

Oklahoma Dressage Society Summer's Meeting

July 26, 2014 MINUTES

The meeting was at Chandler Historical Society Museum after guest speaker, Dr. Jay Craig, spoke on biomechanics and its relationship to dressage. The meeting was called to order at 2:35 PM by Oklahoma Dressage Society's President, Sherry Guess. Board members in attendance who were introduced were Roberta Clark, Cheryl West, Clydette Wormack, Marta Koenig, Beth Circle, and Sherry Guess, the presiding president.

Old Business

Minutes: Joyce Quinn moved to approve the minutes from January 25, 2014, AGM which were seconded by Chris Cashel. There were approximately 20 others in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: Marta Koenig shared the current assets of ODS's accounts: Checking account - \$51,971.35, Savings - \$23,364.24 with a Current Asset Total of \$75,070.77. The ODS Spring I and II had a profit of \$2801.72 with the Show Fundraising Committee raising \$13,015.52.

Spring Show Report: The show committee did a tremendous amount of fundraising through donations, sponsorships, advertising, and silent auction items. Diane Smith again this year generated interest by advertising items and activities on ODS's Facebook Page. Two suggestions were made for next year. There will be advertising in the stable area concerning the free breakfast items and making the veterinary's phone number very visible. Many positive comments were made from competitors and volunteers. Next year's show will be held at the OK City Fairgrounds on May 9th and 10th. The judges are Melonie Kessler and Margaret Freeman with the TD being Debbie Moloznik.

New Business

General Updates from the President:

Membership: During 2010, there was a push for increasing membership. There was an increase of approximately 30 new memberships (180 to 210). Since then, membership has been consistent at around 210. For 2015 ODS membership, those that renew early (by Nov. 15th) will be entered in a drawing for a free membership. There will be a \$5 late fee for those joining after Nov. 30th.

Grant: Marsha Cullen received a \$500 grant from ODS towards her competition at the 2014 National Paralympics at Gladstone. Marsha has already written an article for the newsletter. She also spoke and shared photos of her experiences at the competition.

Newsletter Editor Change: Lee Ann Alf is the new newsletter editor. She has had much previous experience. Lee Ann asked for articles and ideas from the membership.

E-Blast Change: Due to Jeanie's computer getting a virus, changes were made in order to protect her computer. Jeanie has set up access by members only to the protected areas of the website. "augmo" is the new

2015 Educational Seminar: Bill Solyntjes will be the instructor on the "new dressage tests" training through 4th level. There may be FEI demonstrations included. No date or location chosen yet.

2014 Region 9 Championships: Tamera Mayo has volunteered to be the stall coordinator. People who are intending on showing at the championships are encouraged to get their entries in on the opening date and coordinating through Tamera concerning stall requesting on their individual entries and the Oklahoma Hospitality Stall. Robin Hessel asked if ODS would potentially donate some funds for the hospitality stall as club advertising. Katy, TX Oct. 7-12. It is a great time to volunteer both as a learning opportunity and also ODS benefits financially. SWDC is adding a Vintage Category.

Michael Poulin USDF Foundation Challenge: The state with the most new donations to the Foundation will receive a "free" clinic by Michael Poulin. The Foundation has benefited ODS for many years through \$500 educational grants. A future benefit schooling show is in the planning stages to raise funds for this challenge.

Dressage On-Line: Clydette asked if it were appropriate to share with ODS' s membership the "links to clips" which were educational but could be advertising for this company. Clydette is going to look into getting more in depth clips that provided more education. Dressage On-Line has provided many donations, including the Summer Meetings door prizes.

Round Table:

Great Plains Chapter: Robin shared during 2015 that the chapter would host 4 schooling shows followed by a recognized show, and on the third day a clinic would be hosted. Check their website for dates and judges. Schooling Show Championship will be held on Nov. 1st with Melissa Cheswick followed by a 2 day clinic.

At 3:25, Chris Cashel made a motion to adjourn with Susan Fields seconding.