



Established in 1971, The *Oregon Dressage Society*, an affiliate of the United States Dressage Federation, exists to educate, promote and inspire its members and the general public through programs, publications and competitions, in a way that enhances the image of Dressage and promotes the welfare of the horse.

ODS Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 13, 2016
Conference Call

1. 2014-15 Board member attendance record:

			1-13-16	2-6,7-16						
			PHONE	RETREAT						
	POSITION	BOARD MEMBER								
1	President	Gaye McCabe	X							
2	President-Elec	Ed Miller	X							
3	Treasurer	Dolores Morgan	X							
4	Secretary	Valerie Stallings	X							
5	Dir at Lg	Anna Bigwood	X							
6	Dir at Lg	Elaine Thomas								
7	Dir at Lg	Lisa Koch								
8	Dir at Lg	Jessica Rattner	X							
9	N Region Rep	Rose Newman								
10	N Region Rep	Sheryl Rudolph	X							
11	S Region Rep	Brett Lynn Stallings	X							
12	E Region Rep	Sharm Daggett	X							
13	C Region Rep	Audrey Staton	X							
		OTHER MEMBERS								
1	Exec Director	Corinne Tindal Stonier	X							
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2. Board Quorum with 10 Board Members achieved

Gaye McCabe presided over the meeting. Minutes taken by Valerie Stallings and edited by Corinne Stonier.

3. Board members in attendance:

Gaye McCabe
Ed Miller
Dolores Morgan
Valerie Stallings
Anna Bigwood
Jessica Rattner
Sheryl Rudolph
Brett Lynn Stallings
Audrey Staton
Sharm Daggett

4. Board members absent:

Elaine Thomas
Rose Newman
Lisa Koch

5. Non-voting members in attendance:

Corinne Stonier

6. Meeting Minutes:

1. Call to Order at 6:36 p.m. by Gaye McCabe, President
 - a. Introductions
 - b. Announcements:
 - i. To Be Appointed/ Newly Appointed – none
 - ii. To Be Appointed State Positions / ODS Officers – none
 - iii. Vacancies / “Help Wanted” Committee Chairs, State Positions – none
 - iv. Health Concerns – none
 - v. Recent Press – none
2. Approval of November, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes – note: prior to meeting, November minutes were made available online at the ODS website, <http://www.oregondressage.com/minutes.html>. Board members were requested to review them prior to the meeting.

There were no changes or amendments to the November 2015, Minutes. Sheryl moved to approve the minutes. Ed seconded. All were in favor, no one opposed, no one abstained, and minutes were approved.
3. Changes to / adoption of Agenda – Gaye McCabe

No changes were made to the agenda.
4. Correspondence – None

5. Treasurer's Report – Dolores Morgan

a. Current financial report

- i. As of January 1, 2016 ODS is on a calendar year basis. Therefore, at our last meeting we approved a “short year” budget and a budget for the calendar year 2016. These will be placed on the website when time allows.
 - ii. The four-month (Sept 1 through December 31 2015) is now closed. What we know now is that the income exceeded expenses and some expected income namely Championship show has not been received. The reports for this period are in process and will be available for the meeting at the retreat. Thanks to all of you who pitched in and made the November events successful.
 - iii. The 990s are mailed and the report to the IRS will be filed electronically by this Friday's due date. Given that life happens to all of us and the many members who compiled the necessary information for chapter or committee accounts this is outstanding. The IRS has not yet let us know about the fine for late filing of several years ago and they are no longer dunning us for the amount. It is most likely that the fine will be dismissed
 - iv. Be aware that we will be requesting committees and chapters to send a short year report. This is necessary as we move from our previous financial year to a fiscal year that coincides to the calendar year.
 - v. ALERT: Fees for rental of facilities that are neither owned by a governmental or non-profit entity must be issued a 990. This is done centrally. We need the necessary information for producing these. Please be sure that is on your schedule for your event.
- b. TDF Linda Acheson Fund – Corinne reported the verbiage in the contract with The Dressage Foundation is being amended by TDF lawyers to allow ODS to remove the funds from TDF if ODS feels it is in the best interest of the fund. Once the amendment has been made the agreement will be available to the ODS board for review. Once approved by the board the agreement will then be given to an ODS lawyer for review before being finalized and releasing the fund to TDF.

