

Oregon Dressage Society
Board Meeting – Conference Call
Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Present:

Sharon Knowlton, North Reg. Rep.
Biagina Lazaroni, Secretary
Christopher Main, Treasurer
Rose Newman, President
Gaye McCabe, President-Elect
Anna Bigwood, Director at Large
Dolores Morgan, North Reg. Rep.
Sharm Dagget, East Reg. Rep.
Audrey Staton, Central Reg. Rep.
Corinne Stonier, Office, non-voting

Absent:

Elaine Thomas, South Reg. Rep.
Lisa Koch, Director at Large
Jessica Rattner, Director at Large

Rose called meeting to order at 6:34pm

The board went straight to USDF Convention Delegate discussion. Convention is to be held December 4-6, 2014. ODS can send up to 5 delegates plus Office Staff person. For the representatives, ODS will pay for registration (meeting fees plus banquet) paid directly to USDF plus a \$600 stipend to each delegate. For the Office Staff person, ODS pays 100% of expenses to attend.

Gaye McCabe, Audrey Staton and Biagina Lazaroni expressed an interest in attending. Rose expressed that would not be able to attend this year. Chris asked if Jessica was interested. Rose said she would ask Jessica Rattner, Kaye Phaneuf if one wanted to attend. Corinne suggested that Emma Dye could be considered as an alternate.

Corinne agreed to do the paperwork so that we are properly listed as to the terms Delegate/Proxy.

Christopher moved that the board agree to spend the money for delegates to go to the USDF 2014 convention.

Dolores asked if ODS also had a commitment to send delegates to the USEF Convention. That matter has been referred to the Budget Committee.

Sharm seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Dolores moved that we send Biagina, Audrey and Gaye plus an alternate to be chosen from Jessica, Kaye or Emma. Rose will contact and ask each until one agrees. Christopher seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Next item of business was the contract with DevonWood for the Fall Festival. Corinne thought it looked good but, after further discussion, it was discovered that there was a considerable increase in some of the costs above what had been originally agreed upon. Corinne agreed to contact DevonWood and renegotiate the contract to reflect the original agreement of \$750 per day plus \$375 for clubhouse plus rentals.

Next the board heard from Regional Reps regarding progress on Chapter contributions to the Fall Festival and Silent Auction.

- Dolores Morgan has contacted one chapter out of her group. FVC has committed to \$200.
- Sharon Knowlton: No success yet. Will have more information by next meeting.
- Sharm Daggett: Some success...Eagle Cap Chapter has agreed to contribute a basket.
- Audrey Staton: Twin Rivers Chapter will donate a basket but, so far, Audrey has not received any further commitments.

Rose will be contacting Elaine, the South Reg. Rep. Rose asked that Regional Reps increase their efforts to obtain Chapter Sponsorships for the Reception per last meeting minutes as they are essential for the success of the Fall Festival.

Corinne offered a brief review of suggestions she had received from various board members and members present at last winter's Retreat for the for the 2015 Membership Form. It was suggested that she remind members that the cut-off date to receive free publications has been changed to November 1. Any

membership renewals coming in after that date will have to pay \$30 if they want publications. The other suggestion that will be added to this year's Membership Form is the statement that ODS membership includes USDF membership which is sufficient for showing (there will be specific wording to indicate limits member responsibility to check USDF website).

Gaye had an idea for an educational program: Basic first aid classes taught by reps of organizations such as the American Red Cross. The board discussed this for a while and thought it might fit well dove-tailed with the Show Biz program. Gaye agreed to do the research as to how to make that work. Dolores suggested might make a good ODS goal for 2015.

Rose asked Reg. Reps to remind chapters about the ODS League Show High Point Awards, we haven't received any applications. She also reminded the board that volunteers at ODS events who are not show entrants must sign a release form.

Dolores expressed some concern that Reg. Reps. were not fully informed as to the extent of duties expected of them. Rose agreed that board meeting minutes would reflect any discussion of Rep. duties. She also promised to put together a list of duties assigned at this meeting and send them out to all the Reg. Reps.

There was some discussion as to whether the "Wanted" poster advertising the volunteer opportunity to earn a ride with Debbie McDonald was clear. There seemed to be some confusion as to whether the ride was free. Anna offered to see if the advertisement could be reworded to make it clearer.

Rose called the meeting to an end at approx. 7:30pm.