

Oregon Dressage Society  
Board Meeting  
November 22, 2009  
Holiday Inn, Portland, OR

Present:

Ed Miller  
Marsha Williams  
Siobhan Barker  
Rose Newman  
Gaye McCabe  
Jessica Rattner  
Patty Armstrong  
Francy Haupt  
Joyce Stride  
Corinne Stonier  
Sally Temple

1. Meeting was called to order by Marsha Williams at 10:20.
  - 1.1 Introductions
  - 1.2 Minutes were approved.
  - 1.3 Agenda was adopted
    - Rose made a motion to accept the agenda.
    - Siobhan seconded. Passed.
  
2. Correspondence
  - Marsha said she has received an overwhelming amount of positive email about the freestyle clinic.
  
3. Administrative Director's Report
  - 3.1 Membership
    - Excellent response to initial renewal request.
    - Plan to do email to people not renewed. Tell them they won't be in the roster.
    - Board approved that postcards be sent to non-renewed members.
  - 3.2 Publications
    - Omnibus wrap up date with the printer is scheduled for December 16<sup>th</sup>.
    - Corinne stated that there have been some problems with 3 separate forms as managers frequently forget 1 or 2 of them.
    - She suggested that we go back to a 3 in 1 form with a separate sheet for fees.
    - There have been two reported errors in the test book.
    - There has been good success with people opting out of the Omnibus, Test Booklet, and/or Roster.

### 3.3 Insurance

Insurance is up for renewal.

Insurance was not available for this mini-convention. There was some discussion about coverage. Donna will send some questions and ask USDF if there was need for extra coverage for an event like the mini-convention.

### 3.4 Website

Corinne wants to convert to Wordpress. Cost is \$300.00. High School would pay \$150.00 and ODS would pay \$150.00. Chapters could have their own page. This would help to keep the website up to date.

Siobhan made a motion to convert to Wordpress.

Francy Seconded. Motion passed.

## 4. Financial Report

All chapter reports are complete.

Corinne and Christopher will prepare a budget before the retreat.

ODS is searching for a CPA. Corinne asked Ed to include a CPA search request in the Flying Changes column.

## 5. Committee Reports

### Standing Committees

#### 5.1 ODS Awards Committee – Marsha Williams, Sally Temple

Implement having recipient validate information on line before plates are printed. The remainder of award suggestions are up for discussion during the retreat.

#### 5.2 Educational Committee – Francy Haupt

Plans to start an L program in August of 2010. There can be 30 participants in the educational portion. Only 10 participants may test. Claire Evans has offered to help with education. Francy is planning to do the L program at Lake Oswego. The adult clinic will be hosted by E.I. Francy also wants to plan another Freestyle clinic in spring.

Show Biz Seminar –Siobhan Barker

ODS League Show Management training – February 6, in Eugene.

#### 5.3 Financial Committee – John Craven

Strategic Plan

Ed discussed the strategic plan.

Gaye moved that we accept the plan. Francy seconded. Motion passed.

Thanks to the committee people and participants for developing the plan.

Ed stated that Donna Thayer needs to be nominated for a volunteer award.

Silent Auction - Netted close to \$4,000.

#### 5.4 ODS Owned Competition Committee – Rose Newman

Gaye stated that the High School Dressage Championships may happen in Salem in June.

ODS League Championship Show will be May 22-23 in Central Point.

Rose will check to see if the benefit show will be run by Mid-Valley Chapter.

ODS Open and Championship Show will be September 10 – 12.

Rose stated that league show managers need to sign that they have read the rules. Need to follow the rules. Green forms will be updated in the Omnibus.

5.4.1 Cascade Chapter's concern – ODS may need to help out with their League shows. Marsha suggested that perhaps they should get together with Kristi Marshall.

#### 6. Historian Report – Siobhan Barker

Siobhan said, “That’s History”.

#### 7. Outreach Report – Ed Miller

Next year there will be a high point thoroughbred award.

#### 8. Old Business

##### 8.1 USDF Convention

8.1.1 Delegates – Ed, Gaye, Francy, Rose

8.1.2 Proposed USDF Dues Increase

8.2 Policy Manual Revision Report – ready for retreat

8.3 Connie J. Keith Adult Camp Report – Request for grant check.

Gaye made a motion to approve the grant.

