDEA saddle pads, etc.). Discussion of pros, cons, clarification on several items of procedure, as well as agreement to reduce the amount charged to \$10.00, followed. **Susan made the motion to not charge a rider fee, but instead charge an annual \$10.00 per horse fee for awards nomination. In addition, to increase the awards budget to \$1,000.00.** 2nd by Sherry & Marilyn. Passed with all in favor; no one opposing or abstaining.

Anne made mention that the membership forms would need to be updated before membership deadline of November 30, 2016.

**Natalie proposed switching the awards eligibility required volunteer hours to a point system.** She brought a copy of the Cowboy Dressage's club(?) record-keeping form as an example. **Maribeth asked for discussion on reducing the mandatory 5 required hours of volunteering, if a point system was not adopted.** It was decided that a committee was needed to further study this issue. The following members have volunteered for this committee: Natalie, Marilyn, Anne, Sherry, and Jackie. They will present their recommendations to the Board at our January 2017 meeting.

**2017 BOARD POSITION NOMINATIONS** [Susan]:

- **Susan** has consented to be the **President** for another year. The last term she is eligible to serve.

- **Rhi** has volunteered to be the **Vice-President**.

- **Anne** will assume the position of **Treasurer**.

**Kris** has volunteered to be the new **Secretary**.

**Maribeth** will take over **Membership**.

**Natalie** will coordinate **Awards** again this year.

- **Jackie** has volunteered to be the **Education chair**. Her committee is Gayle, Rhi, & Erin. Jackie asked what the budget is. There currently isn't one. The Committee is to determine one and bring it to the Board for approval.

**Susan** will head the **Competition committee**. Maribeth, Anne, Jessica & Erin are her committee members. Susan stated that the committee will be meeting sometime in December. She also mentioned that the Jump For Joy clinic will be separate from Dressage.

**Publicity** is an open position.

**Susan** is willing to be the **Website coordinator**. Gayle said she'd be willing to work on this as well.

>> Anne moved to accept the nominations as read by Susan. 2nd by Marilyn. Passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Equine Facilities: (1) Jackie said a new one is being built in El Dorado. Owner is working to make it usable for several venues; including Dressage. (2) South of Salina another facility is being built. (3) The Royal in KC is moving out. Expecting it to be too expensive for KDEA to rent. (4) Kansas Star Casino (Mulvane) has raised their price to \$6,000.00/day. Arena better suited for Hunter/Jumper shows, and the footing is poor quality.

Marilyn congratulated Susan, Maribeth, Anne, Sherry, & all the other officers and committees, for all their hard work this past year, and for expanding the club membership.

There will be no Christmas party this year due too many scheduling conflicts.

**Next meeting of KDEA, and which awards are given, is mid-January 2017.** Natalie will set the date and time and let us know.

Sherry made the motion to end adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. 2nd by Marilyn.

Submitted by Kris Keith.