

1.1 Previous meeting minutes

John Craven proposed that the minutes be approved. Seconded by Rose Newman.

Four ayes, one abstention, no against.

1.2 Adoption of Agenda

Edwin Miller name is misspelled. Corrected.

John Craven proposed the adoption of the agenda. Seconded by Kimberlee Barker.

Three ayes. No against. No abstentions.

2.0 Correspondence

It was agreed to give the applicant an opportunity to apply again. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

3.0 Office Manager Report.

Corrine Stonier, office manager requested additional help in the ODS office for busy times and when she is on vacation.

This also raised the issue of Corinne's job description and procedures. Also that of having another, possibly not an ODS member having access to our database and finances. There was much discussion regarding the cost and it was felt that the board could not make a until it had a cost analysis .

John Craven proposed that the board table the discussion at the next meeting. Seconded by Donna Thayer.

No votes.

3.1 Membership Numbers.

Carol Stevens requested a break down by General Members (GM) versus Chapter affiliated members.

3.1.2 Proposed 2008 Membership Form Changes

Corrine asked for feedback on the 2008 ODS membership form.

It was agreed that the Equamore donation should be removed. John Craven would remind Janalee Smithey of Equamore that this was to happen.

There was a question regards the request for information on the form such as USDF medals, instructors, services and profession. It was explained that this information is voluntary and that it is useful to members as it is listed in the roster.

Francy Haupt proposed to accept the amended membership form. Seconded by Ed Miller.

Two ayes. No against. No abstentions

3.2 Publications

Corinne reported that the new printer (Documart) we used for the ODS Roster was wonderful. Having them package rosters in envelopes vs. shrink wrap actually saved money (and is environmentally good, too with reduction of plastics/packaging). The bonus was that the envelope price included addressing and sorting by zip code - and delivery to our post office. She asked for comments about the ODS roster i.e. print quality and layout.

It was reported that some members would like to see the Roster come out earlier with a suggestion that it could possibly be mailed with the Omnibus. It was explained that the roster print is usually delayed until after the Expo in Albany as ODS picks up new and returning members here. Also many members do not renew until the beginning of the year or show season thus would not be included in the roster if it were mailed with the omnibus. Chapters are able to obtain membership lists from the office and members.

Printing:

Corinne provided two quotes for the 2008 omnibus. The board agreed that the lesser bid from Documart should be accepted and that Corinne should go ahead with this.

There was much discussion about Corinne's request for additional pay for the extra work the omnibus entails. There was general agreement that she should receive the late fees. However, no agreement was reached on the issue of commission for advertisements sold nor the extra \$2000 requested. It was agreed that this should be an item for discussion at the next board meeting.

3.3.2 2008 ODS Omnibus & Roster Ad Rates

Corinne suggested that the advertising rates and show listing rates remain the same for 2008.

Ed Millar proposed a motion, seconded by John Craven, to accept the proposed rates ads and show listings for 2008.

Four ayes. No against No abstentions

John brought up the issue of ODS recognised shows not using the entry forms from the omnibus. It was decided that if a show wished its own form to be published in the omnibus then a charge should be levied accordingly. Also any show recognised by ODS must accept the official entry form in the omnibus.

4. Treasurer's Report

John apologized for the lack of a written report as he is having problems with his software that generates the report. He reported that the second quarter tax deposits are complete.

5. Committee Reports..

5.1 Banquet & Silent Auction

The board was in agreement that the changes proposed in the selling of tickets and organizing of tables was appropriate and should make the banquet arrival procedure run more smoothly.

5.2 Nominating Committee.

No report received.

5.3 ODS League Show Committee Notes/Proposals.

1. It was generally agreed that at the League championship show horses should not be shared by professional riders and amateurs or juniors.
2. It was felt that a qualifying score of 60% was high for the league championship as we wish to encourage participation.
3. There was no consensus about moving the Benefit show for the Linda Acheson/ODS Education Fund to a different format. It was agreed that to make this an item for discussion at the retreat 2008.
4. It was agreed that for safety reasons no-one be allowed on foot in the warm-up area for league shows. (This is already a rule for the USEF licenced shows.)
5. The funding of awards is covered below (5.5).

Dress code.

There was general consensus regarding the dress code for ODS league shows as outlined in the report.

The wording "not permitted" was preferred over "discouraged"

Rose Newman proposed that we use the USEF tack and equipment rules and print these in the league show section of the omnibus since not all ODS members are USEF members and may not be aware of such rules. It was agreed that this be a good idea.

Francy Haupt, seconded by Ed Miller proposed the following motions:

1. That we adopt the tack changes as stated:
2. That we accept the League Championships Qualifying as 2 shows, 2 Judges, 2 scores of 55% or greater:
3. That we adopt the wording that no one 'on foot' is allowed in the warm up arena:
4. That the statement about Attire be:
Formal Show attire permitted. Informal attire is permitted with the following exceptions; Tee Shirts, Tank Tops, Blue Jeans, Full Chaps will not be permitted:
5. That Freestyles, Pas de Dux and Quadrille tests be allowed at the ODS League Championships without prior qualifying scores.
6. That the following statement be added to the rules for the ODS League Championships:
Horses may not be cross entered between Open and the AA/Jr/YR divisions. Any horse should not be entered in no more then 3 rides per day.

Two ayes. No against. No abstentions

5.4 ODS Education Committee

Members of the board thanked Francy for her efforts in running the "L" program this year.

5.5 ODS Awards Committee

John Craven presented a report showing the costs of the current rider awards. They appear to be running at a deficit. John outlined three proposals.

After receiving comments John Craven proposed a motion, seconded by Ed Miller, to charge \$1 per ride for the award fee next year (2008).

Three ayes; no against; no abstentions.

It was agreed to address this issue and consider other proposals at the next meeting or retreat in 2008.

6.0 Old Business

No reports.

6.1 By Laws

It was reported that Vic Pagel (an ODS member) has agreed to analyze the draft of the new By-laws pro bono.

After discussion it was agreed to extend the indemnity to cover the board of directors, officers and those appointed as committee chairs.

6.2 Delegates to USDF Convention

Ed Miller reported that he is now able to attend the USDF convention.

Delegates will be Kimberlee Barker: Marsha Williams: Francy Haupt and Ed Miller.

There was no agreement regards the potential splitting of the stipend should a delegate be unable to attend. There was consensus that before increasing the stipend for delegates the board would need to see a detailed financial breakdown of costs and a statement of the financial health of ODS.

6.3 Projector Purchase

John Craven proposed the authorization for Francy Haupt to up to \$1000 on the requested projector. Seconded by Rose Newman.

Eight ayes; no against; no abstentions.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Honorary Life Membership

John Craven moved that we grant a life membership to Joyce Stride in honor of her long and valued service to ODS and dressage. Seconded by Carol Stevens and Francy Haupt.

Seven ayes; no against; no abstentions

8. Upcoming Meetings

- General Membership Meeting November 3, 10:00 AM Gateway Mall Meeting Room
- ODS BOD Meeting November 3, 11:30 AM Gateway Mall Meeting Room
- January 12 & 13 Silver Falls Retreat

9. Adjourn the Meeting

Meeting adjourned 6pm Wednesday (date not given!).