

## **Oklahoma Dressage Society Board Meeting, May 21, 2013 Minutes**

Held via conference call. Board members in attendance were Lisa Jewell, Rainee Boyd, Kalea Maxwell, Clydette Womack, Sherry Guess, Pamela Byers, Marta Koenig, Beth Circle and Sharon O'Banion. Also in attendance were Diane Smith and Jeanie Eaton.

**Minutes**-Motion to approve the minutes from March 26, 2013, with 2 spelling corrections was made by Beth Circle and seconded by Sherry Guess. All were in favor. Minutes were approved with spelling corrections.

**Treasurer's report**-Marta Koenig. Financials were emailed to board members. ODS currently has \$29,316.22 in the checking acct. and \$22,880.44 in the savings acct. Year-to-date P&L shows a profit of \$10,886.92. We are still waiting on monies and information to finalize the reports for the 2013 Spring Show and Spring Show Fundraising. We had three NSF checks from the Show/Silent Auction, Marta has contacted the parties and is waiting on a response. The finalized P & L from the 2013 Spring Symposium shows a net profit of \$646.41.

**2013 Spring Symposium Update**-Sharon O'Banion. We received a net grant of \$1165.13 from the Dressage Foundation for the symposium. Some attendees had an expectation that it was to be more focused on training the horse rather than judging, but the response in the summary of the questionnaire given to participants and auditors was overall good.

**2014 Spring Symposium Update**-Sharon O'Banion. Sharon has been in contact with Dr. Jenny Susser about a "Riding with Confidence" based symposium. Her fee is \$1500.00 per day + expenses, which is 2x Debbie Riehl-Rodriquez' fee. Sharon is going to get more details from Dr. Susser regarding subject matter and if it is appealing to auditors as well as the riders. She is also going to work on the budget and check on the availability of more grants. Sharon feels that this symposium could attract riders from other disciplines. Dr. Susser's suggestion for attendee fees are \$200.00 per rider and \$50.00 for 1 day auditor, \$75.00 for 2 day auditor. Sherry commented that Dr. Susser is funny, good, quick and entertaining.

**2014 Spring Show Venue**-Sherry Guess. A new Casino with arena and horse facility is being built 4 miles from the Shawnee Expo and they contacted Judy Rivers regarding our show being held there as they want to diversify from the typical western events held in the area. Our concern is that it won't be ready for 2014, but we are definitely on board to give it consideration when it is finished. Sherry has been in contact with Shawnee management and they want only one contact person w/ODS, they also now require that we bring our own tractor and operator to drag the arenas. We have judges reserved for the last weekend in April 2014, Clydette will contact OKC Fairgrounds on availability and pricing.

**Show Hospitality Basket**-The list of items for the Hospitality Basket in Restroom is; ODS Welcome sign, sewing kit, Tide stain eraser, First Aid kit (available in office), small scissors, safety pins, bobby pins, baby powder, hand cream, Advil, Aleve, anti-itch spray, deodorant, tampons, panty liners, PeptoBismol, Tums and Imodium AD. Judges Hospitality; 2 baskets, 4 cushions.

**ODS Ad for Susan Lang's show**-A motion was made to place an ad in the program of Susan Lang's show at a cost of \$50.00. Motion to approve was made by Rainee Boyd and seconded by Clydette Womack. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**Newsletter update**-Rainee is sending out hard copies. We are adding 2 new columns. A "Meet the Volunteer" column with a quick interview and possibly a photo, this idea is to encourage volunteerism in Oklahoma Dressage. And an "Oklahoma Clinics" column with a short bio and spotlight on the various clinicians that come to our area. This is not an advertisement and will not have dates, but will be of educational value by featuring the clinician's approach to various basics of dressage. The articles will rotate among the clinicians as the organizers write and submit them.

**Corporate Membership/Sponsorship**-A discussion on offering Corporate Sponsorships to local businesses that would get them newsletter advertising, website advertising, directory advertising, banner at shows, etc. Clydette would like to

pursue USDF Corporate members, i.e. SmartPak, Purina, and offer them “Corporate Sponsorships”. Rainee offered to put something together to get started.

**2013 Summer General Meeting**-Clydette offered the idea of having the meeting at Oakridge Equine Hospital. They have state of the art lameness diagnostic equipment that may be of interest to members and the building is air conditioned which would allow us to start the meeting a little later in the day (would make it easier on the members that have a longer drive). She will check with Oakridge and email board members.

**2013 Meetings**-September meeting will be via Teleconference on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00p.m., November meeting will be via Teleconference on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00p.m.

**Arena Rental by Arab Club**-The Arabian Club would like to rent our dressage arena Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> following the GCC Claremore Show. Stacia is managing the show and would then take the arena home to have and use for the State Fair Show. Our fee for one arena is \$75.00 for two days and for two arenas it is \$150.00 for two days. It was agreed that we would charge them \$75.00 for two arenas for one day, with a refundable deposit of \$200.00

**Show Survey**-Clydette and Diane Smith worked on the survey. It will be input into Survey Monkey and sent to Spring Show exhibitors and volunteers. Kalea Maxwell asked if there was a way to bypass a question or have an answer of N/A for those questions that are not applicable to the person taking the survey. Rainee suggested to approve the survey with an N/A option and to offer a prize drawing for completed surveys.

**New Chapter**-There is a group south of Oklahoma City that is interested in starting a new chapter. They had no meeting due to the weather and are re-scheduling.

**Membership Benefits**-Diane Smith discussed offering “ODS Bucks” for every 4 hours of volunteer time to members to be used at ODS functions i.e. show, symposium, membership, etc. Sherry Guess thought it was a good idea but that it works better with clubs that have a lot of activities for people to volunteer. Diane feels that we need to “give back” to our members.

**Show Committee Meeting**-Sherry Guess will send out an email for show committee to set up agenda and ideas for next year.

**Rainee Boyd thanked Diane and the show committee for all of their hard work, the board concurred.**

**Adjournment**-Rainee Boyd motioned to adjourn the meeting, Clydette Womack seconded the motion. All were in agreement. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Jewell, Secretary.