

Oklahoma Dressage Society

October 21, 2014 8:39 PM MINUTES

The meeting was held via phone conference. The meeting was called to order at 8:37 PM by Oklahoma Dressage Society's President, Sherry Guess. Board members in attendance were Sherry Guess, Beth Circle, Roberta Clark, Marta Koenig, Pamela Byers, and Clydette Wormack. Cheryl West and Rainee Boyd were board members not in attendance. Sharon O'Banion also attended. Lee Ann Alf and Diane Smith also participated in the board meeting.

Minutes – Beth made a motion to approve the August minutes with corrections, which Marta seconded. Minutes were approved with corrections.

ODS Schooling Show Results for Newsletter – Rainee was not present. Sherry noted that a discussion had previously occurred to have results written in the newsletter. Sherry will email Rainee to get results to Lee Ann for newsletter and to Jeannie for posting on the website.

Review of ODS Financials by Rainee's contact – Sherry will contact Rainee. Financials need to be reviewed prior to the change over to the new treasurer.

New Test Seminar Feb. 27 – Sherry spoke with Bill at the championships. Friday, Feb. 27th will be a clinic format with the following 2 days being the new dressage tests symposium. In addition to the Training through Fourth level tests, FEI demonstrations will be included, though, these tests are not new. Bill's fee is \$750/day. Beth thought the decision for FEI tests to be included in the symposium had already been decided earlier. Sharon will help Pamela concerning the seminar. The clinic and symposium will be held at Valley View Equestrian Center in Stillwater, OK. Pamela is coordinating with Robin Hessel on the details.

Nomination Committee – Nomination committee is Beth Circle, Sherry Guess, Robin Hessel. No response has been given by GCC or NCC. Current nominees to date: Diane Smith, Amanda Edwards, and Tamera Mayo. There is concern that no one with skills for the treasurer's position has come forth. Beth asked if Roberta would be willing since treasurer for Designer Showcase. Roberta explained that her part with the DS does not include keeping spreadsheets. Pam Hogg'a and Lyn Francik's names were presented as possibilities. Beth will prepare a statement for the Newsletter and Website for the future treasurer's position.

Early Bird free membership by Nov. 15th vs \$5 late fee/newsletter/website – Beth has put together a large boxed announcement in the past two newsletters about the late fee. Jeanie and Lee Ann will continue to publicize this.

State Fair proceeds of \$200 sent to TDF – Marta stated that \$255 had been collected from the State Fair show for the foundation. Stacia shared that the other \$200 from the fair profits could be used in light that the arena fee from the Morgan show which had not been collected. Beth suggested that an advertisement be placed in the newsletter and website. Lee Ann will put an article in the newsletter about the Poulin Challenge. End of year is a good time for donations and tax deductions. Donations would be funneled through Laurie Hedlund so that ODS receives credit for all donations collected from our state GMO members.

ODS Region 9 Omnibus ad and updated GMO page provided by Diane Smith –

Thank you to Diane for putting this together. Marta will write a check for covering the cost of the ad.

Volunteer of the Year Nominations – Jeannie will put the advertisement for nominations prominently on the website. Lee Ann will advertise in the newsletter. Beth feels that the newsletter gets better response than the website.

ODS Championship Tack Stall – Tamera Mayo will be reimbursed. This year instead of one rider attending, 15 attended. Roberta Clark stated that having all the ODS riders in an area together made a closer bond. Roberta was grateful to Tamera for stocking the hospitality tack stall.

Directory – Fran will organize again, but she will not be responsible for advertising. Beth stated that one of the trainers had already included in their re-membership check money for their ad. Diane suggested that there be a premium rate for combining advertisement in two places; directory and show program. Example \$100 for full page in directory and ½ page in show program. Beth and Diane will put together a draft for combining the advertising and submit it to the board. Clydette stated she would help in the process of contacting, but she did not want the full responsibility. Beth stated that she would be willing to contact advertisers.

AGM – The reason for having a morning meeting and awards during the luncheon was due to safety and people not wanting to drive home in bad weather during the evenings. Pamela will look into the Cattlemen's and Remington concerning the cost and menu and Diane will check into the room at Toby Keith's restaurant. Size of room could be a factor at Toby Keith's.

Para-Equestrian Year End Award - A discussion occurred as to whether to have a para-equestrian year end award. Clydette brought up the fact that there were several levels for these riders based on their abilities and questioned whether there would need to be an award for each level. It was brought up that there was only one award for Western Dressage and Pony Classes. Another question of whether there needs to be an award for schooling and recognized shows. Currently we only have one competitor. The Board will review how many riders are utilizing this division at schooling and/or recognized shows and will review the advisability of providing this award.

Increase yearly fees and give early bird reward rather than late fee/still free membership for early – Lee Ann, Clydette, and Roberta have heard from members their perception of the late fee was negative. These members have stated that they would rather have the membership dues raised and a reduced fee for early bird.

Inactive chapter designation – Before the possible dissolving of a chapter, the designation of “inactive” could be applied if we had such a category along with criteria. This criteria would be clearly stated. Beth and Sherry will put something together and send out via email for future discussion at the AGM. Roberta suggested that the checkbook be held by ODS with the chapter's fund initially being held in a line item should the chapter become active prior to the date of the “inactivity” expiring. At some future date of inactivity, the funds should be absorbed back into the ODS account.

At 9:42 p.m., Pamela moved and Clydette seconded to adjourn.

Next board meeting is Nov. 18, 2014 at 8 PM.