

ODS Meeting November 5, 2013

Held via conference call, board members in attendance were Sherry Guess, Anne Kuhns, Lisa Jewell, Sharon O'Banion, Rainee Boyd Beth Circle and Pamela Byers.

Minutes-Beth Circle made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 10 meeting, Rainee seconded the motion, all were in favor. The minutes were approved.

Educational-Sharon O'Banion has scheduled the Educational Seminar for April 25-26, 2014. Bill Solyntjes, USDF Bronze, Silver and Gold Medalist as well as 'S' Dressage Judge, Breeding 'R' Judge and member of USDF Judges Committee, is the clinician. The tentative clinic title is "Improve your Collective Scores". She doesn't have all of the details from Bill as of yet regarding the amount of classroom time/mounted time/number of riders he would like. Currently Sharon is looking at Lily Pond as the location for the event, with a backup plan in place should that facility sell. Sharon has worked up a budget, based on last year's educational event, which was emailed to board members prior to the meeting and she is applying for grants to help cover the cost. There are still many details that need worked out but we agreed to have Jeanie put it on the website calendar and update her with more information as it becomes available.

Membership update-Beth Circle has received the 2014 USDF Roster, out of the 227 ODS 2013 members only 17 have renewed for 2014. The renewal deadline to be eligible for the "free membership" drawing is November 15. We will announce the winner at the AGM.

AGM-Sherry announced that Kalea has made arrangements for the AGM to be held at Freddie's Steakhouse in Sapulpa on Saturday, January 25, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Nominees for 2014 ODS Board-Sherry said that of the 7 people suggested by the nominating committee, only 3 have agreed to run. Those three are Beth Circle, Tamera Mayo and Cheryl West. Rainee Boyd must be on the ballot to approve the second year of her appointed term.

Schooling Show Awards-Rainee is in the process of getting the placings finalized. . A suggestion was made that we list schooling show points on a quarterly basis. Rainee hasn't had time this year but will commit to doing it quarterly next year.

Recognized Show Awards-Sherry suggested Rainee take care of the ribbons and Sherry will put together a group to handle the awards to alleviate some of Rainee's responsibilities. Rainee was in agreement

Volunteer of the Year Award-Sherry has offered to provide the award and will get the information and nominee request into the newsletter and on the website. It was agreed that a committee consisting of non-board members choose the finalists and board members will choose the winner.

Horse Registration changes-In March it was agreed to increase the fees for horse registrations to \$30.00/Life, \$20.00/Annual, \$10.00/Change of owner. At the AGM in January we voted to increase the schooling show applications to \$25.00. Both of these changes should be made to the website for the upcoming year.

Business Affiliate Sponsor-Rainee suggested that we offer businesses a business card ad in the newsletter every month and an ad on the website for \$175.00 (\$240.00 value). She agreed to write out the policy and send to the Board for approval and inclusion on the website.

Directory-We have not yet heard from Fran Ferrari if she would be willing to do the directory again this year. Sharon has agreed to take care of the directory if Fran no longer wants to handle it. Rainee will follow up with Fran.

Show listings-Sherry received a suggestion from the show committee that we have a reciprocal arrangement with other GMOs regarding show listings. The board was in agreement.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Lisa Jewell, Secretary