

# Oklahoma Dressage Society

APRIL 8, 2014 8 PM MINUTES

The meeting was held via phone conference. The meeting was called to order at 8:02 PM by Oklahoma Dressage Society's President, Sherry Guess. Board members in attendance were Roberta Clark, Kalea Maxwell, Sharon O'Banion, Cheryl West, Clydette Womack, Beth Circle, Marta Koenig, Sherry Guess, Rainee Boyd, and Pamela Byers.

## Old Business

**Minutes from March 11, 2014** – Motion was made to approve the minutes by Clydette Womack and seconded by Rainee Boyd.

**Treasurer's Report** – Marta Koenig provided copies of the Financials via email. There were no questions. Marta asked if there were to be any out of state vendors at the ODS Spring Show as it requires a lengthy procedure to process the Tax Sales Certificate. No tax certificate needed as no out of state vendors selling products.

**Symposium** – Sharon O'Banion's wrap up of the symposium shared the financials. Participate fees along with the \$750 grant and a \$20 donation allowed a positive bottom line of a \$35.15 profit after expenses. There were approximately 20 less participants from last year's symposium. Many participants and auditors received USDF credits. A majority of auditors and participants rated the format and education as excellent. Participants were very happy with Bill's method of working with rider/horse combinations to show immediate progress and the choice of material. Suggestions were made to have a seasoned upper level horse to show first, followed by lower level and then finally upper levels again. Also having a separate warm up area was suggested. 99% positive feedback was given due to Bill's ability to express himself and the material concisely with a good attitude.

**Spring Show Update** – Roberta Clark stated that she sent the spring show flier to our "swapping surrounding GMOs again. ODS has 3 compted rooms for show officials. Official hotel has 10 queen suites and 14 king suites. Jan Cibula, Diane Smith, Martina Blood, Lyn Francik and herself have been collecting silent auction items in addition to sponsorships. Dog agility is not appropriate for the Saturday entertainment due to time constraints. The exhibitor's party theme was "Ladies Night Out" to be hosted with activities by Laurie McDonald and Diane Smith. Both food and wine sponsorships are being sought. The annual tack sale was in need of a chairperson due to Fran moving. Five VIP tables have been sold. Kids' area will be making Mother's Day Cards. Roberta expressed concern about number of exhibitors due to missing advertisement in Newsletter. ODS's Facebook is posting silent auction items. Dirt work will be a collective effort between Cheryl collecting Lyn's tractor for working dirt on Thursday. ODS's FaceBook is posting information about the show and silent auction items.

**Pony Stick** – ODS's TD is bringing a pony measuring stick.

**Show 2015 Venue** – Diane and Stacia are meeting this Thursday morning to find out how much the facilities will cost.

**Website update** - Jeanie has set up area to be accessed by ODS members only. New members will to be listed there.

**Summer meeting update** – The deposit on facility is in, but there has not been a physical visit to the facility yet. Pam will contact Jay to verify he is speaking at the summer meeting.

**2015 Educational Symposium** – Board members are to send to Sherry their top 3 picks from the choices below. Sherry will figure what the consensus is.

Will Faerber [www.art2ride.com](http://www.art2ride.com)

Erica Poseley [www.gotseat.com](http://www.gotseat.com)

New Tests with **Bill Solyntjes**, Lilo Fore, or Janet Foy

Dressage for the Not-so-Perfect-Horse with author Janet Foy

Dr. Jennie Susserman - sport psychologist

Catherine Haddad

<http://www.internationaldressage.com> list of accomplishments

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CatherineHaddadStaller.DressageCompetitor>

[http://youtu.be/QXBz5\\_vCi0k](http://youtu.be/QXBz5_vCi0k)

Demo of half halt with the seat not using the reins

<http://youtu.be/BPbeiJr2YHY>

Demo of Tristan Tucker and Response Training,  
the instructor that Haddad brings in for help with Response Training.

Jimmy Koford – currently up and rising rider.

Lisa Wilcox -- Correct Use of the Seat Through the Levels

**Membership** – Current ODS membership is 182. Current chapter membership stands at:  
GCC 88, GPC 67, NCC 5

Beth will send current rosters to the chapters this week for their use. We should ask the chapters to confirm that the board members listed on their websites are representative of the current board. Currently at least one is out of date.

The new membership form is up on the website including the different late fees.

**Arena use requested by Stacia** - The club could raise \$500 total, rental fee of \$100/day, for the 5 days of usage by the following shows:

--Arab show one day after the GCC show

--Remington Park one day show -- please see bottom of page

---Morgan show three days

Members agreed that the above shows through Stacia could rent ODS's **ring(s)?**

**Sept 16 OKC Fair show** - Stacia will manage the OKC Fair Show as an ODS schooling show entirely with a 50% of the profit being split between herself and ODS. The budget is approximately \$200 for insurance and \$250 for judge's fee. The following are classes: dressage, western dressage, and possibly some rail classes.

A motion was made to approve the September 16<sup>th</sup> OKC Fair Show as an ODS Schooling Show by Rainee Boyd and seconded by Cheryl West.

**Proposal from Roberta regarding financial reports from Chapters --**

Each chapter of ODS will be responsible for submitting to the ODS treasurer bi-yearly, no later than July 10th (prior to summer meeting) and January 10th (prior to AGM), a General Programs Profit and Loss statement.

Roberta would like to see a profit and loss statement as least at the annual meeting from each chapter. To keep it easy for Marta, Roberta suggested in a form that is currently being used. Marta discussed that this might be a hardship since not all chapters use QuickBooks. Motion was tabled until after the show when Marta will have a discussion with chapters.

**Schooling show report** – Only one show has reported their results for the newsletter. The thought is that if the current results are printed, interest will be generated and others will follow suit. The purpose is to keep people motivated to show. Listing the people and scores will help boost shows when checking individual scores and their ranking for awards. Rainee asked if results would be posted on the website. Sherry stated they could.

**Website information** – Sherry asked board members to make a copy incase needed at a future time.

**GCC JUDGES** – The following are a list of the judges for the GCC Recognize Shows.

2014 Kem Barbosa, Dorrie Vlatten-Schmitz

2015 Carter Bass, Joan Darnell

2016 Contacting David Schmutz, TBA

Sherry suggested that ODS's Show Committee make decisions for ODS's future show judges. Roberta stated that could only be done after ODS had a facility and dates.

**Dressage Show at Remington Park** – Board members liked the idea of supporting the Remington events, especially the Sunday Dressage Show. Only ex-race horses are allowed to participate. It was suggested that ODS advertise on our website.

At 8:49 p.m., Rainee Boyd moved to adjourn which was seconded by Pamela Byers.

**Next board meeting is May 6<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m.**