

ODS Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
April 25, 2009

Location: Holiday Inn, Wilsonville, OR

Attendees:

Marsha Williams, Gaye McCabe, Rose Newman, Donna Thayer, Patti Armstrong, Siobhan Barker, Corinne Stonier, Ed Miller

Call to Order:

President Williams called the meeting to order at 9:57 AM.

Minutes:

All attendees had reviewed the minutes from the January 11 meeting at Silver Falls and therefore reading of the minutes was omitted. Siobhan Barker moved the minutes be approved. Gaye McCabe seconded and the motion passed.

Agenda:

Siobhan moved to approve the agenda. Gaye seconded. Passed.

Administrative Officer Report:

1. "Rush" memberships and renewals.

Corinne described an issue about a large number of individuals calling for "rush" memberships and renewals generally due a need to enter a show or other membership required activity. After considerable discussion, Gaye moved that we establish a policy, effective immediately, that:

- a. Only new memberships would be allowed by phone.
- b. A \$10.00 charge would be applied for renewals/rush orders taken over the phone.

Corinne was instructed to tell members that if they join online they can use the printed transaction sheet as proof of membership.

Rose Newman seconded. Motion passed.

2. 2009/2010 Publications Update

Corinne described the current practice of distributing our 3 primary publications involves mailing the Omnibus and Test Booklet in January and the Roster mailed in late spring. Roster is delayed to account for late membership renewals. Publications are automatically sent to members who join prior to 1/1. Those joining at a later date are charged a \$10 fee to get them. The current practice is expensive, labor intensive and untimely distribution of the roster. The cost of printing and mailing is going up considerably. Two additional options were discussed. Rose Newman moved that for 2010 that the Roster be combined with Omnibus and be mailed at the same time as the test booklet. Gaye seconded and the motion passed.

3. Wilsonville Horse tours/P-R networking.

The Wilsonville Chamber of Commerce is putting together a tour of properties and facilities in the area to encourage the horse industry. It provides ODS with an opportunity to do a little Public Relations and Networking. Corinne is going to attend a meeting on May 8 to learn more about it.

4. Membership report

As of 4/20/09 the ODS membership is 1053. That is down from 1186 for the same time last year.

Financial Report:

Four chapters have not paid the D & O insurance, and Corinne will email these chapter presidents to remind them that they are obligated to reimburse ODS for these payments. There are no sanctions against them for not paying at this time. Corinne reported that our costs are up and membership and omnibus advertising is down, which will probably necessitate transferring money from the Merrill Lynch savings into checking to cover payroll and other operating expenses.

Region 6 Report:

Marsha gave the Region 6 Report for Donna Longacre. Finding a candidate for the USDF Youth Executive Board has been difficult. One candidate was identified but subsequently declined due to college schedule conflicts. Another candidate has been identified from Alaska.

Education Committee Report:

Francy submitted a written report. She could not be in attendance due to the conflict with the Musical Freestyle clinic sponsored by ODS which is going on simultaneously. The clinic is being held at the Tanz-Pferde Dressage, Oregon City, OR who graciously donated the facility. It was presented by Cynthia Collins of Luna Tunes Freesytles. Consideration is being given to do a second clinic in the fall. There have been many requests for another "L" education program for 2010.

There was some general discussion regarding trying to get local trainers to do clinics under the ODS auspicious. No conclusions reached and no motions were made.

League Show Report:

Rose Newman presented the League Show Committee report. The committee met from meeting on April 23. Prize lists for league shows are due to ODS at least 30 days before opening dates. There is evidence that suggests that league show rules are not always being followed. The committee believes that there is a need for some sort of monitoring to make sure there is a "level playing field" and the shows are safe. The committee intends to update the League Show form to include a sign off by management agreeing to follow all of the League Show rules.

Award Committee Report:

It was reported that currently the criteria for receiving an award plate is 1 score of 60% or greater. The rider fee is \$1.00 per ride and the cost for each plaque is approximately \$7.00.

There was discussion about a couple of changes to the program to reduce costs. One proposal would be to increase the number of 60% scores to 3 in order to be eligible. Another idea is to have a different fee structure than currently used. That proposal would be to impose an annual fee of \$15.00, for example, to participate in the awards program and eliminate the per ride fee.

The Board tabled the discussion pending further detailed cost analysis. (CORINNE REPORTED FOR SALLY)

#### Sport Horse Committee:

Barb Funk is to be the Manager/Secretary for the Sport Horse Show. It is scheduled for Aug 15 and 16 in Boring, OR although it has not yet been submitted for ODS approval. Riding classes are being added this year.

#### League Show Championships:

Gaye reported that as of this date, there were only enough entries for about 5 hours. So far there have been no entries for the High School riders. There was some discussion about moving the show to Bend.

#### Awards Banquet Report:

ODS offered to host the Region 6 mini-convention Nov 21-22, 2009. Consideration is being given to holding the ODS Annual Membership meeting, Awards Banquet, and an Educational program in conjunction with that meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### Connie Keith Grant Application:

An application for the Connie Keith Adult Amateur Camp Grant has been received from the North East Oregon Chapter. Siobhan moved and Rose seconded the application be approved. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### USDF Convention Delegates:

ODS Delegates to the convention are to be Corinne Stonier, Ed Miller, Rose Newman, Gaye McCabe, and Franci Haupt. Marsha is the alternate.

#### Nominating Committee:

The nominating committee will be chaired by Ed Miller. Nominations need to be taken for two At-Large Board member seats currently occupied by Marcia Williams and Sally Temple. All 4 Regional Representatives will also be up for election. Nominations can be made by anyone and should be submitted to Ed.

#### Outreach:

Ed Miller presented information regarding the efforts of the Oregon Horse Welfare Council and the Oregon Hay Bank. The mission of the Hay Bank is to provide established horse rescue organizations, sanctuaries, low enforcement agencies, and horse owners facing financial hardship with temporary hay and feed assistance.

Various ideas of ways that ODS could lend support were discussed. Ideas included donating advertising space and booth space at the championship show, encouraging donors to sponsor ads in the program on behalf of the organization, accepting donations in conjunction with membership renewals or show entries and providing blog space on our website. None of these ideas were found to be acceptable for a variety of reasons. Ed moved to put an article about the horse welfare council on the news page of the ODS website. Rose seconded. Motion passed.

Ed Miller is tasked with chairing an ad hoc Outreach Committee to develop criteria for establishment of Affiliate Organizations with privileges similar to those now enjoyed by business members such as entries on the blog.

Next Meetings:

Summer Meeting-8/8/09 at the EWEB meeting room, Eugene, OR

Annual General Membership Meeting-Nov 21 or 22 at a place TBA in the vicinity of the Portland Airport

Fall Board Meeting-November 21 or 22 at a place TBA in the vicinity of the Portland Airport

Winter Board Meeting and Officer Retreat-Jan 9-10/2010 at Silver Falls Conference Center.

Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 pm. The meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee is to continue directly afterwards.

Ed Miller