

DATES TO
REMEMBER

JULY 13TH

PICNIC

AUGUST 8TH

SCHOOLING
SHOW

SEPT. 14TH

CLINIC

OCTOBER 26TH

RIDE A TEST

NOVEMBER 9TH

PLANNING
MEETING

DECEMBER 14TH

HOLIDAY PARTY

FLATLANDERS
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SHOWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

So last week, as I rode each morning in a sweatshirt at 50 degrees, I thought "This is what it's all about. This gorgeous summer weather." And then *real* summer hit (which to me, is anything above 70 degrees with matching humidity). Ugh. And with the warmer weather come the flies and mosquitoes. Double "ugh". A friend told me there are two kinds of flowers...those that thrive in the heat and those that wilt. I'm a wilter. But, I digress. We had a productive meeting at the Stable on Monday night (minutes attached) and came up with a great plan for the September meeting. We also received some good suggestions for future events. We are asking all members to begin giving some thought to clinics, seminars or clinicians for 2010. You may submit them to me anytime, but we will vote on them at the November planning meeting. Hopefully with better planning and advertising we should be able to continue to offer quality learning opportunities for our members. Also, please note in the minutes that we are proposing a change to the by-laws stating that no event will be offered under the sponsorship of the GLDC without prior approval of the executive committee. We will vote on the change at the July picnic.

Speaking of which.....A sign up sheet was passed around at the meeting for the picnic. However, we still need someone to bring plastic cutlery and someone to bring 24 cans of soft drinks. Other than those who signed up, the rest of you may bring whatever you wish. The picnic will be held at my farm in Swanton. Keep your fingers crossed that it doesn't rain as our house is, well....."Cozy" (small).

Hopefully you all received your GLDC registration form for the Summer Show. If not, contact Crystal Young. Good luck to all who are going to the Flatlander's show Saturday (and I hear there are a lot of you)! See you all July 13th at the picnic.

Ruth Ann Walsh

The Great Lakes Dressage Club June 8th meeting was held at The Stable Restaurant in Blissfield, MI. Attendance was taken. Nineteen members were present. President Ruth Ann Walsh called the meeting to order.

Treasurer's Report: June 8, 2009

\$2,740.44 – Starting balance from last report (April/09)
- \$85.55 - Check to Diane Krajicek for expenses for additional rails for ring
- \$100.00 - Check to Harry Hughes for deposit for October trail ride
- \$60.00 - Check to Antje Bloss for (4) stalls for Albert Clinic
+ \$353.00 - Deposit (May/09)
- \$50.00 - Check to Missy Mazziotti for judging at May Ride A Test
- \$30.00 - Check to Antje Bloss for (2) stalls for Ride A Test
+ \$350.00 - Deposit (June/09)
- \$512.92 - Check to Linda Urbanski for videos, office supplies and postage

\$2,929.59 - Ending balance to date in checking account
\$2,741.11 - Balance to date in savings account

\$5,670.70 Total funds for GLDC

Albert Clinic

Profit to GLDC - \$10.00 (2 auditors)

Ride A Test

8 riders - approximate 16 tests
\$310.00 – Gross amount received by riders for time slots
\$50.00 - less judge's fee
\$30.00 - less \$30.00 paid back to barn for stall fees (riders included amount in their check payable to GLDC)
\$230.00 - Profit to GLDC

Respectfully submitted, Linda Urbanski, Treasurer

Secretary's Report: Judy Finkel read the minutes from the April meeting.
Correction: The Fulton County Horseman's Club did the swap meet not the 4-H Club.

Committee Reports:

Fall Trail Ride: Ginger Post (Chairman) – not present
Year End Awards. No report

Club Apparel: Bonnie showed us some new sweatshirts that had the GLDC logo embroidered and a new long sleeve shirt, \$17.50 each. A large sweatshirts was displayed (really large) \$13 each. If the horse's name is embroidered on the back, it is an additional \$11.25 charge.

Ride A Test: Tammy Hand – the next tests will be Saturday, September 26th and October 24th.
She will send out the entry form with the newsletter. Tammy passed out the following report on the two events.

“The Albert clinic was a great time had by all in attendance. There were six rides, each lesson was tailored to the rider. The buzz around the barn was all good. Albert really liked the footing and grounds. The owners of Sterling Cross enjoyed hosting the clinic and Ride-A-Tests. Albert worked with the rider and horse each lesson. Some riders worked on their seat and aids and the horse. Others on test movements and transitions. In my opinion, everyone there learned something new or it was put in a new light. Saturday, May 16, 2009, Ride-A-Test was a great turn-out despite the rain. The new ring was flooded, just one end one corner and about 2 inches of water. Riders enjoyed their time blocks each rider came away with new knowledge. The owners of Sterling Cross enjoyed hosting the event and look forward to the next two Ride-A-Tests. On an other note the Tuesday after ride-a-test, Antje Bloss, the host of ride-a-test, had a bad fall that night. The fall cantering horse turns to bucking madman, horse goes one way rider the other way. In the end Antje suffered four broken ribs front and back, collapsed lung and a broken collar bone. After four days in the hospital she is now recovering at home.”
See pictures on the picture page

Schooling Show: Schooling show entry forms have been mailed.

Crystal Young said she needs a pick-up truck, volunteers to set up take down the ring, and scribes. Camping and stalls are available.

Old Business:

There was a motion made in April that the following be added to the By-Laws: “No GLDC events shall be scheduled without the approval of the Executive Board..” This motion had not been published twice so will be voted on next meeting

Life Time membership: Diane Krajack will chair a committee to establish criteria for life time membership. Present life time members are Sue Burton, Carol Gorney, Missy Mazziotti and John Neeper (deceased).

The measuring tapes are missing from the arena supplies. If any one has them please let us know. Please call Ruth Ann. The tapes are expensive and invaluable!!!

New Business:Ruth Ann passed around the calendar for the year, (see last page).

A discussion was held regarding possible club programs. Suggestions were:

1. Bomb-proofing clinic with Mike Magee
2. A monthly social meeting without a special program.
3. A video presentation with a speaker explaining movements good and bad.
4. Training clinics with prizes for riders and horses

Problems with proposed programs were:

1. Costs in a bad economy
2. Distance needed to be traveled by members
3. Lack of interest because of over scheduling

Jane suggested having a demo ride for September at Centerline. Kelly Moore volunteered to be critiqued. It is an opportunity to see movements done correctly and learn why they are correct.

Lori Schroeder presented the club with \$75 from the used tack sale and reported that The Ohio Horseman’s Council, Inc. will hold a Trail Challenge Sunday, June 14, 2009 . Meeting adjourned.

The Picture Page

May 2, 2009 Albert Clinic
Lt. Tommy Stone, Jerry, Albert, Jane, Kathy Sorito and Antya Bloss



May 16, 2009 Ride-a-Tent
Lt. Bryson Patterson, Tommy Bayeur

GLDC CALENDAR 2009

- JULY 13TH GLDC ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC
- AUGUST 8TH GLDC SCHOOLING SHOW
- SEPTEMBER 14TH CLINIC – JANE KELLY AND KELLY MOORE
- 24TH RIDE-A-TEST
- OCTOBER ? FALL TRAIL RIDE/ FUNDRAISER
- 26TH RIDE-A-TEST
- NOVEMBER 9TH PLANNING MEETING
- DECEMBER 14TH GLDC HOLIDAY PARTY/ AWARDS
WHITEHOUSE INN, WHITEHOUSE, OH

FLATLANDERS SCHOOLING SHOWS

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