

Oklahoma Dressage Society

August 19, 2014 8:39 PM MINUTES

The meeting was held via phone conference. The meeting was called to order at 8:39 PM by Oklahoma Dressage Society's President, Sherry Guess. Board members in attendance were Sherry Guess, Beth Circle, Roberta Clark, Kalea Maxwell, Marta Koenig, Pamela Byers, and Rainee Boyd. Cheryl West and Clydette Wormack were board members not in attendance. Sharon O'Banion also attended.

Old Business

Minutes – Rainee made a motion to approve the July minutes as written which Beth seconded. Minutes were approved.

ODS Schooling Show For the Benefit of the Dressage Foundation Challenge-

Beth made a motion to use the State Fair as benefit schooling show for the Dressage Foundation Challenge. Rainee seconded. Motion passed. The consensus was that this would be easier and expedient.

Educational Meeting 2015 – Pamela went to Ok Stud in Purcell as a possible location for the educational meeting. The dressage arena would fit along with an area for spectators. There is a lounge for an extra cost in case the weather is bad. There are very nice stalls for \$25. \$500 is the fee for the facility, which has a good sound system.

Robin would charge the same amount. Her arena is tight, but it has an extra 10 feet at the end of the arena. The spectators and auditors would be seated in this location along with above gallery area. Concern was voiced that this might not be enough area considering the number of participants who attended this year. People would be asked to bring their own chairs. Ok Stud would be a very nice facility, but it is fairly far. There would be concern whether Tulsa area members would participate. If Stillwater is chosen, there needs to be coordination that there is not an OSU activity that weekend. Sherry is still waiting on a date from the Bill Solyntjes. ODS could offer a clinic the day before. Sherry would prefer ODS did not add the extra day. Beth felt that some demo riders might be more comfortable riding in the clinic if they rode with the clinician prior to the symposium. There was discussion on how to choose clinic riders: 1) Demo riders first priority; and 2) first come, first serve provided that riders are not same level – 2 per level with a reserve. For extra slots, names could be pulled out of a hat. ODS could be very transparent. Sherry thinks that the demo riders would take advantage of the prior clinic. In the past, there was an advertised selection process, which every demo filled out the form. Potential demo riders sent videos, pictures, and instructor statements. Right now it boils down to whether Bill is willing to giving us an extra day. Sherry will ask if Bill will give us another day.

Schooling Show – Rainee is going to update the newsletter this weekend concerning those who are currently qualified for year end awards to stimulate interest in future schooling shows. Rainee will send this information to Lee Ann and Jeanie for publication.

Mail Chip – Jeanie is now able to send information to all members. ODS Board members need to check with others to see if they are getting ODS notifications from Jeanie.

Early Bird free membership by Nov. 15th vs \$5 late fee/newsletter/website – Beth is putting together a large boxed announcement in the newsletter about the late fee. Jeanie and Lee Ann should publicize this several times.

Final Grant Wording – Place in P&P

A grant may be available from ODS on a case-by-case basis to encourage participation in national dressage events. An amount not to exceed \$1000 may be awarded depending on the financial status of the club.

A motion was made by Beth and seconded by Rainee to approve this wording for ODS's P&P. Sherry will get this information to Jeanie for the website.

New Business

Audit – There has not been an audit in several years. Marta suggested that a review of ODS's financials instead of an actual audit. A review would be cheaper. Rainee will check with her contact as well as Roberta's for a pro bono review.

Purchase Hospitality Stall at Reg 9 Champ – Rainee made a motion and Pamela seconded that ODS would secure a stall for hospitality at the Region 9 Championships. Motion passed.

Championship 9 Volunteer Organizer – Cheryl West has agreed to handle this.

Nominating Committee – Beth volunteered to chair the committee. Sherry, Marta, and Rainee are going off the board. There is a concern about a future treasurer. Beth gathers information from membership forms concerning individuals' interest areas for volunteering. Also, ODS board members are to give names to Beth who might be interested in being a board member. Chapters need to be contacted.

Volunteer of the Year – newsletter/website - Sherry will make sure these notices are listed in the newsletter and on the website.

Website nominated for USDF Awards – Sherry nominated ODS's website.

Other topics:

Blazes information: This information will be sent out to only board members and chapter presidents, but not to the entire ODS membership. Sherry has sent it out to people with extensive email blasts.

Ads in Omnibus: GMO page \$180 and Show \$200 . Beth made a motion and Roberta seconded that ODS purchase two ads in the Region 9 Omnibus: 1) GMO Page; and 2) Advertisement page for the spring show. Motion passed. Sherry to contact Diane Smith.

At 9:15 p.m., Rainee moved and Pamela seconded to adjourn at 9:15.

Next board meeting is September 16th at 8 p.m.