

Oklahoma Dressage Society

December, 2014 8:03 PM MINUTES

The meeting was held via phone conference. The meeting was called to order at 8 PM by Oklahoma Dressage Society's President, Sherry Guess. Board members in attendance were Sherry Guess, Beth Circle, Kalea Maxwell, Roberta Clark, Marta Koenig, Cheryl West, Rainee Boyd, and Clydette Wormack. Lee Ann Alf and Diane Smith also participated in the board meeting.

Minutes – Rainee made a motion to approve the November minutes with a second by Kalea. Minutes were approved.

Decisions made via email – Future board meetings will be held on Dec. 16, 2014 and Jan. 13, 2015. AGM Luncheon to be listed as \$20/person with ODS to cover the overage. ODS will make a \$50 donation for ADU's Judging Seminar with Wim Erns.

Nomination Committee – Beth and Marta each contacted separate members who shared a possible interest in being the treasurer. Sherry will follow up with each contact for a final decision as to whether they would be ODS's future treasurer.

Directory – Beth shared that the advertising for the directory was a large job that needed to be started in October. Beth stated that several advertisers like Horse of Course needed an invoice. Marta would supply any invoices needed for the advertising.

Inactive Chapter Designation – Beth motioned followed by a second from Rainee that the Inactive Chapter Designation passed at the November board meeting of 2014 (see below) be listed under the P&P IX as E. with "Chapter Suspension" moving to F rather than being a by-law change. Motion passed.

Approved from the November Board meeting:

New Amendment reads:

A chapter shall be considered "inactive" when it holds no publicized shows or educational activities for a period of 12 consecutive months. At that time, they should be so notified by the ODS Board and have the option of continuing in that status and turning their financial funds over to ODS to be held in a line item account, OR of providing a list of scheduled activities with dates and names of those who will be organizing them.

At the end of a three year period of inactivity, the chapter will be closed and its assets sold, with all proceeds and funds returning to the ODS general fund.

AGM – Marta has contacted the chapter presidents asking for the required financial information needed for the AGM which includes a report on chapter activities from the past year along with their year-end financial statement. RCC is working on meeting the requirements to be an active chapter with 15 members. Marta has sent a check to all chapters for dues that have been collected from current renewing and new members.

Review of ODS Financials - Rainee failed to contact Chuck previously but will do so on Wednesday, the day following the December board meeting. Marta will provide the information needed to this individual should he agree to review ODS's financials.

Year End Awards – Roberta figured a possible budget for Year End Awards for the budgeted \$2500. Recognized \$100 or less for the 15 champions
\$50 or less for the 8 reserve
Schooling \$25 or less for the 9 champions
\$10 or less for the 7 reserve

That leaves \$305 Pony, Western, Musical, and Horse of the Year.

People polled expressed a desire to have practical awards. Marta mentioned her jacket from the National Dressage Finals. Diane is going to look into jackets for recognized champions. The committee will report back via email recommendations for the awards.

Western dressage horse award is based on one high point award. Pony award will be based on the highest median score.

Ribbons – Rainee will order the ribbons after confirming with Stacia. After the order is placed, Marta will call in the debit card number to complete the purchase.

Pony designation on horse registration – There will be a “p” on the horse registration form for people to register their horse as a pony. There are some rule changes concerning “pony” classes, which will be investigated. Pony information will be included.

Symposium Update – There has been an email sent with the budget. USDF has awarded a \$1500 grant. Last year we didn't need the Region 9 grant. Should have a positive budget this year due to the topic and Bill. Demo riders will pay a fee of \$150, which will include their stall based on what has been done in the past. There is plenty of room for auditors. Pamela will send out applications. The desire is to have demo riders who can ride the test at the highest level with proficiency. Perhaps one rider for each level with a different rider on a different day.

2015 Budget – Clydette had asked about the difference between the income from 2013 compared 2014. Marta stated that she just put together a quick numbers for the meeting and would have a comparison at the AGM. Membership is based on a calendar year and not USDF calendar. Membership is not down from the previous year.

Nationals – Our ODS member, Tamera Mayo, was the only competitor at Nationals this year. Nationals will be in Kentucky again next year, which is a fabulous place to participate either as a competitor or a volunteer. Beginning in 2017, Nationals will potentially be held in either Houston or Arizona.

Additional Items –

Clarification of classification of show revenue – Diane asked about specific classification of portions of grant money and fundraising. Marta will investigate the numbers due to the way the quick data put together the figures.

Adjourned – Rainee made a motion to adjourn.

Next board meeting is Jan. 13, 2015 at 8 PM.