6. Executive Director's Report – Corinne Stonier

- a. Membership Status – At this point there are 654 ODS members. This is down approximately 51 members from last year. Corinne reminded the board that there is usually a second wave of membership registrations in late February and March just before the show season starts. The test booklet has been mailed to the membership. The Omnibus is behind. Corinne feels that the facility contract for a show needs to be in place before the show is listed in the Omnibus. This would eliminate any confusion later on if the facility listed in the Omnibus is not available and a change in venue occurs as a result. Ed countered stating that having a facility contract for the later shows this early could be unrealistic for some shows. He cited the fall State of Jefferson October show as an example.
- b. USDF Convention – Corinne applauded the way regions 6 and 7 worked together to try and keep the USDF Championship Show alternating East and West. She reported the situation could have gotten very contentious but members worked in a diplomatic fashion to resolve the issue. In the end, the show will be held one more year in the East as the West does not have a facility to meet the needs of the show. The New

England region did propose a compromise that riders from the West Coast be compensated for travel expenses. The vote to keep the championship show on the east coast was not an East/West vote, according to Corinne, but was more a matter of why fix it if it's not broken, we don't want to go West if it is not perfect.

7. Committee Reports

- a. Awards, Ed Miller – Award plates are posted for review and apply for their plates. It is proceeding well; however, league show awards are going to lose money this year.

8. Chapter Reports – Chapters need to send annual reports to the region prior to the retreat. Region Reps are requested to contact the chapters to make them aware of this and also to have chapters sign up to attend the retreat.

9. Old Business

- a. "L" CE program on November 7 was a success. Holly was recognized for doing a great job. The program broke even financially with the aid of a grant from TDF.
- b. Update on Instructor Program – the second workshop for the USDF Instructor Certification program was Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 9-10. The venue had to be changed at the last minute because of unsafe footing. The alternate venue was the Rosemont Barn in North Plains. Feedback from the program was positive. There were fewer auditors than at the first workshop. Anna attributed this to bad the weather. A bad sound system at the first workshop may have also contributed to some auditors not attending the second. The committee plans on doing more marketing to encourage auditors to attend the third workshop which will also be at Rosemont.

10. New Business

- a. NWSHBA Breeders Showcase I & II. This show was held last August without applying for ODS approval. After the show, they realized they did not have ODS approval but they wanted to make sure that they were eligible for yearend awards for the show. They asked for and got the show approved after the event. Ed did not think approving this show after it had taken place was right and asked the decision be brought before the board to make sure it does not happen again. Corinne assured Ed that the show was not granted approval, but was waiting on approval from the board at this meeting. Gaye reported that the show had a last minute change in show management. In the changeover, Corrine stated things fell through the cracks and show approval was one of those things. Dolores pointed out: 1) most of the people involved with the show were aware of the approval policy, 2) approval in advance of a show is set up so ODS can advertise the show. Dolores then made a motion that the show not be approved, however as a onetime exception, the award committee can award participants yearend awards. Ed seconded the motion, and amended the motion by adding the board must approve use of scores from this show in computing yearend awards. Sheryl felt by not allowing the board to approve eligibility for awards this would punish the constituency. Since the show has been approved in the past participants may have wrongly believed it was an approved show. The vote was taken in two parts; first whether to approve the show after the fact – 0 yay, 5 nay, 5 abstain. Second part to allow the board to approve the scores for eligibility of year end awards – 8 yay, 0 nay, 2 abstain. The NWSHBA Breeders Showcase for 2015 will not be ODS approved however for this one time exception; scores may be eligible for yearend awards.

- b. South Coast Chapter- This chapter has disbanded and requested that the funds it held be transferred to the Umpqua Valley Chapter. Ed made a motion to approve the liquidation of assets of the South Coast Chapter and give them to the Umpqua Valley Chapter, Dolores seconded the motion. All approved, no nays, no abstentions, motion passed.
- c. 2016 USDF and *FLYING CHANGES* contracts have been signed and sent in.
- d. 2016 Shilo Inn agreement for member discounts, it is the same code or DRESS. The Newberg property is the most frequented and it has been sold. It is now a privately owned Holiday Inn Express and is undergoing a remodel. Corinne will contact them later in the year for possible discounts.
- e. Nonprofit Association of Oregon, Oregon Horse Country and USEF Alliance Membership have all been renewed.
- f. Retreat outline is in the works.
- g. 2016 Licensed Championship Show and League Finals will be discussed at the retreat.

Sharm made a motion to adjourn. Dolores seconded it. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:38p.m.