

2004 ODS SILVER FALLS RETREAT
January 31 - February 1

<u>ATTENDANCE:</u>	<u>EMAIL ADDRESS:</u>	<u>ASSOCIATION:</u>
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Kim Barker	kbarker@pioneer.net	ODS-Director @ Large Mid-Valley Chapter

REGIONAL DIRECTORS:

Consists of two members from each region to serve on the ODS Board of Officers.

Job duties... see ODS Handbook. Look at how ODS can fill these positions. Change the By-Laws to appoint Regional Representation when Chapters can not fill the positions.

North Region:

- Joyce Stride
- Paulette Alexandria

Central Region:

- Lori Tierney
- John Craven

South Region:

- Carol Taylor
- Jannalee Smithey

East Region:

- Dorothy Richardson
- Vacant...

The Board meets four times per year for business and once for yearly retreat. How to have a quorum for Board Meetings: (Ideas)

- Do one electronic meeting
- Do one conference call meeting
- Do two physical meetings per year:
 - One in Eugene
 - One in Roseburg

How to be more effective to the Chapters & general members: Note Linda Acheson's letter: **Designate Mentor's Mentors for each Region:**

East: Cynthia Prater

South: Janet Snazek

Central: John Craven & Lori Tierney

North: They are doing fine.

WHAT DOES ODS DO FOR MEMBERS:

- COMPITIONS
 - ODS Open Shows
 - ODS League Shows
 - ODS Championships
 - ODS Rides/Clinics
 - Insurance
 - Awards
- EDUCATION
 - Big Name Clinicians-USDF
 - Amateur programs
 - Jr. Riders/Youth programs
 - Judged educational programs
 - Qualified Instructor Programs: L-Series & Instructor Certification
 - ODS Helps 4-H Dressage
 - Oregon High School Dressage
 - ODS Library: Tapes & books
 - Flying Changes Magazine

*See handout, or minutes from last years retreat by Jennifer and Amy.
See: Raisingmoremoney.com

Send letter for donations to all horse product people. Use the products that are sent as prizes/awards for your shows. Products that can not be used as awards, have a drawing for, or give as gifts for volunteer work.

ODS would like to name the Education Fund after Linda Acheson. This was her passion and would be a good way to honor all that she gave to ODS. *Will need a member vote on this move.

Linda Acheson fund raiser:

- ODS would like to do a benefit show in memory of Linda Acheson.
- The proceeds will go to the Education Fund.
- This show will be a League Show.
- Would like a facility to donate the cost for a 1-2 day show. (Devonwood?)
- Would like to find one to two L-Judge's to also donate their time to the show.
- Look at the end of July.
- Run add in Flying Changes & USDF Connections.
- ODS to send out blanket e-mail.
- Use the training from Kaye's clinic on "Show Positions" to have volunteers that attend the Kaye clinic practice at the Linda Memorial Show.
- Carol Taylor is willing to teach Scribing for the Linda Memorial Show.

Dorothy Richardson would like to have a benefit show in Klamath Falls and donate the proceeds to the Educational fund for Linda Acheson. Most people from K-Falls could not make the Linda Memorial Show if it were to be held in the Portland area.

Fancy Haupt brought up the idea of planting a Blooming Dogwood tree at Devonwood in memory of Linda.

REGION 6 ISSUES GAYE MCCABE:

Read Gaye's report found on the USDF web page.

Region Championship Show is still at Emerald Downs. Linda Acheson was the treasurer for this show, need to find a replacement.

GOAL SETTING/BRAINSTORMING & REVIEW:

- Passport Volunteer Program, was not working; voted to stop using it.
- Talk the ODS Certified Judges list out of the Roster and just list the L-Judges.
- Another L-Program will be offered in 2005. Janet Snazek will head this program and possibly offer this in the North Region.
- ODS Computer-Cynthia's computer is very old and keeps crashing. A new computer will cost ODS about \$1400.
* Send e-mail vote to members.
- Great Northwest Expo Affair is in March. Need to start arranging booth volunteers.
- ODS Merchandise, Look at bulk ordering with other clubs. John & Cynthia to discuss what to order to have merchandise available in the Expo.
- Jr. Young Rider Account: Gaye has money in this account to lend to ODS to purchase merchandise. ODS will get 5 percent back from Kyra for the purchase. We pay back the money barrowed plus the 5 percent from Kyra and the Jr. Young Rider account makes money.

ODS Championship Show:

- Need more coordination between the banquet and the auction.
- Open bar for all to attend the Silent Auction, not just dinner attendees. This would allow more people to bid on the baskets.
- Have cover charge to attend the open bar and participate in the action (\$5-10 per person).

- USDF Connections Magazine
- Affiliated with US Equestrian
- Adult Education Camps \$1000 per year: See Connie Keith

The ODS Board is made up of volunteers from the Chapters. ODS would not exist without the support of the Chapters.

Ideas that could catch member's eyes:

- Monthly News Letter from ODS – Biagina to be Author... Include:
 - Letter from the President on What's Happening in ODS.
 - GMO President's list
 - Linda's Visions...
 - Omnibus available on Line....
 - Up coming events, clinics, shows, news....

ODS HANDBOOK:

Cynthia explained the insurance issues, when you must have ODS insurance and when you don't. Please see the ODS Handbook for Insurance questions. Section 3, Insurance. Questions, contact Cynthia Prater at ODS.

ODS REQUIREMENTS OF A CHAPTER:

See ODS Handbook located in Section 4, Chapter Requirements.

ODS SHOW MANAGEMENT TRAINING: By, Rose Newman

- What does it take to become a Show Manager or Show Secretary?
- What does it take to become a scribe or do scoring?

