

Oregon Dressage Society  
Minutes  
Saturday February 12, 2005  
ODS Board Meeting 11:00 a.m.  
Gateway Mall Meeting Room, Eugene, Oregon

Present: Paulette Alexandria, Kim Barker, Siobhan Barker, Richard Beard (photographer), John Craven, Sharon Gerl, Biagina Lazaroni, Gaye McCabe, Rose Newman, Melinda Raven, Dorothy Richardson, Corinne Stonier, Marsha Williams.

1. Call to Order: 11:00 a.m. - John Craven.
  - 1.1 Introductions (photographer Richard Beard discussed horse show photography)
  - 1.2 Minutes of November 6, 2004 Board Meeting were reviewed. Biagina Lazaroni moved to approve and Rose Newman seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.
  - 1.3 The agenda was presented and a motion to adopt was made by Dorothy Richardson and seconded by Paulette Alexandria. The agenda was adopted.
2. Correspondence: Corinne Stonier
  - 2.1 There was no correspondence of note to report. John stated that he has been receiving positive feedback on the new ODS Web page and felt that ODS was serving its members by making information available on the web page.
3. Office Manager's Report: Corinne Stonier
  - 3.1 Membership: Corinne reported that ODS, as of February 12, 2005, had 921 members and that this was higher than usual for this time in the new membership year. Eighty-six of the 921 members are new members. One business membership was cancelled and the fees refunded.
  - 3.2 Corinne reported that she was looking into ways (including linking up with USDF) to make membership payments on-line with a secure system. New England Dressage Association and USDF are doing a pilot program to allow members to sign up on a USDF membership and make payments to USDF for a NEDA membership at the same time. Corinne said she would contact Paula at the CDS office to discuss possibilities of linking ODS and CDS with USDF in a pilot program similar to NEDA.
  - 3.3 John suggested that Corinne set up ODS with Pay Pal as a secure system to allow members to pay for merchandise on-line and to see how well that worked before attempting to allow for members to pay for their ODS membership on-line. Dorothy Ricardson made a motion to adopt John's suggestion and it was seconded by Siobhan Barker. The motion was accepted.
  - 3.4 Publications: Corinne reported that the 2005 Omnibus was out. There were several mistakes in the publication. The cover is dated 2006 and the calendar in the front is full of errors. One of the reasons for the many errors in the publication, was that no one at ODS was given a final<sup>3</sup>cover to cover<sup>2</sup> proofing opportunity prior to printing. The USDF is cracking down on prize lists and the ODS omnibus is out of compliance with USDF. John

proposed that Corinne make a PDF of the calendar corrections and email them to all members with an email address. It was decided that since not all members have internet access that Corinne mail a postcard to all members listing a web site to check the ODS web page for Omnibus corrections and to advise those without internet access to call their chapter presidents or the ODS Office for the corrections. To cover all bases, Corinne will send a postcard, email a PDF and place an errata sheet on the ODS web page.

3.4 ODS Test Booklet: Corinne stated that ODS pays a \$1000 annual licensing fee to use the tests. Corinne, per the board decision from the January 2005 Board Retreat, pulled the FEI tests from the test booklet. She updated the bit page and it increased from 2 pages to 3.

3.5 Roster: Corinne stated that it should be completed soon.

3.6 The 2006 Omnibus was tabled until the next meeting.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report: John Craven

4.1 John Craven gave the treasurer's report and said that Paulette Alexandria would be taking over as ODS Treasurer. John was in the process of completing year end reporting and sending out all necessary 1099's.

#### 5. Committee Reports:

5.1 Awards: The year end awards are out, both for 2004 and 2003. If anyone has questions or finds errors, they should contact Kaye Phaneuf.

5.2 Sport Horse Group: Barb Funk was organizing an in hand Clinic in May, either the 14-15 or the 21-22. The presenters include Scott Hassler from Hilltop farm and Sonnenberg will host the clinic.

5.3 Championship Show Rose Newman: The 2005 Region 6 Championships will be held in Idaho and the 2006 Region 6 championships will be at Devonwood. ODS may have to move our 2006 championship show date to accommodate Region 6. Rose Newman is the committee chair of the ODS championship show. Rose reported that the judges and TD's have been contracted and things were progressing smoothly. The committee is still in need of a Banquet Coordinator and a Hostess for the vendors. The committee is looking for an off-site venue for the banquet.

5.4 ODS League Championships Gaye McCabe: The League Championships are scheduled for June 10-11, 2006 (although this could still change depending on several factors). The rules will be based on the ODS State Championships. A suggestion was made that the Publication Committee should consider making the League shows stand out from the approved shows in the Omnibus. Gaye is planning to use judges for the Championships that are at least 3<sup>r</sup>2 or higher.

#### 6. Old Business

6.1 Directors and Officers Insurance John Craven: Blue Bridle insurance can insure our directors and officers for \$800 per year (for non-bodily injury claims only). John reported that Equestrians Institute in Seattle pays \$3000 per year for their Directors and Officers Insurance and that there is a Fidelity Bond option for \$200. Consensus was that more research needed to be done.

6.2 USDF Convention: PM delegates are needed.

6.3 Board Retreat: Overall feeling was that the retreat was excellent. Ideas to improve participation included announcing the retreat to the Chapters earlier to encourage participation. Complaints were voiced that the Board Retreat and the February Board Meeting are too close together. John Craven stated that he would review a possible option of combining them.

6.4 Show Biz (the show managers training program) has 30 registered to attend. Rose Newman reported that is will provide guidelines to show management.

6.6 Instructor Certificaion Program: full with eight participating instructors. The first session will be held at Devonwood on February 26-27, 2005.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.