



*Established in 1971, The Oregon Dressage Society, an affiliate of the United States Dressage Federation, exists to educate, promote and inspire its members and the general public through programs, publications and competitions, in a way that enhances the image of Dressage and promotes the welfare of the horse.*

# ODS Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, September 11, 2013  
Conference Call

Dear ODS Board Member,

Below and attached is a copy of this upcoming conference call. As of right now, we only have one “maybe” RSVP, therefore we are expecting to have a quorum for this meeting.

Conference call: (877) 746-4263

Participant Code: 02 37 329 #

## 6:30 PM Open Meeting

1. Call to order – *Rose Newman*
  - a. Roll Call
2. No meeting minutes yet from August; need to approve later
3. Permission for ODS Office to approve funding for ODS Camps with grants as they turn in complete sets of paperwork
4. Continuation of last agenda = focus on committee work – *Rose Newman*
  - a. Recommend each Standing and Ad-Hoc Committee create/edit their Mission Statement, define Composition, Members, 2014 Goal and Objectives/Deadlines; note: see the proposal from last summer’s Adult Programs Committee or the Ad Hoc Publications Committee for an example of content and formatting
    - i. These would be published on committee webpages and on board reports, but not in Policies and Procedures Manual

- ii. Board would hopefully have a better understanding of the purpose and actions of each committee; office and board would be able to provide reminders to committee chairs about upcoming deadlines
- iii. Board may be able to find overlap or omissions between committee work when reviewing these
- iv. Deadline of 10/15/2013
- b. Recruit Committee Members
  - i. Reminder: ODS Staff Person is part-time; due to budget, ODS did not promote Corinne to full time; committees need to do their own work whenever possible. In order to do so, we need board leadership in order to be able to be able to abide by the ODS Bylaws and Policies and Procedures vs. calling Corinne every time a question comes up.
  - ii. Recommendation that every board member pick a committee and work hard within it
- c. Review Proposal for a “Para-Equestrian” standing committee with ODS.

Mission: The Para-Equestrian committee will function with the Oregon Dressage Society to provide guidance and support for a Para-Equestrian (Para-Dressage) program at the local level.

Timeline: This committee is envisioned as a standing committee to be presented to the Board in 2013.

Composition: The committee would be formed with a chair and at-large members and will include at least one Para rider. The exact composition is to be determined, but the commitment should be for at least one year for continuity. The ODS office will be advised of the roster and we would anticipate working closely with the ODS executive director.

Goals for 2013-2014:

- 1) Locate Para riders who may or may not be involved in therapeutic riding programs, but might like to consider working toward the goal of dressage showing.
- 2) Research accessible barns and therapy programs
- 3) Provide a network to support these riders with:
  - a) Information on obtaining the dispensation cards necessary for showing
  - b) Listing accessible barns and therapy programs
  - c) Fundraising within ODS Non Profit Guidelines. This would involve working within the ODS finance Committee in establishing a transparent financial reporting process.
- 4) Act as a resource for show managers and judges regarding the dispensation requirements, compensating aides and adaptive equipment.
- 5) Create a fact sheet for the ODS website and omnibus explaining the process of competing at ODS recognized shows (or schooling shows), including how to

qualify for a dispensation and special equipment. Much information is already available at USDF.org.

- 6) Explore fundraising for potentially offering FEI Para Equestrian classes within a recognized show in Oregon, which would be a first.

Additional Goals for 2014 - 2015:

- 1) Present a demo ride of Para Dressage at the 2014 Horse Expo in Albany
- 2) Bring a grading committee to Oregon
- 3) Include FEI Para Dressage at a recognized show

Budget:

The committee envisions using the ODS General Checking account to handle funds. However, at this early stage, the main objective is outreach, which would not require any funding from ODS or any other source. In the future, the committee might request funds for expenses to make a Para Dressage exhibition possible, for instance, at the horse expo. Certainly, as the plan develops to the point where Para classes can be offered at USDF/USEF shows, funding would be required to support the special needs of the participants, including the grading process. We anticipate this would be through fundraising events. We would also explore the possibility of grant money becoming available from the USEF or USDF as interest in these programs increases country wide. Financial support of individual ODS members who wish to show could come from their own chapters along with incentives from the show committees.

### **Next board meetings:**

1. Wednesday, October 9, 2013, 6:30 PM - Conference Call/Gotomeeting.com
2. Friday, November 1, 7 PM– Fall Board Meeting; location Portland Airport Holiday Inn
3. Saturday, November 2, 12 PM – Annual General Membership Meeting; location Portland Airport Holiday Inn
4. Sunday, November 3, TBA – Officer and Board Member Training; location Portland Airport Holiday Inn