



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.

Meeting Minutes

Oregon Dressage Society, Inc., Fall Quarterly Board of Director's Meeting Sunday, November 3, 2013 • Holiday Inn, Portland Airport

ODS Board Members in Attendance: Christopher Main, Gaye McCabe, Rose Newman, Ed Miller; Anna Bigwood (arrived late)

ODS Board Members Absent: Jessica Rattner, Lisa Koch, Carolyn Wesolek, Sharm Daggett, Patty Armstrong

Members, Guests and Staff in Attendance: Dolores Morgan, Corinne Stonier, Francie Haupt, Sharon Knowlton, Joyce Stride

Presiding over meeting: Rose Newman

Recording secretary: Gaye McCabe

While waiting for a quorum we proceeded with:

Executive Director Report: Corinne Stonier gave her office report: She will send out an updated membership after she adds the added members from Nov 1.

She reported that there is still no committee for Publication, even though a request has gone out. Rose Newman suggested we personally reach out to individuals. Corinne is going forward with the omnibus; there will not be a purple (sport horse) section. Right now there is only one schooling show and she will explore possibly taking the blue schooling show section. Corinne will talk with the one show to see about removing that show due to the extra cost. Dolores will conduct a survey as to what the membership wishes with regards to continue with the Omnibus and other publications.

There are new FEI tests and Sarah Diebert will prepare the tests for the ODS Test Booklet publication. Christopher asked that the content be reviewed for content and remove outdated material.

Anna arrived.

Meeting called to order by Rose Newman at 9:35 am.

A Motion was made by Christopher Main to approve the last teleconference minutes. Gaye McCabe seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion Passed.

Adoption of the Agenda - Ed Miller would like to add under committee something from the awards committee. Joyce Stride would like to add under new business a discussion about Western Dressage tests. Christopher moved to adopt the agenda as amended, Ed Miller Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report Christopher will prepare the final financial report of the year and it will be sent out to board members via e-mail and attached to meeting minutes.

Jorine Rietman has expressed an interest in serving as an assistant treasurer. Christopher will contact her.

Committee Reports:

DSHB Committee: Dolores Morgan discussed the written report, submitted the below.

DSHB 2013 Committee report

Dated: November 02, 2013

2013 has been an assembling year for the DSHB committee. This year's committee members are Diane Nauman, Kim Ransdell, Cathi Jensen, Barb and Dolores Morgan.

Is with much sorrow that the Breeder's Showcase for this year was canceled because of lack of sufficient entries. Thanks to numerous contributors and forgiveness of fees by judges and other officials, there does remain over \$200.00 in the bank account. At the request of the Treasurer this account will be closed and funds remaining will be sent to the ODS office. Two boxes of ribbons with the ODS button and a tote full of trophies are now in the Fort Vancouver trailer.

There is sufficient interest expressed by committee members to consider 2014 a planning year. If the USEF Young Horse Training Session is rescheduled we will offer our support to the hosting facility, likely DevonWood. The session can be audited and offers an exciting educational opportunity to riders, breeders and trainers. These sessions are aimed at developing horses for the Olympics. The selection process for participants is governed by USEF. The future of more ODS sponsored in-hand shows will be explored and we will likely look to do so in conjunction with riding shows.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Morgan, chair

Adult Programs Committee: Francy Haupt reported on the Gerd Heuschmann Biomechanics symposium. She reported that it was well attended with 147 attendees and was well received. A goal of the committee was outreach which proved very successful as 45% of the pre-registered attendees were not ODS members. The committee had budgeted for 85 ODS members though only 68 pre-registered. Verbal responses have been very positive. Tory videotaped the riders and Francy has obtained verbal approval to put into the library, though wants to obtain written approval from each rider. She is also working on getting approval to put Gerd's presentation in the library also, but since the publisher owns the materials that were presented they have to give approval. Francy will provide a yearend report and will submit the report to be added to the minutes for the annual retreat.

