

Oregon Dressage Society Board Meeting
November 3rd 2007 Eugene, OR.

Present: Francy Haupt; Siobhan Barker; Corinne Stonier; Ed Miller; Carol Taylor; Carol Stevens; Joyce Stride; Gaye McCabe; Donna Thayer; Marsha Williams; Kim Barker; Jennifer Milburn; John Craven; Kath Furniss; Winney Heiney

1 Meeting called to order by Marsha Williams at 12.50pm.

1.1. Introductions made at previous meeting (Annual General Members meeting held immediately prior to board meeting).

1.2. Spelling of Ed Miller's last name corrected.

Francy Haupt moved that the board accept the minutes as accepted. Seconded by Kim Barker. Carried unanimously.

1.3. Kim Barker moved that we adopt the agenda deleting items discussed at the AGM meeting. Seconded by Francy Haupt. Carried unanimously.

5.1. ODS Licensed Championship show. Report given by Jennifer Milburn, show manager. Jennifer noted that the show is actually two shows, with an open show on the Friday prior to the championship classes at the weekend. Both shows were well attended. There were approximately 30 more riders in 2007 than in 2006. However, as expenses were also up revenue decreased. Amongst the increase in expenditure was the cost of bedding; in 2007 the donated bedding did not cover that required and so bedding needed to be bought in. The cost of EMTs also more than doubled. There were also increases in expenses for judges, staff and the program. Volunteer gifts were also purchased in 2007 but will last for a few years.

There were some scoring glitches and as a consequence some awards were given incorrectly. As a result Jennifer is reviewing the prize list to reflect the USEF method of combining championship scores; i.e. an average of the percentages. The office fee will also increase and an incomplete entry fee will be assessed.

The 2008 show will be September 12,13,14 2008 at DevonWood Equestrian Centre in Sherwood, Oregon. Jennifer is seeking a more detailed contract with the facility before signing.

Jennifer reported that she had received complaints regards unauthorized personnel making decisions at the show without referral to the show management. This was addressed at the show and has since been further addressed. The Futurity rules will be clarified by the show committee and printed clearly in the prize list.

Jennifer asked for the board's permission to issue a contract to Mary Neal to act as secretary for the 2008 show. The board agreed. Jennifer has contacted officials and staff for the 2008 show excepting EMT services.

The Food Bank drive at the show netted 300lbs of food and approximately \$900 (ninehundred dollars). It was agreed to try to get the show poster out earlier in 2008.

2. Correspondence.

2.1. Chapter report were received from Central Oregon Chapter and Cascade Chapter. These will be e-mailed to board members.

Joyce Stride thanked the board for her Life Membership given to her at the Awards Banquet in September.

3. Office Manager Report. Corinne Stonier

3.1. Banquet/silent auction. Corinne reported that this year the banquet had operated at a loss, possibly because there was no "entertainment" to bring in diners. The position of banquet co-ordinator is a volunteer position and Rose Newman has agreed to run it again next year. It will again be at the Holiday Inn, Wilsonville.

The silent auction was up on 2006. LaNora Long was the co-ordinator and will be again in 2008. In 2008 she will have an assistant to train to take over for 2009 as she agreed to a three year term only.

3.2 Membership. 2006/2007 membership reached a total of 1226. As of November 1st 2007 membership stood at 426.

There had been reports in delays in the issuing of USDF memberships, Corinne reported that she believed this has been sorted out. USDF is also slow in sending the GMO monies due from those who join online through USDF, it is perceived that this is not a USDF priority.

3.3. Publications. No report.

3.4. Insurance.

Corinne reported that some chapters are still failing to send in accident reports in a timely manner. She cited one chapter where no accident report had been received by the office and she later read of an incident, resulting in a broken bone, in the chapter newsletter. Ideas about how to inform chapters of their insurance duties and ensure compliance were discussed. The possibility of requiring a chapter to send one person to either the retreat or Showbiz session before being issued with insurance was an option. The issue will be further explored at the 2008 retreat in January.

(Winnie Heiney-Duncan leave 2pm)

6.4. Proposal of new ODS by-laws summary. Donna Thayer.

Donna reiterated that the intention of the revised by-laws was to give good guidelines but also not to be too prescriptive. Donna thanked Ed Miller and Marsha Williams for their help in the revision.

