



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 Minutes

Wednesday, May 13, 2015
6:30 – 7:30 PM Conference Call

2014-15 Board member attendance record:

Board Member Name	11/12/2014	12/10/2014	1/14/2015	2/1/2015	2/11/2015	3/11/2015	4/8/2015	5/15/2015	6/10/2015	7/8/2015	8/15/2015	9/9/2015	10/14/2015	11/7/2015
Anna		XX	XX	XX										
Audrey	XX	XX	XX		XX	XX								
Biagina	XX	XX	XX		XX	XX		XX						
Brett	XX	XX		XX		XX								
Dolores	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX			XX						
Ed	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX								
Elaine		XX		XX	XX			XX						
Gaye	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX		XX						
Jessica				XX	XX	XX		XX						
Lisa			XX	XX										
Rose	XX	XX	XX		XX			XX						
Sharm	XX					XX		XX						

Board Quorum with 7 Board Members achieved

Board members in attendance:

Sharm Daggett
Biagina Lazaroni
Gaye McCabe
Dolores Morgan
Rose Newman
Elaine Thomas
Jessica Rattner

Minutes taken by Biagina Lazaroni and edited by Erin McCarthy

Board members absent:

Anna Bigwood
Lisa Koch
Ed Miller
Brett Stallings
Audrey Staton

Non-voting members in attendance:

Corinne Stonier

Meeting Minutes:

1. 6:42 PM: Call to order – *Gaye McCabe*
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Announcements - None
 - c. Appointed/Newly-appointed Committee Chairs – None
 - d. Vacancies/"Help Wanted" Committee Chairs/State Positions – None
 - e. Health Concerns/Statuses – EHV-1 Situation – No new cases and 7 barns under quarantine, all cases connected with the OSET meet
2. Approve meeting minutes – *Gaye McCabe*
 - a. March Board Meeting Minutes – [posted online](#)
Biagina moved that March minutes be approved, Jessica seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.
3. Adopt agenda – *Gaye McCabe*
 - a. Report of favorable 100% vote for Para-Equestrian Fundraising Event. Corinne will attach documentation to the meeting minutes of the online vote.
4. Treasurer Report – *Dolores Morgan*
 - a. Current Financial Reports for the ODS Internal Accounts Financial Reports (main checking, Education Fund, Winnie Heiney Duncan Fund). We are working on a chart of accounts. If there are any chapter people concerned about what's going to come up, don't worry.
 - b. Status on the IRS Fine
No new information
 - c. Finance Committee Recommendation of the 2015 Dues Rate
There has been some concern about the increase in dues, but Dolores doesn't think there will need to be one this year.
5. Executive Director Report—*Corinne Stonier*
 - a. Membership Status – 942 current members. New Group Membership Coordinator at USDF is great! We put our credit card on file with USDF so that the smaller rosters can be added more quickly and it's working very well. 263 members who have not renewed from last year. Gaye suggested we could send a list of non-renewers to each appropriate chapter and ask if they know why they haven't renewed. We could come up with some questions to ask non-renewers about why they haven't come back. 18 more non-renewers than 2013. 2012 is sitting at 212. 2011 had 203 non-renewers. The biggest jump was 2008-2009. Corinne suggested we have a broader membership plan for next year.
 - b. Question/Answer/Other – We're having chapter issues. Corinne would like to see the ODS Board host a leadership training camp in November instead of the Fall Festival. Chapters need better leadership models. There are not enough new people stepping up to take the place of retiring chapter leaders. Region Reps should be attending chapters to see how they are doing and offer assistance. Corinne suggests we include the Region Reps to help in planning this. Are the Region Reps willing to be involved with a training program for chapter officers? Gaye offered to draw up a program and contact the Region Reps. Also, the Chapter Policy Manual needs to be updated. National Championships has changed weekends and is now in conflict with Fall Festival, making it difficult to get a headliner. Jessica suggested having some kind of mid-year chapter event centrally-located.
6. Committee Reports – *none requested*
7. Chapter Reports – *none requested*
8. Old Business
 - a. Updates on the TDF – Education Fund – Jessica Rattner: Jenny and I have been working on writing guidelines for the ODS Education Fund. We have more questions to be answered. We are not able to use the principle, so Jessica feels that we should move it to the Dressage

Foundation as soon as possible. Jenny doesn't want to move the money until we have policies and procedures in place. Jessica is questioning whether the priorities as written for the funds can be reorganized. Gaye feels they can be as long as the funds are used for education. The Education Fund was began a couple of years before Linda Acheson passed and was then renamed to memorialize her.

- b. Updates on the ODS/USDF Instructor Certification Program – Lisa Koch: The program has been moved to Fall/Winter/Spring of next year. Re-marketing is being worked on.
- c. ODS League Championship Show – Kim Barker/Gaye McCabe: Mid-Valley would still like to hold this show. Too late to be a qualifying League Championship, they are thinking about making it an open show with the qualifier being next year.

9. New Business

- a. COC Adult Camp Changes – Francy Haupt: No new information on the Central Oregon Chapter's Adult Camp. Asking for a date change to August 13-16, a week prior to their application.

Dolores moved that we accept the date change. Elaine seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

- b. Policy Manual Update re: Nomination Committee – *Gaye McCabe*

Dolores moved the wording be changed to reflect that the option of the President be the one to make the selection be chosen. Sharm seconded. All in favor. None opposed. None abstained. Motion passed. Biagina moved that the current language be struck. Jessica seconded. All in favor. None opposed. None abstained. Motion passed.

- c. Formation of Nomination Committee –

Gaye McCabe: Ed could be on the committee as he is not running for President-elect. Jessica volunteered to be on the committee unless there is a conflict / if she is running for office. Dolores will run again for Treasurer. Directors-at-Large; Elaine wishes to continue as Director-at-Large. Gaye suggested the nominating committee should have a list of nominees by August.

- d. Request for Promotional and Volunteer Support for November Event at DWEC from Mustang Sport Horse and Pony Registry – After some discussion, it was decided that Corinne would send a copy of the request to the Board via e-mail and further discussion would be tabled for the next meeting.

10. Good of the order:

- a. Gaye suggested August 8th or 22nd as the next date for the ODS Board face-to-face meeting. Location TBA. Corinne will work on this.
- b. Add to future agendas: Para-Equestrian Committee – adoption as standing committee vs. ad-hoc

Gaye called meeting to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Jessica moved to adjourn. Dolores seconded; all approved. None abstained.