

January 9-10, 2010

Silver Falls Conference Center

Oregon Dressage Society

Retreat & Winter Board Meeting

Present:

Patty Armstrong
Siobhan Barker
Randi Croshaw
Katharine Darneille
Claire Evens
Becky Hamann
Francy Haupt
Christopher Main

Gaye McCabe
Eric McKown
LouAnne McKown
Ed Miller
Dolores Morgan
Lorraine Nettles
Rose Newman
Jessica Rattner

Debra Ringold
Marla Santino
Peggy Siders
Corinne Stonier
Joyce Stride
Sally Temple
Marilyn Ulicny
Marsha Williams

Meeting was called to order by Ed Miller at 1:10.

Introductions:

All present introduced themselves and several people placed an emphasis on communication and education. The L Program, High School Dressage, 4-H Program, Adult Team Show, Show Biz, On line membership, and Awards program were all mentioned as positive things ODS has accomplished. It was also mentioned that ODS is the third largest GMO in the United States, and its voice is being heard by the USDF. Several people also mentioned the idea of giving back what we have learned.

Minutes:

Approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report:

Christopher Main gave a thorough Treasurer's Report and many discussion items were stated. We need to file our tax return. Jonathan Howell volunteered to do this pro bono but if he uses secretarial assistance, that would have to be paid. He said that the amount would be approximately \$400.00. The board approved this.

Sally mentioned Evelyn Molloy's accident and volunteered to send a card and flowers from the board.

Recap of the Past Year:

Marsha Williams discussed the controversies from the 2008 USDF convention. ODS helped to shelve the Performance Standards. ODS implemented the High School Dressage Program. Marsha and Franci purchased 8 DVD's at the convention and were able to use the ODS points. When USDF merchandise it purchased, mention ODS so that we can earn points toward future purchases.

ODS was approved by the National Arabian organization to receive points for the Arabian National Championships.

College Level Dressage is being implemented.

Donna Thayer led us on a strategic plan development which was completed last November.

Corinne's job description and title was changed to Executive Director and her job was increased to ¾ time.

ODS hosted a booth at the Expo in Albany.

ODS started a Facebook Page.

ODS third League Championship Show was successful again.

Decided to move the League Championship show to Central Point for 2010.

Hosted Region 6 Mini-Convention along with the ODS Awards Banquet and Silent Auction.

Sent 5 members to the USDF Convention.

Shows filled during 2009.

Started going "green" with memberships, roster, etc.

Board approved another L Program for 2010.

There was a huge Region 6 Championship show this year.

USDF Convention Report 2009:

Ed Miller gave the USDF Convention Report.

Ed, Rose, Gaye, Francy, and Corinne attended the convention. Ed stated that USDF is changing the way their committees are formed. Implemented the idea that Councils will be made up of people that head committees. The concept was approved so now the By Laws need to be updated so that this can be implemented.

Allocation of delegates potentially went from 2 to 6. We currently have 4 delegates. The number is based on our number of members.

USEF tests will be changed for 2011. Reduced the number of tests for Training, First, Second and Third to 3 tests per level. Also trying to make a difference between 4th Level, test 3 and PSG. There will be some changes to the pirouette and flying lead changes at 4th level.

All Training Level tests will include a stretchy circle.

USDF Dues Changes:

\$62.00 to \$75.00

\$17 to \$20.00 for Participating Members.

\$1000.00 to \$1500.00 for Lifetime Membership

\$35.00 for Adult Educational Membership (new category)

\$10.00 for Youth Educational Membership (new category)

Rose mentioned that the majority of ODS shows will be Level 2. Any arena modifications must be printed.

Ed and Rose mentioned opportunity classes where no membership or horse number is required.

Francy said that we should let members know about changes for qualifying classes, arena modifications, and 4th level freestyle. Ed said he would put something in the next Flying Changes.

Corinne said the USDF has reduced some paper work.

New USDF President is now George Williams. The new USDF treasurer is a highly qualified person, Steven Schubert.

Corinne mentioned that the networking opportunities at the convention are invaluable. The Junior Young Rider Association in Region 6 has been getting a great deal of attention.

Participating Member delegates for Region 6 need to speak with Marsha about applications which need to be in by March. We have 8 PM delegates.

Rules were changed to implement electronic voting.

Office Report:

Corinne stated that we have 858 members as of the retreat which is a little higher than last year.

