

Minutes  
Oregon Dressage Society  
Saturday, November 6, 2004  
ODS Board Meeting 12:30  
EWEB Board Room, Eugene OR

Present: Melinda Raven (TRC), Marsha Taylor, Rose Newman (FVC), Sarah Diebert (FVC), Francy Haupt (CMC), Kim Barker (MVC), John Craven (MVC), Corinne Stonier, Biagina Lazaroni, Ginny Rattner, Joyce Stride (PCTC), Gaye McCabe, Carol Taylor

Meeting called to order by John Craven.

Minutes were read; motion to approve by Biagina; second by Carol.  
Approved.

Motion on the floor by Biagina to adopt the agenda; second by Kim;  
Adopted.

John at this time made note that there is a quorum of filled positions until election of officers. Biagina and John are current officers; Kim, Carol and Joyce are current regional reps.

Correspondence passed around.

Office Manager Report - Corinne

Corinne reported that we are currently at 444 members. John reviewed the selection process for Omnibus editor. Discussion regarding whether to produce testbook or if it is too much liability if it contains errors; consensus from regional representatives and chapter presidents is that the testbook is a valuable resource. It was proposed that ODS board shop the possibilities of purchasing book produced by USDF or other source. Also liability/disclaimer and errors/omissions insurance. Also wonder if we can have the books reviewed by a TD prior to publication.

Treasurer's Report – John

ODS is in terrific financial shape. Education fund is almost at \$20K. Healthy savings account and cash on hand. John has had conversations with Barb Funk regarding managing money. John urges that ODS will need a financial review committee to review finances and to make strategies to build fund.

Championship Show Committee Report

Championship show needs a new manager. We have thrown around different names; if anyone has interest let Rose/John know. Changes in the structure of the committee – Rose will lead the committee because ODS needs to direct a non-ODS member employee towards the benefit of

the show. Rose has penciled in a TD and working on judges. Sept 16-18 2005. Discussion of rehiring Mary Neal as secretary and moving back opening date to help committee get all information on time this year.

#### Benefit Show

Francy is getting judges to donate time – show will be held at Lake Oswego Hunt Club this year. ODS is the first group in history to rent LOHC. Renting just outside arena. Limited riders to 2 rides per person. Portable stalls available. Discussion of other facilities.

#### Instructor Workshops

Francy is organizing these with helpers. Thanks goes to Crescendo Farms – Katie Twombly has made the generous offer towards offsetting facility cost; can pull from boarders for demo riders; great sound system. Have hired Gerhard Politz for lunging horse; Lilo Fore for riding. Precert Spring 2006. Already have verbal commitments from 6 instructors, and can only accept 8!

#### L Program

Janet Snazuk is not going to be hosting the L program. We have interest, but need an organizer. Need 10 people to participate; is a series of 4 or 5 sessions.

#### Adult Team & JR/YR Team Shows – Gaye

Adult: 3<sup>rd</sup> year – have a \$1745.36 balance in account. Growing show – last year over 70 competitors. Dressage Trail class is a hit. Adult teams will put out open entries next year to help manage growth. Only 1 pro allowed on team. Dates moved to 5/27-29 for 2005. JR/YR: Terrific participation – volunteerism REQUIRED. Fosters great teamwork; have sportsmanship award. Very popular and fun show for all.

#### Awards:

Welcome to Joyce Stride to head up special awards for 2004/2005. Thanks goes to Winnie for her years of hard work. Show awards: 2003 still not done. 2004 league shows are almost done; 2004 show awards – Kaye is being helped with new volunteer in Hillsboro. Barb Funk will volunteer to help with Sporthorse awards.

#### Convention:

Delegates are gearing up to go. Discussion of rating shows and increasing medals scores. Our region discussed @ October retreat.

#### New Business:

New DAL is Siobhan Barker

Application for Camps: CCTA 2005 Adult Camp to receive the Connie J Keith Memorial Grant - motion to approve by Kim; second by Biagina; passed.

Discussed Treasurer's Duties – Corinne is doing basic bookkeeping, so new treasurer will have no bills to pay. Want to look into payroll service. Also, John will be working on looking into errors and Omissions insurance.

Ginny brought up that we need to increase awareness of commentary in the judge's box. She asked ODS reps to consider bringing this to the Judge's committee – she said that sometimes commentary is negative, even malicious at times, and it creates a difficult environment for volunteers. She recognizes this is not unique to Oregon.

Chapter presidents need to be specifically invited to board meetings. And, we need to give people a reason to be present at meetings. Corinne will send a notice before the next meeting to Chapter officers.

Discussion of difference between ODS League shows and schooling shows. Result is that we will educate and send a check-off list or flier to shows that have ODS League approval, reminding them to follow guidelines.

Adult Education: Rose

Discussion of upcoming volunteer training – Rose will run it. Corinne is going to try to get Blue Bridle to come talk about insurance at the upcoming show manager training. Will use League Shows to train volunteers; would like to have a scribe training in the summer or fall of 2005.

Youth Membership Scholarship: one application presented. Joyce Stride sponsored this youth member.

Election of Officers:

John – President; nominated by Biagina, second by Kim; passed.

Biagina – President Elect; nominated by Joyce, seconded by Carol; passed.

Kim – Secretary; nominated by Biagina, seconded by Joyce; passed.

Paulette, nominated for treasurer. Since she is not present, John will have to discuss with her.

Meeting adjourned.