

## **MsEDA Annual Meeting January 2, 2010**

Leann Hines' House at noon

Meeting started at 12:20—2:20

### **Members Present:**

Leann Hines—Current President/Treasurer

Adrian Krug—Membership and her mom Patricia Krug

Mary Alice Ruleman - Representing Mid-South Dressage Academy

Evie Tumlin—Education Chair

Angie Brummett—Board of Directors--taking minutes for the group

Since Secretary Jodi Waldrip was not present with last year's Minutes, Leann waved reading of the Last Minutes. She did recap MsEDA events for the group and opened the floor for discussion of current events for 2010 with the Charlotte Bredahl-Baker Clinic to be the next formal MsEDA event. Leann discussed the basic USDF requirements for the clinic with Mary Alice and all present. USDF requires a MsEDA member to collect Auditors' fees, volunteers to be needed to support clinician, auditors and riders, feed and house clinician, and with the Treasurer present to pay fees and send ASAP monies and reports to USDF at close of clinic. USDF banner also needs to be mailed back ASAP after clinic. Leann also noted that we need to get the GMO Compliance Form in ASAP.

### **March 20-21, 2010**

#### **USDF Adult Clinics with Charlotte Bredahl- Baker ([get application](#))**

Clifton Farms / Midsouth Dressage Academy

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Hernando, MS 38632

(901) 449-0968

[www.midsouthdressageacademy.org](http://www.midsouthdressageacademy.org)

Contact: Evie Tumlin ( [email](#) )

Mary Alice also informed the group that Mid-South Dressage Academy is hosting a recognized show April 10-11, 2010.

### **MsEDA Treasurer's Report –**

Presented by Leann for Stephanie Wright

--\$5077 in Money Market Acct

--\$2681 in the Operating Account

We will have to pay MsEDA's Liability insurance in April of \$500 to \$600. We need membership dues and reports to go into USDF ASAP as they are past due as of 1 December 2009. MsEDA's Recognized Show did not break even. We lost a little. No USDF Adult Camp held in 2009 as only 5 people said they would participate, well below the breakeven point. Discussion on the possibilities of holding Adult Camps this year came up with the group stating we need to pursue new locations for more participation. Evie and Bess did hold a minicamp themselves in 2009 for a few willing participants.

Discussion on Recognized Shows hosted by MsEDA: The group believes that we would be better off having more dressage and combined test schooling shows this year due to finances and poor participation of competitors in the last couple of years. We should spend this year building up a base of support and volunteers again. Mary Alice led us in a discussion of supporting the schooling shows with a Series Year End Awards and with the possibility of participants being eligible for special awards if they attend at least a schooling shows from each series, CWF, MSDA and possibly Delta Dressage.

Evie led the discussion on revamping the Year End Awards program. She stated that we still need Show Secretaries to send in show results. Competitors need to be more proactive in getting in their own scores in to Awards Secretary. Evie stated that she would be willing to host a MsEDA schooling show with all proceeds for MsEDA in return for volunteer help for her shows. The group discussed class discounts for MsEDA members for schooling shows as a membership benefit (as well as exchange for volunteer hours?). Patricia suggested asking other state dressage organizations to join in to help put on a recognized dressage show back at the MS State Horse Park Arena for 2011.

Leann informed us about the events at the 2009 MS State Games and she is the current Dressage Coordinator for the 2010 year and location is being worked on (Canton?). Time frame is the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in June. Remember the costs for the classes are only \$15 with free T-Shirts for competitors and the games are like mini Olympics with Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions (as well as ribbons supplied by Leann and others). The MS Games are fun and well funded.

Discussion of new slate of officers was next. Currently we have Jenna Schilling doing the Newsletter but her family needs more of her time and she hopes to be relieved of this duty for now. Leann has been our President and is on the bank signature card. Stephanie Wright has been doing the Treasurer position and is willing to give it up but the group would like to see her continue her usual great efforts on the group's behalf. Adrian is willing to continue as Membership Coordinator and we currently had 38 members for 2009. Sharon Mulder-Lampley did get us some Dover 2009 sponsorship of Year-End awards. Evie had the Year End Awards position again and there was discussion of setting up in the website a PDF for members to use to send in their show information on to make the Awards more user friendly. MsEDA's website has been neglected and needs to be updated with a more accessible membership form. Currently the membership form is linked to Cedar Winds Farm's website.

Current Ballot Nominations discussed and as there was not an official quorum, group decided to put out an electronic ballot with read receipts for membership participation. The group discussed doing a mailing for memberships with forms provided and a return envelope

preaddressed to Adrian. Group decision was to do it after the electronic ballot returns. Leann also noted that we need to get the GMO Compliance Form into USDF ASAP as it officially past due. Group decision to do it after balloting for officers and getting memberships in sufficient numbers.

### **Slate of Officers for 2010 Ballot**

President—Evie Tumlin

VP CT—Sharon Mulder

VP Dressage—Angie Brummett

Membership—Adrian Krug

Secretary—Lisa Seaburg

Treasurer—Stephanie Wright

Jr/YR Contact - Ruby Reithel (may be leaving end of school year)

Newsletter Chairperson —Open for Volunteer (Evie will handle for awhile)

Awards Chairperson---Open for Volunteer (Evie will handle for awhile)

Website Coordinator--- Lisa Seaburg and Evie Tumlin (Still looking for someone that wants this)

Volunteer Coordinator—Open

Show Organizer—Open (up to each farm hosting schooling shows) (Valerie Dodds?)

Sponsorship Chairperson—Open

Board of Directors—Past and present officers

### **2009 Year End Awards Report**

Evie stated that only three people participated by sending in their information.

Suzy Hoyt receives the MsEDA Gold Certificate at 1<sup>st</sup> level and also the USDF 1<sup>st</sup> level Adult Champion and received the coveted air brushed horse statuette by Schacht.

Jessica Johns received the Reserve USDF Adult Champion and a gift certificate from Dover Saddlery.

Allison Bailey received her MsEDA 2<sup>nd</sup> level Adult Championship and a gift certificate from Dover Saddlery.

Congratulations!

**USDF Convention Report** – Evie, Mary Alice and Adrian gave us their impressions of the convention's new board of directors and current information. Leann was most happy about the simplification of the GMO compliance form revision. Evie gave us a great rendition of "A Dressage Rider's Prayer."

**Next Annual Meeting** to be held tentatively on **November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010** to comply with USDF's requirement of Membership Reports by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:20pm.