

## Oklahoma Dressage Society Board Meeting, July 9, 2013 Minutes

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

**Minutes**-No one had a chance to read the minutes from the May 21, 2013 board meeting. They have since been approved by the board members via email.

**Symposium Update**-Sharon O'Banion has not yet received a commitment from Dr. Jenny for dates on the spring 2014 clinic. Lily Pond may not be an option as the host facility so Sharon is checking with Tulsa RV Ranch. We are considering April dates because the weather may be better but don't want to conflict with other dressage events so we will ask the membership at the Summer General Meeting for their suggestions.

**2014 Show Venue**-Sherry Guess has been in contact with Mike (Manager of Shawnee grounds). He says he has us on the calendar but Sherry has not yet received a contract.

**Upcoming Meetings**-Meeting dates are on the website for September and November.

Clydette will be in charge of getting water, tea, and cookies for the Summer General Meeting. Clydette was not sure if there will be a projector available for the meeting. If not, Kalea Maxwell has one we can use. The board agreed to the purchase of a \$50.00 restaurant card as a thank you gift to John Muldoon, our guest speaker at the SGM.

It was decided to set the dates for the Summer General Meetings (SGM) sooner so as not to conflict with chapter shows/clinics. The suggestion was made to have the SGM the last Saturday of July. The board voted and everyone was in favor.

**Show Survey**-Answers are in and will be on the website, minus the comments.

**Trailer**-The trailer has been sold for \$750.00, Rainee is mailing the check to Marta.

**Membership**-Beth Circle sent out a mailer and received 6 new memberships. She didn't have the statistics available but was going to figure out if we are + or - in membership. In an update via email Beth submitted the following; 221 members as of July 10, 2013 versus 212 members on July 14, 2012 for an increase of 4.25%.

**2014 AGM**-Kalea Maxwell will get the conference room reserved at Freddie's in Sapulpa for the last Saturday in January.

**Committees**-Sherry Guess made the suggestion to form a Fund Raising Committee to bring in money for the Scholarship Fund and the Awards Fund. This can be accomplished through fund raising and grant writing. It was also suggested to have a Volunteer Scholarship, i.e. 10 hours of volunteer work gains you a 10% discount on an ODS activity. That discount is then paid back to ODS through the Volunteer Scholarship Fund.

We get a \$500.00 grant for show awards every year thanks to Rainee, we have \$500.00 available from schooling show fees and that has covered our awards. Everyone was in agreement that it would be great to have an additional \$1000.00 to purchase nicer awards.

Members check boxes on the membership form as to their areas of expertise and interest, we need to be utilizing that information by contacting those members to see if they are interested in helping and in what way.

**Nominating Committee**-We need a nominating committee consisting of people from each chapter. Rainee offered to organize the committee, it needs to be done in a reasonable amount of time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Jewell, Secretary

