

MIDWEST DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION

**MDA August 2025 Board Meeting**  
**Monday, August 11th, 2025 · 7 pm**

Time zone: Eastern Standard/Detroit

**Location: Virtual**

**Attendees:** Katie Bratschi, Holly Zecchin, Mykal Roth, Meghan Connolly, Jordan Irwin, Alex Pollack

Guests: N/A

**Not in Attendance:** Valyn Dall

Agenda:

- **Call to Order at 7:02 PM**
  - President's Opening Comments – Holly
    - N/A
  
- Officer's Reports:
  - **Secretary – Katie**
    - July minutes
      - No changes needed
      - Holly motions to approve, Meghan seconds, minutes approved
  - **Treasurer – Meghan**
    - July report
      - Katie motions to approve, Mykal seconds, report approved
    - CD is coming due in August
      - Holly planning to go cash that out this week and deposit into Chase account
  
- Committee Reports:
  - **Membership – Katie**
    - Currently at 173 members
      - 18 open, 32 junior/YR, 119 adult amateurs, 4 social
    - Will send out an email if we reach 175
  - **Marketing – Mykal & Alex**
    - Purchased banner to hang up at the banquet
  - **Year-End Awards/Shows – Holly & Alex**
    - Getting Branded price estimates
      - Push to next meeting
    - Leadline prizes
      - Push to next meeting (need by end of October for ribbon order)
      - Budget: try to keep prize around \$10/each
        - Maybe a larger one for champion
      - All should get a ribbon
        - Get fun colors or patterns
    - Shows

- Aberdeen sanctioned another show date
      - Series championship show
      - Needs to be added to the website and maybe newsletter
  - **Education – Mykal**
    - Freestyle Clinic
      - 1 person has reached out and wants to participate, ready to pay
        - Holly and Mykal also interested
      - Past point of refundable deposit, so we will continue to sit on this and see if more participants come up – if we can get to 4 participants we should run this clinic
        - August 27<sup>th</sup> we can get half of the clinician fees back
        - Set a deadline of August 25<sup>th</sup>
      - Can do an email blast along with the newsletter
  - USDF/GMO – Alex & Valyn
    - N/A
  - **Bylaws & Standing Rules (& Annual Meeting) – Jordan**
    - Draft of changes – need to share with membership for voting in October, share results at annual meeting (November 2<sup>nd</sup> tentative)
      - Two week voting period
      - Must have option to request mail-in ballot
    - Each section will need to be voted on individually
      - Section 1- Meghan motions to approve, Katie seconds, unanimous vote yes
      - Quorum requirements - Meghan motions to approve, Jordan seconds, unanimous vote yes
      - Removal of section 2, Katie motions to approve, Meghan seconds, unanimous vote yes
      - Article XI – Code of Conduct: Meghan motions to approve, Mykal seconds, unanimous vote yes
  - Professional Advisory – Jordan
    - N/A
  - Banquet – Alex, Jordan, & Mykal
    - N/A
  - Communications/Social Media – Valyn & Mykal
    - N/A
  - **Newsletters- Holly**
    - Draft will be distributed this week, can email out by next week to membership
- **2025 USDF Convention**
  - Proposed budget/vote
    - Push to next meeting

#### **New Business:**

- Leah M. interested in joining the board next year
- Vacant BOD positions (Leslie Richardson and Susan Roth)
  - Both 1-year terms – run through 2026
  - Mykal and Katie have agreed to take over them, as both of their terms end in 2025

- Katie to make google doc for volunteer hours and share with board for tracking
  - Add line for contact/proxy

**September meeting scheduled for Monday 9/8 at 7 PM (Virtual).**

**Motion to adjourn: Holly motions to adjourn, Katie seconds, meeting adjourns at 8:27 PM.**