

Oregon Dressage Society Board Meeting.
May 19th 2007 Yamhill County Fairgrounds, McMinnville, Oregon

Present: Ed Miller; Carol Stevens; Kimberlee Barker; Francy Haupt; Rose Newman; John Craven; Marsha Williams; Siobhan Barker; Corinne Stonier.

Apologies: Donna Thayer; Carol Taylor.

Meeting called to order at 7.40pm.

1.1. Introductions not needed.

1.2. Francy Haupt asked that the title of CMC be erased as she no longer holds that position. John Craven proposed the adoption of the minutes of the January 13th and 14th board meeting with the amendment. Seconded by Kimberlee Barker. Carried unanimously.

1.3. Francy Haupt, seconded by Rose Newman proposed the adoption of the meeting agenda. Carried unanimously.

2. Correspondence.

ODS had received a letter from United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) to explain its purpose in sending officials to shows.

3. Office Manager Report. Corinne Stonier.

3.1 2007 Memberships Statistics.

The board reviewed the written report (attached). Corinne explained that the rate of membership applications slows once the show season begins. Show secretaries are using the website membership list as a tool to find membership numbers of entrants. However, some secretaries are still sending results for ODS members only not for the entire show which frustrates the awards system as not all riders have their membership number at the time of the show. (See below 3.3)

3.2. Publications.

The ODS roster is currently at the printers. The new printer, Documart, will provide a more complete service for a lower price than the previous printer. Corinne thanked Sarah Diebert for her suggestion regarding the printers.

Test Booklet. Corinne has been in contact with Britney Neil of USEF with regards to the bulk supply of the USEF test book for ODS members. Corinne will talk further with USEF with regards to the \$1000 license to print the USEF Tests although they are not provided in a print ready format.

3.3. Awards.

USDF is to add ODS to its database and ODS will receive a onetime list of archived results 2003-2005. The Sport Horse awards have a different system. There is a need to have breed criteria for the awards and someone to manage the awards. John Craven will approach Barbara Tuohino Funk for awards criteria for the 2008 show season. Corinne is working on the awards backlog.

4. Financial Report. John Craven.

ODS has the following balances as of May 18th 2007:

General Fund \$25,000

Investment account \$14,000

Education Fund \$35,213.

John stated that this is the time at which ODS begins to payout rather than gain revenue as memberships are mostly in. There is not yet a need to raise dues but the board will need to look into both the raising of dues and what the membership receives in return. 2006 appeared to be a more financially successful year but United States Dressage Federation (USDF) had changed its GMO membership year which gave ODS an extra "cushion".

One area of concern is the awards, with possibly a rise in the awards fee charged at shows to cover the increased cost of awards. More scores earning awards are being obtained. Corinne will investigate the cost of shipping and John will prepare a cost analysis for the next meeting.

5. Region 6.

No Report received.

Ed Millar asked that USDF be made aware that they had sent out a non-payment notice with a threat of suspension from the organisation prior to sending a bill for services.

Concern was also expressed about the delay in ODS memberships being recorded in the USDF membership database. Donna Longacre had brought this to the notice of USDF and action was taken. The list is now up to date and Corinne is checking regularly to ensure it remains so.

6. Committee Reports. (Attached).

6.1. By-Laws. Donna Thayer will present a draft at the August meeting.

6.2. League Shows:

It was agreed that the enforcement of the rules will prove to be the difficult part of the league show program. This is of concern as there is now a league championship show and all participants should feel they are qualifying under the same criteria. The committee will draw up the requirements for the league shows and the show management will be made aware of these possibly with training required before approval is granted.

The following will present "rules" to the board for approval at the next meeting;

Attire- Siobhan Barker

Safety- Kimberlee Barker and Marsha Taylor

Equipment- Rose Newman.

Entries- Rose Newman.

The board will discuss and decide upon the appeal process.

Reports were received from;

Francy Haupt- Adult Education and USDF 'L' Education Program.