She estimated that the profit from the symposium will be about \$1,500.00. The committee is also looking to bring him back in 2014 for a clinic not a symposium.

Future plans for Adult Education is that Dolly Hannon will be the Dressage presenter at the 2014 NW Expo. She wants to do a freestyle demonstration. Plans for a USDF Instructor Education program starting in the fall of 2014, with Gerhard Politz as the faculty. Gerhard suggested to have start with training –first level certification and in the fall a Gerd Heuschmann clinic. Francy reported that Michelle Merkin and Janice Dill would like to have an ODS instructor/trainer clinic next year. She is working with them to bring a proposal to the board. Francy will send a request to Janet Foy for 2015 for the new tests for early in the year.

The ODS Finance Committee will come up with a budget template for the different committees to use in planning events.

Youth Programs: Gaye McCabe reported that the High School program is growing with new teams starting including one in the Medford area. The Dressage for the Ages show will again be held in March. The Youth Camp will again precede the Jr/YR Team show. This past year there were more riders that participated in both and plans are being made to better advertise both together. This year the camp made \$3,560.34 which will be forwarded to USDF Region 6's account.

Awards: Ed Miller, League shows we had 2100 rides, \$2,194 in fees collected. The numbers of plates for 2012 cost were \$6.91 per plate, cost for 2011 was \$6.88 per plate.

Licensed shows 15 fewer licensed show this past year, \$3701.00 in income was brought in. Ed reported that this does not include Dressage at DevonWood fees which are still outstanding. He did not have a cost comparison for the plates and will research it and report back.

Chapter Reports: *no reports*

Old Business:

Policy and Procedure changes approved at the last meeting have been posted on the website.

Report on delegates to USDF convention Delegates are: Rose Newman, Christopher Main, Anna Bigwood, and Lisa Koch. Attending convention and carrying ODS proxies are, Gaye McCabe, Barb Funk, Jessica Rattner, and Kaye Phaneuf, alternate is Carol Jackson.

New Business:

The board discussed the use of profits from Adult Team show to help fund the ODS Continuing Education Program for judges and annual meeting work shop.

Executive Board approved the budget move. Suggested line item be added to the budget Christopher suggested that an **ODS General Pass through donations** column be added for budgeting purposes.

2013/2014 Meetings: Conference calls 2nd Wed of month at 6:30 pm. Retreat Feb 1 & 2, May 17, August 16, annual meeting and banquet TBA - Locations TBA

Western Dressage: Joyce Stride spoke to the question of Western Dressage vs. American Western Dressage. The board requested she take the question to the show committee for them to study and make a recommendation.

Corinne reported that ODS was again omitted from USDF connection listing as a charter member organizations of USDF. Corinne has corresponded with Jennifer who responded that she has made notes hoping it would not happen again. The ODS Board directs Corinne to ask that another article be to highlight ODS and the programs we've initiated that are now also USDF programs. Ed will write a letter to the editor about the omission.

Motion moved to adjourn the meeting by Gaye McCabe, Ed Miller seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Gaye McCabe
Acting Secretary

Action Items:

1. Corinne will send out an updated membership report via e-mail.
2. Corinne will report back about whether or not we will have a light blue section in the 2014 ODS Omnibus based on feedback of show management and budget.
3. Dolores will conduct a survey as to what the membership wishes with regards to continue with the Omnibus and other publications.
4. The ODS Testbooklet will be reviewed for outdated content before publication.
5. Chris will contact Jorine Rietman in regards to her interest in being the ODS Asst. Treasurer
6. Chris will send out Financial Report to board members via e-mail and to the ODS Office for attachment to meeting minutes.
7. ODS Finance Committee will develop a budget template for committees and chapters to use, as stated in the ODS Policy and Procedures Manual
8. Ed Miller will report on the cost of Licensed Horse/Rider Awards
9. Corinne will contact Jennifer Bryant, editor of the USDF Connection Magazine in regards to another article on ODS
10. Ed will write a letter to the editor about the omission