

Oregon Dressage Society
Saturday – November 06, 2004
General Membership Annual Meeting 10:00 a.m.
EWEB Board Meeting Room, Eugene, OR

Present: Melinda Raven (TRC), Marsha Taylor, Rose Newman (FVC), Sarah Diebert (FVC), Franci 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. Reading and Approval of last year's minutes with correction to reflect president's review to say John. Motion: Biagina; Second: Gaye; passed without opposition.

President's Review: John Craven

He has summed up this year's president's review with a column this month in Flying Changes. Review of changes – losing Linda Acheson and transitioning the office from Cynthia to Corinne. Reviewed briefly the success of ODS sponsored shows: The first benefit and Championship show (despite foul weather!). From the educational standpoint, John pointed out a number of successful educational opportunities in the state, including Jane Savoie, Walkter Zettle, Marina Glen, Charles de Kumphy, and other major dressage clinicians. Areas needing improvement include a more level of participation from around the state through representation of all regions (regional directors/ chapter presidents participation). Challenges include finding affordable venues to hold League/schooling shows. Financially ODS is in good shape, and have been able to bank some money into a savings account in case of lean times in the future. Membership dues are coming in; that money goes back out in USDF affiliate dues, quarterly tax payments, payroll and insurance. More income this year, though, from publications due to more sponsors and better prices from printers. Internet is helping with promotion of our programs, and helps defer the postage costs due to having the e-mail list.

Office Manager Report: Corinne Stonier and John Craven

Went over membership numbers and status of projects. Corinne is getting the hang of how the office runs. Omnibus production is on contract this year to Michelle McMillen because of the learning curve of the new office procedures and the time commitment the Omnibus requires.

Championship Show Report: Rose Newman & Corinne Stonier

Favorable TD report passed around. The show was fully sponsored, and

made a small profit. Silent Auction/Banquet volunteer reports also passed around. Same weekend next year as this year. Will need a new manager as Barb Tompkins McDonald has resigned. Also, Kate Smith (Silent Auction) and Mercedes Eckroth (Banquet) have resigned. ODS will broadcast looking for new volunteers; Rose and John will take the charge of locating a new show manager.

Region 6 Report: Gaye McCabe

2005 Regional Championships will be relocated to Nampa, Idaho. 2 inside arenas, 6 outside also permanent stabling for 500 horses with hotel/horse hospital w/in walking distance. Discussed and reviewed challenges of Regional Championships.

FEI Young Rider leaders have both resigned. Gaye is looking for new supporters of the program. ODS will send out a broadcast to help with the search.

Review of Regional Retreat held last January and last October (John participated in this review). ODS board authorized reimbursement of reasonable expenses to be paid for ODS delegates sent. Retreat allows for bonding between GMO's in the region, which helps all programs. Also helps planning, and discussion of issues before convention.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Sara. Seconded by Melinda. Approved unanimously.