Expo in Albany is March 19-21. Demo riders applications are posted on line. Trying to do a small poster for George Williams to sign and ODS to sell. Francy is in charge of demo riders.

Corinne would like to get a booth at the PTA Convention.

Insurance – Annual policy. Chapters need to submit an insurance form 6 weeks before the event for any chapter activity.

Director and Officers had a lower bid.

Gaye proposed that we accept the lower bid. Francy seconded and the motion passed.

Publications – Working on the Omnibus.

Unable to get a membership card on line yet.

Website – Started changing some things on the website.

Committee Reports:

Championship Show – made \$9,000.00 for 2009.

Banquet – need a banquet chairperson.

Breeders Group – Rose state it was successful.

L Program – Francy will start in the fall of 2010 and use shows in 2011 for the testing.

Education - Francy is in charge of an educational event for the banquet.

Historical Committee – Siobhan said 2011 will be the 40th Anniversary. Would like to do an AA video. Would like to produce a notebook of chapters. Updated historical section on the website.

Strategic Plan Work Session 6:30 Saturday Evening

Ed explained the Strategic Plan.

Strategic Initiative #1.

Establish a financial oversight committee. Randie, Rose, Claire, and Delores volunteered. Treasurer would be a non-chair members of the committee. Claire will head the committee.

Strategic Initiative #2.

Improve communication among board members, between the board and the chapters, between the board and the members, and between ODS and the community.

Policies and Procedures Manual

Ed stated that most of this is done. There are some items that we still need to complete. Many of these items have to do with scholarships and special awards. Siobhan, Marsha, and Corinne volunteered to work on this. Committee chair is Rose, President Elect.

Board Orientation Program

Board Biz. Committee chair is Marsha. Committee is Chris and Patty.

Survey the membership annually. Plan to ask Jennifer Milburn and Francy said she'd give her input. Debra volunteered.

Education Committee

Chairman – Francy

Committee – Lou Anne, Debra, Rose

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Membership

\$60.00 ODS Membership

Present

\$17.00 USDF Participating Membership

8.00 Flying Changes

9.50 Publications

25.00 Office, Insurance, etc.

Next Year

\$20.00 USDF Participating Membership

9.00 Flying Changes

11.00 Publications

20.00 Office, Insurance, etc.

Treasurer - Christopher Main

Spoke about what our tax exempt organization, incorporated under 501C3.

We're an educational organization.

All members, board, and chapters are under ODS. If chapter does something outside of ODS, we're all responsible.

Political statements and religious statements should not occur.

Can employ someone but no personal payment should be made.

Reimbursement of expenses is appropriate. Needs to be documented in the minutes.

Cannot promote commercial activities through ODS.

Need a paper trail for sponsorship.

Need receipts for sponsorships.

Guidelines for sponsorship and donations referred to the financial committee.

Discussion about trainer's links on websites. Can have web site address but no direct link. Chris is planning to further clarify this.

W-9's need to be given to all employed. Send W-9's to the office.

Christopher will send an email to all members about some of this information.

News

Corinne asked for news from chapters every month to go on the website and Flying Changes. Jennifer suggested that Corinne develop something on the website that would explain her job and what she'd like from the chapters and individuals to make Corinne's job better.

Camps

Connie J. Keith camp . Gaye made a motion that we approve the adult amateur camp. Gaye withdrew her motion.

Siobhan made a motion that we approve the Northeast Oregon Adult Amateur Camp. Gaye seconded. Motion passed.

Gaye made a motion that we approve the Cascade Chapter Adult Camp provided only adult amateur riders are participants.

Francy seconded. Motion passed.

Management of Futurity at ODS Championship Show.

Horses need to be nominated. Marsha stated that we need to revamp the futurity criteria. She stated that we either redo this or drop it.

Marsha made a motion that we take the futurity out of the Championship Show for 2011 and give it to the Breeder's Show.

Gaye seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Sport Horse show would benefit by including the Futurity Class.

Motion passed.

Awards Committee – Chairman – Sally, Committee – Marsha, Marilyn, Christopher

Banquet/Silent Auction – in November. Francy will do the educational piece. Entertainment?
Sally said she would mention this to Twin Rivers and let the office know.

Volunteer handout distributed by Francy.

The TD has to work through Show Management.

Upcoming Meetings:

April 24 (10:00 – 2:00) Devonwood.

August 1 Board Meeting (10:00 – 2:00)

Siobhan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gaye seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20.