

# 2013 Annual Meeting

## DRAFT 11/16/13 Minutes



### I. 12:03 p.m. – Welcome

The meeting was opened by Rebecca Chatfield, 2013 Equestrians' Institute President. Approximately 20 members attended the Annual Meeting.

### II. Approval of Minutes

The Board provided copies of the minutes from 2012 Annual Meeting. Members present read the minutes. Meika Decher moved that the members waive reading of the minutes; Lynn Palmer seconded the motion. The members present unanimously approved the motion to waive reading of the minutes. The Board answered a question from the floor about dressage arena shared by the Driving and Dressage Divisions. Carolyn Adams moved that the minutes be approved as submitted; Meika Decher seconded the motion. The members present unanimously approved minutes as submitted.

### III. Overview

Rebecca Chatfield gave an overview of the 2013 events: 2 clinics; 8 Dressage recognized and schooling shows; 2 Eventing schooling shows; 5 Driving events (CDEs, Driving Trials and clinics); 2 general education seminars (scribing and ultrasound); a Holiday Bazaar and tack sale; and the Annual Meeting of the membership.

### IV. Financial Statement

Gunn Cooper presented the 3rd quarter financial report. The General Account includes everything that is not Division specific. The \$7,147 loss year-to-date is expected to be made up from the Holiday Bazaar and membership renewal.

### V. Division Reports

#### a. General Division/Board

Rebecca Chatfield gave a power point presentation. The Board's work in 2013 included approval of the budget and events for each discipline; approval of the Policies & Procedures Manual and Update; maintenance of USEF, USDF, USEA and ADS affiliations; review of E.I.'s tax form 990; contracts with event organizers and venues; electronic presence through E.I's website, Facebook,



Twitter, and e-flashes; insurance; sponsors/donors; membership; and grants.

Rebecca then discussed the EI community. Membership has declined in line with non-profit organizations generally. However, there has been a substantial increase in Facebook “Likes.” Members present discussed the value of Facebook “Likes.”

Gunn Cooper explained that clinics planned for 2014 will focus on the adult amateur and that the Board is considering requiring that participants be EI members.

Wendy Meyers will take over the scribing clinic from Beth Glosten who has taught this clinic for many years. The members thanked Beth for her much appreciated service to EI.

b. Dressage Division Report

Lynn McGrew gave the report. She reviewed the events and the Division’s focus on the competitors. The shows are very well organized. The volunteers are well organized and appreciated. Judges enjoy returning to our shows.

c. Eventing Division Report.

Meika Decher gave the report. The Division has made the Washington State Horse Park (WSHP) its home. Participation in events shows an upward trajectory.

d. Driving Division.

Diana Axness gave the report. The Driving Committee was fabulous. The Division held 5 events: 3 at Happy Trails; a Driving Education & Training weekend at NW Equestrian Center; and a Driving and Riding Family Fun weekend at the WSHP. The Division has been able to nearly complete its equipment purchases due to generous donations and sponsorships. Diana reviewed the events planned for 2014.

**VI. 2014 Board of Directors**

The proposed 2014 Board of Directors is comprised of:

Diana Axness  
Rebecca Chatfield  
Gunn Cooper

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Meika Decher  
Lori Fleming  
Sarah Johnson  
Penny Leggott  
Lynn McGrew  
Alison Moss

Mary Decher moved that the proposed 2013 Board of Directors be approved; BJ Higgins seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the members present.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45

Minutes submitted by Alison Moss, 2013 E.I. Secretary