7. Old Business/Duties.

7.1. ODS Mission Statement.

Francy Haupt, seconded by John Craven, proposed the adoption of the amended ODS mission statement presented at the ODS retreat, January 13th & 14th 2007. Carried unanimously.

7.2. Stipend Issue. John Craven

John presented figures based on average mileage from destinations in each ODS region to Eugene at a rate of \$0.485 per mile.

After examination of these figures it was agreed that a stipend was inappropriate at this time and the board would not go forward with the issue.

7.3. League Show Mission Statement.

The prepared statement will go to the league show committee for examination.

It was agreed that awards for league shows will go from USDF Introductory Level to USEF Second Level only, including freestyles.

8. New Business.

8.1. Nominating committee.

Ballots will go out in August. There is a Director at Large vacancy. A broadcast e-mail will be sent to members asking them to approach other members with a view to being part of the nominating committee. John Craven will chair the committee.

8.2. USDF Convention Delegates.

Delegates to the 2007 USDF Convention will be;

Kimberlee Barker

Marsha Williams

Francy Haupt.

Ed Miller is a possible 4th delegate.

ODS will also send Corinne Stonier to the convention in her role as office manager.

8.3. Funds Request for Projector.

Francy Haupt requested funds for a projector to use for ODS events and functions where a powerpoint presentation is required. Currently ODS hires a projector from the facility hosting the event. From her research Francy suggested the price would be in the \$800-\$900 range.

The board agreed to the purchase of the projector with the suggestion that Francy would get quotes for a projector with scanning possibilities also. She will e-mail the board with quotes and an e-mail vote will be taken on the purchase.

8.4. NAYRC Donation Request.

ODS has received a request for donations/sponsorship for the national championship. The board declined the request. The board will consider requests for local funding.

9. Next Meetings.

9.1. Summer Board Meeting.

To be re-scheduled. Possibly July 14th/15th 2007 . This may be an e-mail meeting.

9.2. General Membership Meeting.

November 3rd 2007 . Gateway Mall, Springfield, Oregon.

9.3. November Board Meeting.

November 3rd 2007 . Gateway Mall, Springfield, Oregon.

9.4. January Officer & Board Retreat.

January 12th and 13th 2008- Silver Falls Conference Centre, Oregon.

10. Adjourn Meeting.

Francy Haupt, seconded by Kimberlee Barker proposed the adjournment of the meeting. Carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9.28pm.

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John to contact Barb regarding new criteria for 2008 DSHB awards; either John or Barb to present at Summer or Fall BOD meeting for 2008 Omnibus

Marsha / John / Corinne to have conversation with USEF in regards to possible purchase of the 2008 Test Books in lieu of ODS publishing our own

John to look at data to see awards cost analysis / do they need to have an increase in per rider fee at the shows or do qualifications need to rise (i.e. more than 1 score to 3 or 5 like California?)

League Show Committee – notices to be posted need to be discussed and possibly developed in regards to safety and show related rules. These can be posted online and management would need to print them / post them at the shows.

Siobhan to make up proposal for League Attire Rules for the Summer BOD meeting.

Rose to make up proposal for League Show Horse Tack for the Summer BOD meeting.

Kim and Marsha to make up proposal for the League Show Safety Recommendations (?) Rules (?) for the summer BOD meeting.

Rose to make up League Show entries rules for the Summer BOD meeting.

Donna Thayer and Corinne to work on ODS Policy manual

Corinne to update ODS Mission Statement (after minutes come into the office) per the motion made at the meeting (update online, with state, with USDF, publications, etc).

John to send Siobhan's 1099

Marsha to put stipend issue in the upcoming president column (Flying Changes).

League Show Committee to present a statement that the awards and Championships will only be through 2nd level; that if League Shows host above 2nd level, it will not be recognized as far as awards or championship show qualifications.

John to chair Nominating Committee. Work on broadcast if necessary for Corinne to e-mail out that will be seeking helpers for nominations; work on broadcast, if necessary, for Corinne to e-mail out that ODS Nominations Committee is seeking nominations for the DAL position.