

Saskatoon Dressage Club Annual General Meeting

January 12th, 2025

4:01 pm

Location: Sask Sport Office, North Airport area Saskatoon, Zoom (only members in person may vote for the board positions).

Members present: Kyla, Alexa, Diane, Kathryn, Katherine, Andrea, Jill, Doreen

Zoom: Jill McDonald, Moira Remmen, Ingrid Schults, Leah Gibney McCullough, Eileen Pool

Call to order:

1. 2024 AGM minutes

Review: minutes were emailed out to the membership for review prior to this meeting. Suggestions to changes?

Motion to accept: Jill D,

Seconded by:Alexa

Any Discussion:

Carried/not carried : Carried

B - Andrea Moves to adopt the agenda, Kass seconds.

Discussion or additions/Omissions - None

2. President's Report- Kyla Murch

Discussion only:

Attendance at all of our Various events has increased this past year, and I am so happy to see so many members using this club for their benefit, and to grow the sport of dressage in our communities. I am grateful to our small but mighty team of volunteers who helps us organize these events, all the while remaining enthusiastic about the sport! Thank you to our membership for supporting these events, giving us suggestions on the types of events you'd like to see, and helping spread the word of the events we are hosting to nonmembers.

It is encouraging to see many of our members taking a vested interest in the education and development of this sport in our community. I am looking forward to the 2025 year, and hope to see even more enthusiasm for this fun recreational pastime!

3. Treasurer's Report: Kathryn

Year End report - distributed via email.

This was a good year, our shows went well we were able to save money and put money back into the bank account after a few rough years. It is good to have a better buffer in the account again. We received grant money and a map grant top up from last year that is deposited into this year due to the mail strike. Giving us an improvement of roughly \$10,000.

VOTE: motion to approve the financials as presented as information to the membership.

Alexa motions Katherine seconds

4. Election of Executive:

There are no votes required, all positions filled by acclimation. Congratulations to this years inductees and thank you for your volunteerism!

- Vice President: Jill McDonald
 - Introduction made by Jill to the members
 - Apologies for missing due to cold weather and water issues on the farm. I am happy to be back with the club this year and am excited about the increased participation in dressage in Saskatchewan! I am feeling positive about the future.
- Secretary: Diane Reaser
 - Introduction made by Diane to the members - Enjoys being secretary, and happy to be back for 2025!
- Next year is an “even” year, so we will be looking to fill the President, Treasurer and Member at Large positions. Nominations should be open for those positions in November. Reminder: nominations will not come from the floor, all nominations must be made ahead of time with the nomination form. We encourage you to think about next year
- 2025 Executive
- President - Kyla Murch
- VP - Jill McDonald
- Secretary - Diane Reaser
- Treasurer - Katherine Pally
- Member at Large: Jill Davis, Katherine Rupert, Andrea Preddy
- Thank you to Alexa for her roll as vice president and will continue to manage the socials and has paid for the upcoming 2 years of the website as a donation. A huge thank you to her commitment to dressage in Saskatchewan.

New Business:

5. Shows - Jill McDonald to chair the discussion on show locations while Kyla steps out of the room.

Discover Dressage I 1 day Show May 25th SHF Heritage and Prairie Cup sanctioned

- Suggestions for location of this event from the floor? East Edge voted in
 - EastEdge would like to apply for the space, and Tally Ho has expressed interest in co-sharing the shows again this season.

Give it a Go Dressage 2 day show July 12/13th SHF Heritage and Prairie Cup sanctioned, EC Gold sanctioned.

- Suggestions for location of this event from the floor? East Edge voted in
 - EastEdge would like to apply for the space, and Tally Ho has expressed interest in co-sharing the shows again this season.

Discover Dressage II 1 day show September 14th SHF Heritage and Prairie Cup sanctioned.

- Suggestions for location of this event from the floor?
 - EastEdge would like to apply for the space, and Tally Ho has expressed interest in co-sharing the shows again this season. Discussion of reaching out to other barns or area's of interest to encourage participation.

Kyla returns for the remainder of the discussion of encouraging participation.

It is the RDDA's year to host the Provincial Finals this year. We still don't have their show dates for 2025 yet, but it would be nice to support them if we can.

- Floor open to discussion on any ideas on promoting the sport with them and finding ways to overcome boundaries?
- Ingrid: How to encourage people to come out and get back to the show ring and encourage them to develop to the 'big show' Reach out to other coaches to see what would encourage them to participate.
- Jill: Reach out on social media more to other locations. Benefit to recruit other locations to join in with our shows. Maybe a 1 day show in the fall to encourage other groups to join in and try it out. Grasswood horse park, Kim King test day, Prairie Star, Rivers Edge
- Diane: Usage of Grasswood horse park by clubs is desirable to the SHF and might encourage the board to consider this as a show facility and start to consider adding stabling.
- What is the welfare aspect from the two shows at one location. We will need to consider how to limit and work with Tally Ho to have a policy in place to limit horse usage between the two events.
- Boundaries discussion: Coggins & Bio-Security are boundaries, cost, travel, hosting clinics and travel the clinician to their barn. Creating a barn liaison person at the individual barns to act as a spokesperson have a better handle on the activities that are there. Encourage engagement from the other barns, even if they aren't showing they are training. Invite them to board meetings to encourage them to meet.
- Show Clothes - creating a form on the website to request show clothing rentals anonymously

Show secretary- position open for the 2025 season. We'd like to thank Jen Marriott and Megan Melvin for their help over the past few years. Jen has given us copies of all her templates, as well as a thorough job description for the next person to take over. This will be a paid position starting at \$250 for a one-day show and \$400 for a two-day show.

Show Manager: position open for 2025 season. Kyla has enjoyed her time helping as a volunteer in this role, and will help transition the new person into the roll. A thorough job description has also been created for the next show manager, including the sponsorship list and contact information for our sponsors. This is a paid position moving into 2025 (it was paid before Kylas time as well, but due to potential conflict of interest she has always done it volunteer). Pay for this roll will begin at \$250 for a one-day show and \$400 for a two-day show.

- If you are curious or interested and would like more information please don't hesitate to reach out. You don't have to commit at this point. There is possibility to job share and there is potential for increased funding. You cannot be a competitor, coach or treasurer of the club to have this role.

6. **Raffle books:** SDC bought all the books, and sent them off to the SHF office. M
 - a. Motion to purchase books for the 2025 season Andrea, Jill D. Motion Carried.

7. **Website:** renewed for another two years, done by Donation from Alexa M. Thank you Alexa for your generosity.
8. **Other Business:**
 - a. **AGM Date January 11, 2026 tentative date**

9. **Adjournment:**
 - a. **Motion to adjourn Kathryn, 4:47**