

Location : Thomet Stables, 1900 Pettis Ave, Ada, MI 49301

A. **Welcome & call to order** : 7:00 pm

B. **Attendance**: Kathy Walters, Lori Ann Thwing, Whitney Petersen-McIntosh, Meike Vollmers, Fran Cilella, Suzannah Simon, Ruthanne Wolk, Ginny Smith
Absent: Lyn Kendall, Laurie Moore, Sarah VanAllsburg, Ella Hoekstra, Phyllis Walsh, Amy Schrierbeek, Amanda Pitsch

C. **Minutes**: April 4, 2017 minutes - - - Ruthanne moved to accept and Meike seconded. The Board voted to approve.

D. **Officer's reports**:

- President Kathy Walters: discussion of fire at **The Barn for Equine Learning** and how to provide assistance. Ruthanne moved to donate **\$200** to the "GoFundMe" page to benefit The Barn. LoriAnn seconded. The Board approved. The Dressage Foundation is participating in Lincoln Nebraska's "**2017 Give to Lincoln Day**". Any donation will be matched. Ginny moved that **ADA give \$100**. LoriAnn seconded. The Board approved.
- Vice President Laurie Moore: no report
- Treasurer Lyn Kendall: absent but is working on the re-filing of the licensing for the ADA as discussed at April meeting.
- Secretary Ruthanne Wolk: will provide notecards to Advertising

E. **Committee reports**:

- Show Sanctioning: Kathy reported that online horse show instructions will be on the ADA website. **Working on the online site to provide a field for the ADA member number** so Points can easily be tallied.
- Clinics/Education Suzannah Simon: requested approval for **a contract with Endel Ots for a clinic on November 4 & 5**. One day at Centennial and one day at Thomet. After discussion, Suzannah moved to contract for the clinic for \$2000. Fran seconded and the Board approved. **Suzannah will apply for The Dressage Foundation GMO \$2000 education grant** to cover this expense.
- ADA Fall Classic & Invitational Suzannah Simon: discussed the discounted expense totaling \$1193 for all the prizes, ribbons, silver plates & judge's fee for this show. Suzannah moved to approved this expense. Fran seconded. The Board approved. It was noted that this show is open to all riders.

- Sales/Merchandise Ginny Smith: reported that ADA logo merchandise is on display at both Classic Equestrian and Millbrook stores. The store will keep a 25% mark up on the items. Classic Equestrian is planning to take ADA merchandise to the Benchmark Farm show. Ginny will have ADA merchandise for sale at all Thomet Stable shows. Fleece pants = \$21.25, T-shirts = \$10.00, Headbands = \$6.25
- Membership Meike Vollmers: reported that year to date 2017 there are 77 ADA members of which 5 were added in April. Compared to 89 registered by May 2016. Slow in registrations.
- Web-based Communications Lori Ann Thwing: **will provide a link on the ADA website to the online show registration website** to ease the process.
- Points Fran Cilella: reported that the points from the Concord Ridge Show are ready.
- Advertising Whitney Peterson-McIntosh & Fran Cilella: 2 sponsors have signed up so far. The advertising season will run May 2017 - April 2018. **Will provide flyers in an email for each Board member** to post on at their barns. ***Subgroup Corporate Sponsorship Suzannah, Whitney and Sarah: **each will be working on sponsors** that have historically advertised.
- Banquet/Silent Auction Sarah VanAllsburg: absent but Kathy reported that the tasting was delicious and all the food has been selected.
- Scholarship Amy Schierbeek: absent but sent written report stating that one declaration of intent was received by the deadline of May 1.
- Junior Board Representative Ella Hoekstra: no report
- Newsletter Amanda Pitsch: no report
- Finance Lyn Kendall: no report
- Elections Kathy Walters: no report
- USDF Representative Laurie Moore: no report
- Omnibus Phyllis Walsh: no report

F. **Unfinished business:** none

G. **New business:** none

H. **Announcements:** next meeting on June 6, 2017 - - 7pm at Thomet Stables

I. **Adjournment:** Whitney moved. LoriAnn seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm

