

Oklahoma Dressage Society Board Meeting, October 13, 2011

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, Lisa Jewell, Clydette Womack, Anne Kuhns, Beth Circle and Sherry Guess. Not in attendance: Rita Stegeman and Rainee Boyd.

Minutes from June 20, 2011-Minutes were approved by Beth Circle; seconded by Clydette Womack.

Treasurer's Report-Marta Koenig

The Financial reports had been emailed to the board members and were discussed. The total amount in ODS's checking and savings is currently \$33,099.59. \$414.00 had been "mis-classed" to the L program and should have gone to the Lilo Fore Clinic, when corrected the Lilo Fore Clinic showed a profit of \$355.72. We will have expenses for the "C" portion of the L program yet to come:

\$1500.00 for the instructor

\$ 200.00 for the facility

\$ 400.00+ for shirts (with extras ordered to be available to sell)

\$1000.00 per day to feed 50-60 (this is an approximate)

The hotel room for the instructor was free.

We also have a \$500.00 donation for the club's help with the Morgan show. Financials were approved by all in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Local Instructor's Clinic-It was decided that March would be the best month for the clinic. Anne was going to check school calendars in an attempt to not interfere with spring break, and then set a "weather" date 2 weeks later than the clinic date. We will also attempt to avoid scheduling during a Texas show. Anne and Sherry agreed to get together on wording a request letter to be sent to Oklahoma instructors and from those responding we would choose by a drawing of names.

Membership Renewal-Beth Circle has updated and made great changes to the membership application with the new chapter and JR clarification. We discussed having Jeanie do an email blast and attach the application noting that November 30th is the end of the USDF membership year so that the USDF Connection (magazine) is not interrupted.

Summer Region 9 Meeting-Clydette has been gathering information and pricing from various hotels in the OKC area. It was decided that the Bricktown area of OKC would be a good centralized spot for the meeting and that our meeting room does not need a projector and screen. We do not need to have lunch at the "meeting" hotel. With a 1 ½ hour lunch people can eat at one of the many area restaurants and/or shop during the break. Assuming we only need approx. 10 rooms, Clydette was going to check with some of the smaller "boutique" hotels in the area.

Board Nominees-We have 4 positions open to vote upon. Marta Koenig (Treasurer), has agreed to run again. Sherry Guess (President) has agreed to run again. Rita Stegeman's position and a 1 year board position are also available. Beth Circle mentioned that on the membership applications from last year several people had checked org/mgmt. as their skill sets and that maybe those people should be contacted about possibly running for a board position.

NEW BUSINESS

Judges Survey-It was suggested that we put out a survey to the membership to get input on what judges they like to show under (with a "select" survey to the riders that show the rated shows) with the questions: Are there judges you would like to see here? Why? Are there judges you have ridden with before and won't again? Why/Why not? This

would help give us a pool of judges to pick from for our shows. As a member of the Judges Selection Committee, Anne Kuhns will work on this.

New Chapter-The Stillwater Dressage group has submitted an application to become a "chapter" under the ODS umbrella. Beth was impressed with their goals and that their possible name choices indicated a desire to serve the entire central area of the state rather than just a small locale. We were all in favor of accepting the new chapter. No one was opposed.

Directory-Beth Circle agreed to contact Fran Ferrari and see if she would be interested in putting together the directory again this year. We also need to set a deadline for ad copy being submitted. The advertising costs are on the ODS website as well as a link to Fran's email, but payment goes to Marta Koenig so there needs to be good communication between the two, i.e. if Fran receives an ad...Marta needs to know to be sure it gets paid for, if Marta receives a check...Fran needs to know there is an ad coming. Marta will contact Jeanie to see if the link to Fran on the website could be made to CC Marta.

AGM Date-The Annual General Meeting will be held at Freddie's Steakhouse in Sapulpa this year, it will be easy access for those coming from the west. Our first choice of dates is January 21st, 2012 with January 14th second choice. Anne Kuhns will call Freddie's and see which date we can reserve.

Basket for USDF-It was suggested that we do not take on the expense of sending a GMO basket to the USDF Convention this year. No one looks at them and USDF has mentioned that they are a lot of work for very little gain. Beth Circle motioned to accept the decision; Clydette Womack seconded; motion passed.

Meeting Adjournment-Anne Kuhns made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21p.m.; Marta Koenig seconded; motion passed, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Jewell, Secretary