Francy Seconded. Motion passed.

8.4 Patty Armstrong will attend the Wilsonville event.

#### 9. New Business

##### 9.1 Director at Large election results.

Jessica Rattner and Marsha Williams were elected as Directors at Large.

##### 9.2 Election of Officers

Ed Miller – President

Rose Newman was nominated and elected for President Elect

Treasurer – appointed Christopher Main

Secretary – appointed Sally Temple

#### 10. Upcoming Meetings

January 9 and 10, 2010 – Retreat at Silver Falls

May 1, 2010 – Board Meeting – Portland area

July 31, 2010 – Board Meeting – Bend area.

November 6, 2010 – Board Meeting – Eugene.

Dates were approved.

#### 11. Adjourn Meeting

Rose moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:05. Francy seconded. Passed.

Respectfully submitted by Sally Temple, Secretary

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Helen Ferguson  
Nancy Weaver  
Donna Longacre  
Pat Spencer

1. Meeting called to Order by Ed Miller at 10:20.
  - 1.1 Introductions
  - 1.2 Minutes from 2008 General Meeting were accepted.
  - 1.3 Announcement of newly elected Directors and Representatives
    - Jessica Rattner – Director at Large
    - Marilyn Ulicny – Southern Region Representative
    - Northern Region Representative
2. Review of the Year – Marsha Williams
  - 2.1 President's report of projects, accomplishments.
    - a. December 2008 – USDF Convention. Lobbied against performance standards.
    - b. Gaye lobbied to keep High School dressage teams.
    - c. Purchased 8 DVD's for our library.
    - d. ODS approved as host organization for Arabian organization.
    - e. Gaye asked for approval for college dressage riders.
    - f. Strategic plan started at the retreat in January and approved today.
    - g. Started email chat group for chapters.
    - h. Changed ODS office manager position to ¾ time with a new job description as Executive Director.
    - i. Hosted a booth at the Horse Expo.
    - j. Started a fan page on face book.
    - k. ODS League Championship show was a success.
    - l. April of 2009, 1,053 renewed members.

- m. Decided to move League Championship Show to Central Point for 2010.
- n. Hosted Mini-Convention for Region 6 in November 2009.
- o. Elected 4 ODS members to go to USDF convention as PM delegates in 2009.
- p. Several shows filled and Championship show was a success also.
- q. Started going “green” at the ODS office.
- r. Christopher Main will be our new treasurer after a three year search.
- s. Approved another L program.

## 2.2 Report of the Strategic Plan

Ed discussed the development and revisions of the strategic plan.

There are 2 Initiatives – Financial Plan and Communication Improvement.

Goals and timelines were established followed by action plans over the next 3 years.

## 3. Chapter Reports

Need Chapter Reports for the retreat. Turn them in and put them on line.

## 4. Region 6 Report – Donna Longacre

USEF dressage committee overrides USDF.

Some discussions about extraordinary rule changes.

2 Issues:

1. Mandated change that our shows be rated 1-5. Information found on USDF website under governance.

This change would have some impact on states like Montana, Alaska.

May eventually have an effect on National Championships.

Level 1 and 2 rated shows may have “opportunity” classes where some entries may not be USDF or USEF members.

2. Rider performance. Certain qualifiers in order to move up the levels.

This was put off last year.

Issues like these are why it’s important that we send delegates to the USDF Convention.

2 budget proposals coming up in USDF. ODS will have to pay an additional \$3.00 per member for Participating Memberships in USDF.

Donna shared that there were 800 rides down the center line at Regionals.

There is a possibility of a 4 day show for regionals next year.

Regional show committee decided to go to Donida next year, Idaho in 2011, and Devonwood in 2012.

The next Mini-Convention for Region 6 will not be in conjunction with the ODS Awards Banquet.

It was mentioned that acknowledging all nominees for awards was very positive.

Donna acknowledged a big thank you to ODS for hosting the mini-convention.

Francy moved to adjourn the meeting. Gaye seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Sally Temple, Secretary.

