

Oregon Dressage Society
Minutes
Saturday - May 22, 2005
ODS Board Meeting 11:00 a.m.
Gateway Mall Meeting Room, Eugene, Oregon

Present: John Craven, Corinne Stonier, Siobhan Barker, Francy Haupt, Rose Newman, Kim Barker, and Paulette Alexandria

1. Call to Order: 11:00 a.m. - John Craven.
 - 1.1 John led a discussion regarding our letter of intent to contribute to USDF Capitol Campaign. USDF suggested that a GMO of 1000 to 1400 members should contribute \$20,000. John and others felt that 20,000 was more than ODS could afford and stay solvent. The group brainstormed about ideas to raise money for the Capitol Campaign and made a commitment to do fundraising of some kind in 2005-2007, whether it is a collection box at the shows or asking instructors to donate a clinic or a show to donate a class.
 - 1.2 Minutes of February 12, 2005 Board Meeting were reviewed. Siobhan moved to approve and Rose Newman seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.
2. Correspondence: Corinne Stonier
 - 2.1 Paulette bought up incident of hate mail sent to Andrea Marek and asked John to look into it.
 - 2.2 Blue Mountain Dressage/Walla Walla Chapter of ODS is in difficulties. John agreed to contact Diane Royce and see if ODS could be of any assistance.
3. Office Manager's Report: Corinne Stonier
 - 3.1 Current membership, as of the time of the meeting, is 1088 members and 18 business members. This includes 174 new members. There are 275 members that did not renew and some of them are known to be active on the show circuit, so Corinne is concerned that they simply forgot and would like to send a renewal reminder. John approved sending out a reminder.
 - 3.2 Publications: Corinne reported that only one minor error has been found in the Test Book.
 - 3.3 Roster: Corinne has received positive feedback from some members on the new loose and 3 hole punched Roster format that can be placed in the Omnibus binder.
 - 3.4 The 2006 Omnibus deadline was moved ahead to allow for 6 weeks for USDF to review it, prior to publication.
 - 3.5. Corinne would like the Publications Committee to meet in Mid to Late June.
 - 3.6 Corinne reports that she is working on the Banquet with Rose, Joyce and Mercedes. The Banquet is to be held at

the Sweetbrier Inn. The Sweetbrier was selected for several reasons: it was available on the required dates, it is close to the show grounds, it is affordable and has the capacity to hold the event. Sweetbriar will also give competitors a convention/commercial rate and will donate \$3/room to ODS. Transportation to and from the show grounds will be arranged to encourage attendance. The auction will be downplayed and the Drink and Bid option will be eliminated. Tables will still be sold if it is economically viable.

- 3.7 Corinne had nothing to report regarding insurance issues, except that the article on insurance in Flying Changes has encouraged people to get their own insurance.

4 Financial Report - John Craven

- 4.1 John reported that he has not yet passed the information on to Paulette, so he gave the report.

Total \$61,508.25

Education Funds \$29,239.30

Reserves Office \$7,006.20

Checking \$21,948.83

- 4.2 Reserves are down from this time last year. John would like to have \$10,000 in reserve.
- 4.3 ODS Dues are currently \$60. \$17 of this goes to USDF, \$8 goes to Flying Changes, \$5 goes to Publications and that leaves \$30 to service members (the highest cost of this is in the ODS office).
- 4.4 USDF proposes that ODS provide Family Memberships and will reduce their fee per member (in a family membership) to \$9.
- 4.5 ODS youth Member fee is \$40. \$17 goes to USDF and \$13 to Flying Changes and Publications and leaves only \$10 for ODS to service that member.
- 4.6 There was discussion to raise the youth memberships to \$50. John said he would email the family membership information to board members to help in the decision making process.
- 4.7 Corinne suggested Primary Memberships at \$60 for adults and \$50 for youth and additional family memberships at \$52 for adults and \$42 for youth. And a suggestion was made to raise the Patron memberships to \$100 and give those members a special cap or badge to acknowledge them.

5 Regional Director's Report

- 5.1 The Adult Team Show as filled to capacity and therefore no Open tests could be offered. In 2006 the date for the adult team show will move back 1-2 weeks in May.

- 5.2 In February 2006 Gaye plans to offer a Dressage for the Ages Show for the High School Dressage Teams and Adults.
- 5.3 Gaye has requested to change the name of the Junior/Young Rider group to the Youth Council. Kim made a motion to change the name Junior/Young Rider program to the ODS Youth Dressage Program. Siobhan seconded the motion. The motion failed. Rose moved to table the motion. Paulette moved to second the motion to table. The motion passed.

6. Committee Reports:

- 6.1 High School Dressage/Proposed Youth Scholarship fund: John proposed that the board study this and bring it up again at the next meeting.
- 6.2 In Hand Awards: a question was raised that we collect money for the in hand horses for awards, but we don't give in hand awards. It was decided to table the in hand award discussion until further research could be done. The special awards deadline was moved to August 10.
- 6.3 Championship Show : Rose Newman reports that things are rolling along. She showed samples of championships posters and stated that Mary Cornelius was donating her photographs for the Poster. The next championship meeting will be held June 9.
- 6.4 Sport Horse Group: as reported by Corinne Stonier, Barb Funk has organized an in hand Clinic for July9-10 at Sonnenberg Farms.

7. Old Business

- 7.3 Francy Haupt is looking into putting on a L Judge Program or repeating another Instructor Certification Program in 2007. The current Instructor Certification will be our third complete program. ODS would again be asked to sponsor these programs.

8. New Business

- 8.1 Office Manager hours: Corinne reported that she was working a lot of hours and would like to be able to quit her other job. Even though the renewals are tapering off, other projects are taking their place and filling up her time. She would like to be putting more time into the ODS web page. A question was raised whether or not to outsource the Omnibus to an independent contractor. John felt that we would have better control if we kept it in house with Corinne and he would rather see her have the chance to earn the additional \$2000.

- 8.2 John announced that Biagina Lazaroni resigned from ODS due to health reasons. This leaves a Director at Large position and the office of Vice President of ODS open at this time. John appointed Franczy Haupt to replace Biagina as Director at Large until November 2005.
- 8.3 Corinne reported that she has looked into the prices of getting a new copy machine and that a duplexing machine appeared to be about twice the cost of a regular machine. It was the consensus of the board that the ODS office needs a new machine and Corinne would look into prices.
- 8.5 It was approved that Business members could submit a logo for inclusion on the ODS web page on the business/services directory page.
- 8.6 League Awards: Siobhan moved that ODS include Introductory Levels tests we giving awards for League shows. Rose moved to second. The motion was approved.
- 8.8 Nominating Committee: John feels that we need to be seeking candidates for Director at Large positions (these are voted on by membership) and that the slots for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary will be open in the Fall. John assigned a nominating committee consisting of Rose, Siobhan and Kim. Rose declined.

The next board meeting will be held August 20 following the Linda Acheson Benefit Show.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.