The main change is to have six directors at large, presently three, serving a 3 year term with staggered expirations. There will be four Regional Representatives.

Concern was expressed about the need for only 5% (five percent) of the membership to act in section 8 and Section 9. It was expressed that this could be a concern where chapters are small since chapter by-laws may not be *in conflict* with ODS by-laws. Ed Miller proposed increasing this to ten percent (10%). There was no seconder to the motion.

Ed Miller proposed a motion to accept the revised by-laws as written, seconded by John Craven. Carried unanimously.

7. New Business

7.1 Director at large election results.

Votes were recorded by Carol Stevens, Marsha Donnelly and Pat Bernstrom.

Total votes cast	241
Siobhan Barker	132
Ed Miller	55
Sally Temple	54

Siobhan Barker was duly appointed to the board.

7.2. Proposal regarding board composition per revised bylaws.

It was proposed that in order to fill the new director at large positions that 2008 would be a transition year in which the directors would serve for 1, 2, and three years: i.e. Siobhan Barker would serve three years, Ed Millar two years and Sally Temple for one year.

Donna Thayer proposed that we adopt the above format, seconded by Kim Barker. Carried unanimously.

7.3. Election of officers .

Kim Barker proposed, seconded by John Craven, that Marsha Williams be elected President. Carried unanimously.

Kim Barker proposed, seconded by Donna Thayer, that Ed Miller be elected president elect. Carried unanimously.

Kim Barker proposed, seconded by Francy Haupt, that Sally Temple be elected as secretary to the board. Carried unanimously.

John Craven will continue to act as treasurer for the rest of the calendar year. It is hoped to find an ODS member to take on this role. It was suggested that the board look to members who are CPAs to fill the position.

Kim Barker proposed, seconded by Francy Haupt, that John Craven be elected as treasurer. Carried unanimously.

7.7. Fund raising idea. Francy Haupt.

Francy proposed finding a high level item, such as a saddle, for which raffle tickets would be sold over the year as a fund raiser for the Linda Acheson/ODS Education Fund. It was agreed to discuss this further at the retreat.

7.4. Format and topics for ODS retreat January 2008.

It was suggested that in order for the retreat to be more effective it would run as a discussion forum, in groups, rather than as a whole meeting. The groups would then report.

5.6. Breeders Group. Corinne Stonier.

The group intend to meet on a more regular basis. Dan Ruediger of Sonnenberg will be the sponsor for the breeders' show in 2008.

The awards for the breed shows are not yet completed.

7.8. Flying Changes Contract.

Corinne reported that the GMO rate for issues of Flying Changes magazine had increased to \$8.69 from \$7.96. John Craven proposed that ODS continue the contract at the new rate. Seconded by Kim Barker. Carried unanimously.

7.5. Applications for grant for Connie J Keith Adult Amateur Camp.

Four applications had been received: NE chapter; North Willamette Valley Chapter; Cascade Chapter and Central Oregon Chapter. After reviewing the applications the board suggested that those from NE Chapter, Central Oregon Chapter and North Willamette Valley Chapter be accepted and Cascade chapter be awarded the grant should any of the others not take place.

Kim Barker proposed that the board adopt the suggestion, seconded by John Craven. Carried unanimously.

6.2. Errors and Omissions Insurance.

It was agreed that discussion regarding chapters who do not pay errors and omissions insurance would take place at the retreat in 2008.

Other business.

To fill the final director at large position a drawing of directors was held. Carol Stevens was duly appointed as director at large.

(Carol Stevens leave 3,25pm).

Next Meetings:

January 12th & 13th 2008 Silver Falls Convention Centre, Oregon.

April 26th 2008 Klamath Falls, Oregon

August 9th 2008 Portland, Oregon

November 1st Springfield, Oregon

8. Ajourn the meeting.

It was agreed that given the lateness of the hour that outstanding agenda items should be e-mailed to Siobhan Barker. They would then be distributed for discussion.

Kim Barker proposed that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Donna Thayer. Carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3.38pm.