

OKLAHOMA DRESSAGE SOCIETY
JULY 27, 2013 SUMMER GENERAL MEETING (SGM) MINUTES

The meeting was held at the Edmond Public Library in Edmond, OK after a presentation by John Muldoon, a therapeutic farrier that works with 18 different Veterinary clinics. Clydette Womack presented John with a restaurant gift card as a thank you from ODS. The meeting was then called to order at 3:30 by Oklahoma Dressage Society (ODS) President, Sherry Guess. Board members in attendance were Sherry Guess, Sharon O'Banion, Clydette Womack, Marta Koenig, Lisa Jewell, Kalea Maxwell, Beth Circle and Pamela Byers. There were approximately 35 others in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

MINUTES FROM JANUARY AGM-Motion was made to approve the minutes by LeeAnn Alf and seconded by Lyn Francik. All were in favor, minutes were approved.

UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT-Sherry Guess

- **Newsletter**-delivered to your email box. Carol Miller is the editor.
- **Minutes**-on the website
- **Meetings**-the schedule for ODS meetings are on the website and everyone is welcome to attend, they are held via Teleconference and interested persons need to contact Sherry beforehand to receive the call-in phone number and code.
- **Membership**-4.25% increase (from 212 to 221) in membership for 2013 over 2012
- **Tornado Relief**-Alamo Dressage Society sent \$100.00, Central Texas Dressage Society sent \$500.00, that combined with the donations received locally totals \$2092.00. Pamela Byers has spoken with a representative from Equi-Center Veterinary Hospital and they cared for 27 horses injured by the May tornadoes, 1 passed from the injuries and they are still caring for 3 at no cost to the owners of the injured animals. Pamela made motion to send the donations to Equi-Center Veterinary Hospital and Beth Circle seconded. Everyone was in favor, the motion passed.
- **Free Saddle**-The Dressage Foundation is going to have a drawing for a free County Saddle, information is on our website.
- **Fundraising**-we learned from the spring show that fund raising is the only way we can have enough funds for the activities we want to support. We will be starting a fund raising committee for our educational activities and another for the general fund. We would like to offer a program where members can earn volunteer scholarships i.e. 10 hours of work earns you a 10% discount on the educational event of your choice. We will also be putting a group together to help with the administrative duties that these programs will entail.

TREASURER'S REPORT-Marta Koenig had copies of the Financials for attendees. Our year to date profit and loss shows a net profit of \$3705.27 which includes the donations for the tornado relief, that figure will drop to \$1613.27 when the relief check is sent. The spring show had a net income of \$849.22 which includes \$1200.00 in grants from Conoco Phillips. This is the first time in 5 years that we have not lost money on the spring show.

SHOW COMMITTEE REPORT-Lyn Francik discussed our options for the ODS Show in the future, we will be at Shawnee for 2014 and we will be handling the footing preparation and maintenance. Options for 2015 and beyond are changing dates to a fall show (2nd or 3rd week of September), a new venue possibly combining with another group. We would like ideas from the members for locations, we need an arena at least 240' x 200' with a warm up arena that is at least 80% in size of the competition area, we are looking at a long term commitment and need a facility that is willing to work with us.

Fund raising is critical and Lyn thanked Amanda Edwards, Roberta Clark, Diane Smith, Judith Brown, Clydette Womack and Rainee Boyd for their hard work in that area.

2013 SHOW SURVEY-Clydette Womack received 34 responses which was nearly half of those that received the survey. The results can be seen on the website, upper left corner under "latest news".

NEW BUSINESS

2014 SPRING SHOW-Dates are May 10-11.

2014 EDUCATION-Sharon O'Banion has not yet received a commitment from Dr. Jenny Susser, PHD to give a presentation on sports psychology for our 2014 educational event. With the spring show being in May we will have the educational event in April instead of March 2014. Sharon is going to put together a survey that can be sent via email to get suggestions regarding what the members are interested in for our educational event.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL-we are going to offer a drawing for a free membership from early renewals. Your renewal must be in before November 15th to be eligible. If you win the drawing ODS will refund your membership fee.

JUDGE MY RIDE-ODS has been contacted by Judge My Ride, they would like for us to put a link on our website to theirs in exchange for a link on their website to ours. No one in attendance thought that was a good idea and that they would benefit much more from it than we would.

DOOR PRIZE DRAWING-Clydette Womack and Marta Koenig drew names for door prizes and the winners were Sarah Chism, Robin Hessel and Susan Peacock. A big Thank You to Diane Smith for procuring those door prizes!

Meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Jewell, ODS Secretary