Would like to see ODS sponsor and educational training on:

HOW TO BE:

- Show Secretary
- Show Manager
- Scribe/Scorer
- And other show positions...

Rose Newman to talk to Kaye Phaniff about teaching the "How Too" class.

- What will Kaye charge?
- How much time, 1 day, 1.5 days, 2 days...?
- How many people can attend?
- Perhaps part of day, T.D. talk?
- Have Kaye's training before the Linda Acheson Benefit show... use what we learned to run the Linda show.

ODS TREASURER POSITION:

Sally Sovey has volunteered to do this position for the remainder of the year, which will be elections this fall. Sally is a member of the Mid-Valley Chapter and has accounting experience. John Craven, former ODS Treasurer, lives near Sally and will help her whenever needed.

Linda Acheson did a cost breakdown of where membership money goes: (\$60)
 28% - Cynthia Prater...ODS Office Manager
 22% - Affiliate for USDF and Us Equestrian
 20% - Publication of: Omnibus & Test book
 18% - Flying Changes
 2% - Misc. Stuff

FUNDRAISING & EDUCATION FUND:

- Have baskets on display during the show. Perhaps a bid sheet out to start bids during the show. Must be at the auction to win a basket. Or Just ODS baskets on display with a list of "other" silent action items up for bid during the Banquet/Silent Auction Saturday night.
- Get Mercedes Ekroth on the board for the Banquet & Event Coordinator.
- Explore new caterers.
- Show committee to work on problems with Show Secretary.
 - Possible change in contract
 - Being onsite for check-in
 - Available the day before the show starts
 - Have assistant in the office if Show Sec. is not available

League Shows:

- 24 League Shows in 2003
- 140 ODS people with scores of 60% or better
- ? Awards button on the ODS web page:
 - ODS Awards
 - Open Awards
- League shows are happening, and more could be added.

Adult Team competition:

- April 24-25, 2004 - Mt. Hood Equestrian Center - League Show
- Send out Chapter Challenge... our chapter against your chapter ?
- Judge: Janet Snazek
- 1 Ring show
- May out grow this facility soon.
- This show is a ton of fun!

Youth Program:

- Nice Article in Flying Changes (January 2004 Issue).
- Biagina to contact Jessica for Youth Clinic

USDF Programs:

This was Linda Acheson's project. Francy Haupt to take this over for Linda.

- Instructors Program: Series of workshops. In the second round of program. Still to do:
 - Pre-cert
 - Certification process
 - Need demo riders/lounging

Each session is paid for as you go. There is \$1800 in this account to help defer the cost. Cap of 10 participants, currently only 5 participants signed up:

1. Lounging
2. Ride train
3. Teach
4. Pre-cert
5. Certification Process

This program is going forward. ODS to get Francy all the forms, stall cards, budget, finance information and all of Linda's program information as soon as possible.

Fund Raising:

Tabling this until further notice. Will appoint a small group of board members to work on this and bring it back to the group.

OMNIBUS:

Omnibus will be available on line and in hard copy. This is a very expensive perk available to the members. On average the omnibus cost ODS \$4500 for printing and mailing.

The 2005 ODS renewal form will give members the option of not taking a hard copy, but referring to the on-line version.

THE TO DO LIST:

Sally Sovey:

- Starting in March, take over the duties of ODS Treasurer until next election in fall of 2004.

Rose Newman:

- List on the ODS web page, volunteer job descriptions
- Check with Kay Phaniff regarding Show Secretary/Manager training.
- Help Francy on Memorial Benefit Show @?Devonwood in July?

Francy Haupt:

- Talk to Jenny Rittner-Memorial Benefit Show in July.
- Instructors on the ODS Spread Sheet, listed in the Roster.
- Chair person for the ODS Professional Riders.
- Web site – News letter on ODS Prof. Riders. Instructors Cert Program – to Biagina.

Dorothy Richardson:

- New ODS Eastern Region Representative
- Contact other clubs on the East side

Carol Taylor:

- New ODS South Region Representative
- Contact Janet Snazek for guidance
- Contact other chapters in South-introduction.
- Encourage members attend board meetings.

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Donna Edwards:

- ODS North Region Representative
- Championship Show Committee
- Awards

Jaye McCabe:

- Region 6 Director
- High School Program

- Adult Team Competition

Kim Barker:

- New ODS Director at Large
- Helping Fancy with committee for ODS Professional Trainers
- Instructors Certification

Biagina Lazaroni:

- ODS Vice President
- ODS Director at Large
- Coordinate volunteers for the 2004 Expo ODS Booth. John to email her members.
- Send out monthly newsletter to all members... What ODS does for you.
- Youth Coordinator for Region 6. Contact Jessica Rattner of clinics for youth.
- On committee for Professional Instructors Committee with Francy.

Cynthia Prater:

- ODS Office Manager
- Help find additional East Regional Representative
- Get quotes on new computer if vote passes.
- Merchandise decision with Gaye and John.
- Update web page
- Do Roster and test book
- Send directors Regional contacts
- Contact Mercedes with a budget for ODS Championship Show
- Order books to sell at the Expo booth
- Linda's Memorial Fund
- Announce Sally
- Announce the New Board

John Craven:

- Contact Presidents Monthly
- Presidents Letter to Biagina monthly for the ODS newsletter
- Contact Janet Snazek: Judges program – L program
- Talk to Barb McDonald – ODS Show Sec.
- Work with Cynthia on banquet budget
- Get Sally all treasurer's stuff
- Email February Board meeting: vote on items

Lori Tierney:

- ODS Central Region Representative
- Communicate with my three chapters on what ODS is doing.
- Get minutes from retreat out to everyone (after I am done being sick for 1 month).
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