



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

Sunday, February 7, 2016
Silver Falls Conference Center

1. 2015-16 Board member attendance record:

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

Gaye McCabe presided over the meeting. Minutes taken by Valerie Stallings.

3. Board members in attendance:

Gaye McCabe
Dolores Morgan
Anna Bigwood
Jessica Rattner
Audrey Staton

Ed Miller
Valerie Stallings
Lisa Koch
Rose Newman
Brett Lynn Stallings

4. Board members absent:

Sheryl Rudolph

Sharm Daggett

5. Non-voting members in attendance:

Corinne Stonier
Sarah Diebert
Lorraine Nettles
Emily Kenyon
Marci Sanders
Nicole Martin
Lillian Logan
Lesley Everett

Jessie Daniels
Mary Ann Trout
Joyce Stride
Vickie Smith
Karina Moltore
Laure McKinney
Francy Haupt
Debbie Spitzenpheil

6. Meeting Minutes:

1. **Call to Order** at 10:25 a.m. by Gaye McCabe, President
2. **Approval of January, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes** – note: prior to meeting, January 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 January, 2016 minutes. Ed Miller moved to approve the minutes. Dolores Morgan seconded. All were in favor, no one opposed, no one abstained, and minutes were approved.*
3. **Changes to / adoption of Agenda** – Gaye McCabe

Ed Miller requested "Awards" be added to the agenda
4. **Financial report – Dolores Morgan**
 - a. Dolores reported the financial report will be posted on the website, Corinne advised she is waiting on an unlocked PDF which Dolores said she will take care of.
 - b. The 990 form, return of a non-profit organization, filed with the IRS was 34 pages. This is one of the things done by ODS so that the chapters do not have to file.
 - c. Currently Dolores is working on finishing up the 2015 short year Sep-Dec. The yearend report will be available online. Once the 990 for the short year is filed ODS will be completely on calendar year.
 - d. These reports are available on Guidestar for all nonprofits.
5. **Standing Committee reports**
 - a. ODS Adult Programs Committee – Francy Haupt
 - i. Connie J Keith Grant has \$1900.00 remaining for this year and two chapters have applied for grant, Twin Rivers and Central Oregon. Francy recommended the remaining funds be split between the two requests. Once the \$1900.00 is gone the grant fund will be closed. Ed moved to accept recommendation Brett 2nd all approved, no abstentions.

6. **Chapter reports** -- Written reports are included in pages to follow

7. **Old Business**

- a. **League Finals** -- To be held at the State Fair Grounds in Salem Oct 15 & 16. The dates to qualify for the finals is from Nov 5, 2015 to Oct 3, 2016. It is important to remember that the proceeds from this show go to the general fund. Last year \$4,737.20 was raised.
- b. **Licensed Championship Show** -- The show needs some help. ODS needs to identify a new chairperson, there are possible candidates that will be approached and reported to the board at the next meeting.
- c. **Instructor Certification** -- There will be one more work shop, Anna encourages auditing. Dolores commented on it being a good learning experience that allows members to see good riders and instructors get instructed. This session is covering lunging lessons. Will be held at Rose Mountain.
- d. **Linda Acheson Fund** --2 days ago ODS received an email, that the TDF is not sure they would be "a good fit "to manage the fund. Contracts with TDF are traditionally not revocable. The question now is does ODS want to give the fund to TDF or not. Jessica suggested that we proceed to put the education funds to TDF even though we cannot get them back. Corinne suggested we take a second look at the situation since the way the TDF has worded the fund contract ODS would be giving them, in essence, a 50,0000 gift which would be managed as ODS states in the fund contract, but ODS would have no further entitlement to the fund. There will be further discussion and research on this subject but it was determined not to turn the fund over to TDF at this time.
- e. **Survey Results** -- Anna made a presentation about a survey as to what members think of ODS, and why they joined, The surveys done in 2010 and 2012 enquired about member skill sets -- professional, long term planning, legal, accounting , network, fund raising, IT. There were 350 responses in 2010 and 250 in 2012. Anna asked the members' opinion of what might improve this survey for 2016. Suggestions included specifying if a member had marketing or event planning experience or skills. Are you willing to volunteer? May we contact you? The new survey should be out this week.

8. **New Business**

- a. **Meeting Schedule** -- May 21 and August 6 are scheduled for face to face board meetings. Place to be announced.
- b. **Resignation of Elaine, what is the policy? Does the position need to be filled?** -- Ed read the policy from the updated policy manual. Jessica nominated Emily Kenyon, 2nd Anna, no opposed, no abstains.
- c. **Info on calendar deadline** -- Corinne will set up a Google calendar for the board members and to do lists. Reminders sent to calendars for to dos and deadlines.
- d. **Flying Changes Articles for the year** -- Gaye enquired if anyone was interested in volunteering in writing articles for the *FLYING CHANGES* for the 2016 year. Articles would encompass what ODS is doing. Emily volunteered to assist Gaye in writing the *FLYING CHANGES* articles.

