

Oklahoma Dressage Society Board Meeting, Feb 9, 2011 Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Oklahoma Dressage Society (ODS) President, Sherry Guess. Meeting was held via conference call. Those in attendance were Marta Koenig, Anne Kuhns, Lisa Jewell, Sherry Guess, Beth Circle, Rainee Boyd and Clydette Womack. Missing Board Member: Rita Stegman

MINUTES from November 10, 2010 – There were no minutes available

TREASURER'S REPORT – Marta Koenig

The Treasurer's report had been e-mailed to everyone and was discussed. We are in process of switching to new checking account. Presentation of financial statements.

Discretionary income is \$2000.00. Sherry recommends a budget to be in place so that we do not have a shortfall at the end of the year. Marta Koenig proposes to have a budget by the next board meeting.

Motion: *Rainee Boyd made the motion to accept the treasurer's report; motion seconded by Beth Circle; the motion passed.*

OLD BUSINESS

DIRECTORY – Rainee Boyd

Fran has not received photo of the Horse of the Year, and needs a list of the new board members and executive board. Rainee Boyd will contact Fran on Feb 10, 2011 with that list.

Rainee Boyd proposed that we get the directory printed from Kinko's, and that the directory should have nothing more than advertising, member info, and board contact info. All other, ie: Vision, bylaws, etc. are available on the ODS website which will be mentioned in the directory. Anne Kuhns mentioned that she has a 20% off coupon and she can get the directory printed at her local Kinko's and use the coupon.

EDUCATION – Anne Kuhns

New Test Symposium with Lilo Fore

The airline ticket for Lilo Fore has been purchased and came in under budget. Lilo has agreed to stay in a cabin on the premises. Since there are no restaurants nearby and the cabin has a kitchenette, we discussed bringing in breakfast for Lilo. Anne will contact Lilo to see what she is comfortable with and we will then decide if the cabin or a hotel room is the better option.

Anne will update the ODS website with an application deadline of March 25, 2011 for the Lilo Symposium.

Sherry Guess will help Anne in demo rider selection.

L PROGRAM – Anne Kuhns has said our goal is to have 20 participants minimum, with a 30 maximum.

She also found a company in Tulsa that has a large selection of clothing and gift items that they can embroider, silkscreen, and/or etch. We could use them for all of our needs (year end awards, shirts, gifts, etc) and save money on shipping. Shirts for the L program are \$22.00 each including the embroidery, Anne proposed purchasing 45 and we can sell the extras if there are any. The board decided on Red for the first L program and to order before each meeting. Beth Circle suggested we ask the demo riders for their shirt size on the applications.

Anne Kuhns discussed the need for riders to submit qualifications. Sherry Guess suggested we drop the need for a video and ask if the rider's instructor feels they are qualified to ride/show at the level they are submitting to ride.

Questions to be asked on the application:

- 1)At what level are you riding?
- 2)Have you shown at that level?
- 3)Does your instructor feel you are qualified to ride at that level?
- 4)Who is your instructor?
- 5)Instructor contact info.

Demo riders do not have to pay.

Anne Kuhns still has to figure out the application deadline dates.

Anne Kuhns has priced bags that are lined with pockets inside and out, \$12.00 each including the embroidery. Suggests that we order some and sell for profit. Sherry inquired about the size of the bags, Anne will get that info.

Anne Kuhns has 5 deposits and 1 on the way.

DRESSAGE CAMP – Anne Kuhns mentioned that registration opens March 14th and it is on the website.

CHAPTER REPORTS – Rainee Boyd

Rainee Boyd says the NCC will have 15 members by the 1st of March.

Rainee Boyd mentioned that NCC members have until April to renew their memberships.

Sherry Guess recommends a change to coincide with ODS and USDF and to begin alerting members in October to renew.

RCC was going to disband but several people, Peggy Blair being the most vocal, doesn't want to. If they don't contact ODS and decide , we will proceed with shutting down.

Marta Koenig and Beth Circle will get together regarding RCC memberships to be sure their "lists" match.

NEWSLETTER

It was asked if we wanted to mail out more issues of the newsletter this year. Rainee Boyd mentioned that the ODS bylaws state that we must mail out at least one newsletter per year (30 days in advance of AGM). Sherry Guess has a list of 10 people that last year wanted hard copies of the newsletter, Rainee Boyd has agreed to take over mailing to those 10.

SHOWS

We discussed changing the FEI rated show horse awards from 5 scores to 4 to match USDF.

Motion: *Rainee Boyd made the motion change our Recognized FEI show horse awards from 5 scores to 4; Clydette Womack seconded the motion; the motion passed.*

Sherry Guess mentioned that Stacia Gray had suggested making a change on the rated horse show awards (all levels) from 3 judges to 2, which means that a person could do just one weekend show and be eligible for year end award. Anne Kuhns doesn't think we should make the award so easy to attain, the board decided against that change.

MAY SHOW – Anne Kuhns

Arabian people are willing to share in the cost of a tractor rental for dragging arenas- \$50.00/day to be split-and the Arab people will give us priority, knowing that we are on a minute by minute schedule with rides. Everyone agreed that sounded like a good idea.

It was mentioned that we have an Arab/ODS combined Kentucky Derby Party Saturday afternoon. We need an ODS "party person". Sherry Guess will contact Debbie Nutt to see if she would be willing to represent ODS as our party person.

HELMET RULE

Jeannie Eaton needs to be aware of the helmet rule and we need to be sure it is added to prize lists. Clydette Womack suggested we have signs posted (Ride at your own risk) at all shows. Rainee Boyd suggested we have riders sign a sheet when they pick up their #'s , that they understand they must wear a helmet when mounted.

Rainee Boyd mentioned that she does not get written requests from GCC schooling show managers for approval. Sherry Guess was adamant that they MUST get approval from Rainee Boyd, who is Schooling Show Coordinator.

A suggestion was made that Marta Koenig hold the check until approval from Rainee Boyd, also that we send an email blast to let everyone know they must get their shows approved. Sherry Guess will contact GCC president to clarify.

JUDGES COMMITTEE

A Judges Committee needs to be formed. Debbie Nutt has done this in the past and has indicated she would be willing to continue. Anne Kuhns felt there needed to be a board representative on this committee as well, and will serve in that capacity. It was suggested that the judges be asked if they are judging any other shows in our region so as not to have multiple exposures too close together. Sherry Guess is to contact Debbie regarding serving again this year.

REGION 9 CHAMPIONSHIP SITES

Sherry Guess mentioned that there is currently no possibility for Region 9 Championship sites. OKC Fairgrounds do not have dates available. Too many complaints for Guthrie even with footing changes. Anne Kuhns thought there might be a possibility for Tulsa if the Arabian Nationals don't renew after 2012. Rainee Boyd said that Shawnee is totally out because they have reneged on promised dates twice in the past. Beth Circle mentioned Claremore but it is not large enough. It was decided, at this time, that we will not host the Region 9 Championships in the near future.

FALL ODS SHOW

Anne Kuhns thought it would be good to have something in the OKC area and thought we should check to see if Labor Day weekend 2012 was a possibility. Clydette Womack agreed to check on that. Everyone seems to enjoy Claremore so Anne Kuhns will look at Claremore .

NEW BUSINESS – Sherry Guess

Suggested we take care of new business online because of time.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: *Rainee Boyd made a motion to adjourn at 8:05; Beth Circle seconded; motion passed, with next meeting scheduled for Saturday evening, April 16th, while we are all in town for the Lilo Fore Symposium.*

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Jewell, Secretary