

Oklahoma Dressage Society Board Meeting, September 10, 2013 Minutes

Held via conference call. Board Members in attendance were Kalea Maxwell, Sherry Guess, Lisa Jewell, Rainee Boyd, Beth Circle, Clydette Womack, Marta Koenig, Sharon O'Banion and Pamela Byers. Also in attendance were Roberta Clark, Anne Kuhns, Lyn Francik and Diane Smith.

Minutes-Motion was made by Beth Circle to approve the minutes from the July 9 meeting. Clydette Womack seconded. Everyone was in favor. Minutes were approved.

2013 Show Financial Wrap-up-Marta Koenig emailed the financial statements to attendees prior to the meeting. The net income has been realized as the NSF check has been funded. Marta also published detail reports for the show committee.

2014 Show-Sherry Guess has received the contract for the Shawnee Facility. We need to secure services for arena work. The show is scheduled for May 10-11, 2014, with the same judges that we had in 2013.

Show Committee-The show committee needs people to get involved. The discussion was made regarding putting a request out to membership via the newsletter and/or an e-blast. Rainee and Lyn are the only firm members of the show committee. Roberta offered to talk to Diane about being involved again. They all felt that it should be easier this next year because they now have a list of donors and they discussed dividing the duties by category so that no one person is saddled with too many responsibilities.

Judy Rivers has agreed to re-do the Omni-bus ad and expand it to include our educational event. Anne Kuhns mentioned the GMO page with educational program listings. Sherry said the Omnibus has extended their deadline to September 30. Lynn suggested they use last year's ad with a change of dates and judges. Roberta liked Ann's idea of 2 pages, at approx. \$255.00 each the total cost to advertise on 2 pages would be \$510.00. Sherry mentioned that the 2013 ad did not have prize money mentioned and that if the committee wanted that in the ad Sherry would need to know in the next couple of days.

Stacia has agreed to be show manager and secretary both, or train Cheryl West to do one or the other. Stacia indicated that Judy Rivers did not want to manage the show. Lynn Francik thinks we need more depth in the area of show managers and secretaries. Sherry Guess was in agreement that having additional trainees was a good idea. However she was concerned about having to pay for graphics as Judy Rivers has done that free of charge in the past as show manager.

Diane Smith commented that she was unclear regarding job duties of the show committee. She was under the impression the committee was put together as fund raisers only. Roberta reminded everyone that at the summer show committee meeting the committee expressed their desire to have more responsibility. Sherry said that the show committee wanted to run the show, and explained that if you have a show committee that "comes and goes" it leaves a problem for subsequent boards. They need to clarify and make decisions quickly and not go off and leave the next year's board in trouble. Rainee suggested putting it in writing to clarify so that everyone knows who is responsible for what. Sherry, Roberta, Lyn and Diane all agreed. Clydette thought it would be helpful if all activities were outlined with a timeline. Sherry responded that it has already been done by Stacia and Judy. Sherry will send it out to the committee. Lyn said the show manager and secretary need to work with the committee and clarification needs to be made with a clear chain of command.

Corporate Membership-Rainee said she has not taken care of this yet, in her own words, "dropped the ball".

Educational-Sharon has been unable to get a commitment from Dr. Jenny, so has contacted Bill Solyntges. She wants to try for a Mid-March to end of April event. Bill is well known and well liked. He did a symposium titled "How to Improve Your Scores" for Austin Dressage. She has emailed him with a list of questions and is waiting for answers. She is open to other suggestions.

Convention Delegate-Anne Kuhns is going to the USDF Convention in December and has agreed to be our delegate.

Nominating Committee-Rainee has not done anything yet but has a few people in mind.

Directory-Sherry will ask Fran Ferrari if she will do it again. Anne reminded us to change the return address on the directories.

Horse Slaughter Bill-Sherry has received emails on both sides of the issue. It was agreed by all to stay out of it. As Beth Circle pointed out, we need to concentrate on Dressage education.

2015 Show Arena-Committee looked at Lazy E and Claremore. If it is moved to the fall it will need to be held at least 4 Mondays before the Championship for scores to qualify. We would need to have the show in mid-September if that is the case. Anne agreed to check with Claremore for the possibility of a 2015 fall show.

Letters for fund raising, administrative assistance-The board agreed that it would be a good idea to send letters to members that checked boxes on the their membership forms as to their "skill sets" and see if we can get some involvement in the above areas. Sherry has drafted these and sent them to the board for comment.

Adjournment-The motion to adjourn was made by Beth Circle. Meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Jewell, Secretary