

Oklahoma Dressage Society Board Meeting, February 12, 2013

Meeting was called to order @ 7:30 by Oklahoma Dressage Society (ODS) President, Sherry Guess. Meeting was held via conference call and board members in attendance were Marta Koenig, Lisa Jewell, Rainee Boyd, Kalea Maxwell, Pamela Byers, Beth Circle, Sharon O'Banion, Clydette Womack. Anne Kuhns was also in attendance.

Minutes from board meeting on October 11, 2012-Beth Circle motioned to accept the minutes as they were presented, Sharon O'Banion seconded, all were in favor, minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report-Marta Koenig. Financial reports were emailed to members prior to the meeting. The balance sheet as of February 12, 2013 shows a total in the Chase checking account of \$19,187.16 and in the Chase savings accounts \$22,872.40 for a combined total of \$42,059.56. We had a loss of \$270.77 on the Annual General Meeting due to some unforeseen expenses, the Cattlemen's Restaurant charged us \$75.00 for an extra hour and they had a \$200.00 service fee. The restaurant counted 72 "heads", Marta shows only 62 people having registered and paid to eat.

Educational-Sharon O'Banion. The info for the Debbie Riehl-Rodriquez clinic has been sent to members via email and is on the ODS website. Sharon plans to send another e-blast. We need riders, anyone not chosen to be a demo rider will be refunded the money they sent in with their application. Sharon has applied for a Region 9 Grant. Every board member committed to calling 5 people and encouraging them to apply to ride in the clinic. Board members then need to send the contact info to Sharon and she will follow up with an invite email.

Board Meeting-Sherry Guess. We agreed on a date of March 26, 2013 for our next board meeting, it will be held via conference call and will be @ 7:30 p.m. It will be posted on the ODS website so that members have the opportunity to attend.

Volunteer of the Year Award-Sherry Guess. Sherry would like for ODS to offer a Volunteer of the Year Award to be voted on by the membership and presented at the Annual General Meeting, board members would not be eligible. The board was in agreement and Sherry will send out more information re: open and close dates for nominations.

Newsletter-Carol Miller has taken over as editor of the ODS E-Newsletter. She would like submission by the 7th of the month so that she can get the newsletter out on the 15th.

Summer General Meeting-We need suggestions for topics. Everyone agreed that Cheryl Fincher's property was a wonderful place to have the meeting so we will look into the possibility of having it there again this year.

State Fair-Stacia Wert has offered to give ODS the profits from the State Fair show to ODS if we supply the volunteers to help with the show. Stacia typically uses Tuesday as a 1 day venue but was going to look into the possibility of a Fri-Sat 2 day show.

AGM Voting-The suggestion was made to the board about using colored 3x5 cards handed out to members at the AGM to vote with. On close decisions we can count cards as opposed to having people stand to vote.

Spring Show Committee

- **Post Cards**-The committee has discussed mailing postcards to prospective participants at a cost of approx. \$150 (300-400 cards). The decision was made to mail postcards to the list of out of state competitors that Anne Kuhns has for the GCC show.
- **Silent Auction**-Basket Challenge-Board agreed to enter a basket and challenge the chapters, show committee and any other group that would like to do so, to do the same.
- **Advertising**-Judy Rivers is making an e-blast banner and also a poster to advertise the show.
- **Donation Letter**-Diane Smith prefers to not have the letter on the website, she wants people to contact her so that she can coordinate who is soliciting whom.
- **Opportunity Class**-All of the information regarding rules for showing in the Opportunity classes will be in the newsletter and on the website.
- **Tack Sale**-Fran Ferrari is going to manage the used tack sale.

- **Prizes**-Etched wine glasses would cost \$6.25 ea. Rainee Boyd found some 18oz wine glasses, etched, for \$6.57 each. Diane Smith had suggested it would be cheaper to just give ribbons.
- **Volunteers**-Pamela Byers will be in charge of recruiting volunteers with Sherry's help
- **Lunch Vouchers**-It was decided that the easiest way to offer lunch for the volunteers is to give them a voucher to use at the concession. Anne handles it that way for GCC, she puts the volunteer's name on the voucher. This was also how it was handled the last two years at the Tulsa show.
- **Gift Cards**-Marta mentioned that when she volunteered in Houston she was given a Starbuck's \$5.00 gift card. Rainee offered to pass the idea on to Diane to see if she might be able to get Starbuck's to donate gift cards.
- **Sponsors**-Marta also mentioned the idea of having sponsor's names/logos printed on the back of the show t-shirts.

Arena-GCC would like to use the arena for their 2day schooling show on March 16-17 in Claremore. It was decided that we will require a \$150.00 deposit for arena use which will be refunded when arena is returned complete and intact.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Jewell, Secretary