

# 2014 Annual Meeting

## DRAFT 11/08/14 Minutes



### I. 12:00 p.m. – Welcome

The meeting was opened by Rebecca Chatfield, 2014 Equestrians' Institute (EI) President. Approximately 25 members attended the Annual Meeting.

### II. Approval of Minutes

The Board provided copies of the minutes from 2013 Annual Meeting. A motion from the floor to waive reading of the minutes and approve them as written was made and seconded. The members present unanimously approved the motion to waive reading of and approve the minutes.

### III. Overview

Rebecca Chatfield gave an overview of the 2014 events: 3 clinics; 8 Dressage recognized and schooling shows; 3 Eventing events (USEA Horse Trials; One Days; CT); 5 Driving events (CDEs; Driving Trials; TREC; and clinics); a Holiday Bazaar and tack sale; and the Annual Meeting of the membership.

### IV. General Division/Board

Rebecca Chatfield gave a power point presentation. The Board's work in 2014 included approval of the budget and events for each discipline; maintenance of the Policies & Procedures Manual; maintenance of USEF, USDF, USEA and ADS affiliations; review of EI'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 answered questions about individual vs. affiliate memberships.

Rebecca then discussed the EI community. Membership has declined in line with non-profit organizations generally, but Facebook fans have grown exponentially. EI volunteers have also declined.

### V. Financial Statement

Gunn Cooper presented the 3rd quarter financial report. Events are budgeted to break even, although we hope to make a small profit. We added approximately \$30,000 to our coffers and invested \$3,000 in an arena

The General Account includes everything that is not Division specific. Half of the \$6,126 loss year-to-date is expected to be made up from membership renewal.

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Gunn reviewed the costs allocated to the General Division. The largest single line item is USDF fees, which are paid for each EI member.

### VI. Discipline Reports

#### a. 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. A discussion ensued about the reduction in "rides down the centerline" on Sunday of the Champagne series. Lynn also reviewed the decision in 2014 to limit the year end awards to riders who participated in EI shows.

The Division put on two mounted clinics: cross-training (eventing and dressage) with Dom Schramm and biomechanics with J. Ashton Moore. The Division plans to repeat these clinics in 2015.

#### b. Eventing Division Report.

Meika Decher gave the report. The Division has made the Washington State Horse Park (WSHP) its home. The May Horse Trials were a big success. The schooling show was very popular, but the á la carte format made it a bit hectic. The Division intends to invest in more equipment to make the WSHP more professional.

#### c. Driving Division.

Diana Axness gave the report. The Driving Committee was fabulous. The Division held 5 events: 4 at Happy Trails and a beginning driving clinic. Sarah Johnson will serve as Driving Director in 2015 if elected to the Board by the membership. Diana reviewed the events planned for 2015.

### VII. **2015 Board of Directors**

The proposed 2015 Board of Directors is comprised of:

Erin Alberda  
Diana Axness  
Chris Bredeson  
Gunn Cooper

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Meika Decher  
Sarah Johnson  
Penny Leggott  
Laurie McLaughlin

Alison Moss moved that the proposed 2015 Board of Directors be approved; the motion was seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by the members present.

Diana Axness thanked the outgoing members for their service.

**VIII. Sporthorse Division**

Diana Axness explained the intent to create a new Sporthorse Breeders Division of EI. Members present discussed whether the EI logo should be changed to reflect the addition of this new Division. This decision was left to the 2015 EI Board.

**IX. Good of the Order**

Peter Rothschild asked whether any EI member(s) planned to attend the annual USDF convention. None of the members present currently planned to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10

Minutes submitted by Alison Moss, 2014 EI Secretary