- e. Reach out to Cowboy and Western Dressage, other equestrian organizations, go to meetings, etc. -- This discussion was tabled due to time constraints.
 - f. **"L" Program**-- Francy Haupt - Francy reported she has not heard from the committee.
 - g. Recruiting new people before the old ones get burned out.
 - h. **Awards** -- Ed Miller reported that 295 League plates earned out of 1905 League show rides, 400 rides were by non ODS members. League Finals scores are not counted this year as the league show finals was in November so they will be attributed to this year's scores. Licensed shows 502 qualifying scores of 1809 rides, but only 44 plates were ordered. Ed motioned that we rescind the previous motion that we do away with the 1.00 down the center line from the shows for the award costs. Jessica 2nd. Discussion continued with concerns about the Yakima show which all ready has opened its entries without adding this fee. The Yakima chapter representatives agreed to put out a basket and ask for the dollar to make up the loss on the entry form. Rose mentioned that the prize lists will have to be updated and so will the entry forms. Jessica said that we can let membership know that the ODS board heard them and have done as they wanted. **The vote was taken there were no opposed votes and one abstain. The motion passed.** In addition Ed suggested ODS change the way the high % scores are presented to the membership. Instead of members applying for these plates, the award would be automatically sent out. There is a sponsor for this award in place and it would take very little effort on Ed's part to do this in addition to the other award plates. These awards will be for AA, YR, Open, Intro, TL, 1L, and 2L. **The vote was taken there were no opposed votes and no abstains. The motion passed.**
 - i. **Para Walk Only Test** - Dolores moved that we accept the new Para Walk test for league and practice shows, Valerie 2nd. Para rider must have a para dispensation to ride this test. Effective 2016. **The vote was taken there were no opposed votes and no abstain. The motion passed.**
 - j. **Omnibus** -- ~~The printed omnibus will be discontinued as of 2017. Gaye informed that the printed Omnibus be discontinued; she demonstrated the stackform that can be done online which will put the shows on the website calendar as they are approved. A PDF prize list flyer can be attached to be accessed by membership as needed. All paperwork will be available online. Can be printed out if someone wants to have a printed copy. Corinne commented that membership cards are now being emailed, last year she only had 4 requests for paper, this year only 1. The 2016 Omnibus will go out. Discussion was to the loss of funds, 100.00 per Omnibus listing and is losing money. It would mean a 2000.00 pay cut to Corinne. The omnibus is a negative cost to the group.~~
 - k. **Fall Festival Volunteers** -- Karina The discussion on this is tabled until the next meeting do to time constraints.
9. For next time –Planning for Fall festival , fall finale, and silent auction.
10. Next Meeting Dates: see website calendar
11. Adjourn – *Gaye McCabe 12:16*

Oregon Dressage Society
2016 Executive Committee Retreat
Diane Nauman-
DSHB Committee Chair Report - 2/4/2016

Dear President McCabe, President Elect Miller, Secretary Hallberg-Stallings, Treasurer Morgan, Executive Director Tindal Stonier and other officers & representatives:

I am looking forward to assisting ODS as the new chair of the DSHB Committee. I look forward to serving in this position and am an enthusiastic supporter of dressage sport horse breeders in the Pacific Northwest. We are producing international caliber horses here and I would like to work to help breeders reach out to dressage riders about that fact. I regret that I am unable to attend the retreat this weekend, as I am at another meeting this weekend in the great state of Florida.

However, initial projects that I propose in 2016 include the following:

- 1) Identify the ODS members that are breeding dressage horses. Compile a comprehensive list of these individuals including: member name, farm name, address, city, state, zip code, email address, website (if available) and breed of horse(s) produced.
- 2) Survey these breeders via email to determine how ODS and DSHB committee can best meet their needs. Identify the key needs of breeders and report this to ODS leadership.
- 3) Develop a "2016 ODS Dressage Sport Horse Breeders Directory" using the current ODS Trainer's Directory as a template. Work to have both printed versions and online version available to ODS members this year. Plan to host an informal "brainstorming" meeting of ODS DSHB breeders at our farm in Bend this summer and/or in the Portland area.
- 4) Update the DSHB page on the ODS website, including a link to a PDF version of the ODS DSHB Breeders Directory. Include Pacific NW map with lists of breeders in specific regions and a calendar of events (DSHB shows, clinics, breeding seminars, etc.) Get photos of DSHB Year End Award winners & horses bred by ODS members that are winning at all levels around the USA on the ODS DSHB webpage.
- 5) Brainstorm with breeders to come up with ways to get breeders & the riding community together more in the future. Ideas include ODS DSHB Breeders booth/directories at ODS shows, integrating foal/mare inspections & DSHB lectures with ODS shows, events and/or training seminars. Host events at adult amateur & young rider gatherings including foal parades, dressage horse private treaty sale days, farm tours to see foals as part of a wine tasting tour; "ODS Spring Wine Tasting Party Bus", etc. Lots of creative ideas to integrate dressage sport horse breeders more with the riding community and have fun at the same time!

Respectfully,
Diane Nauman