

Dancing Horse Dressage & CT

August 9, 2018 meeting minutes

In attendance: Barb Nagle, Cynthia Lord, Sandy Gillespie, Ann Hill, Meghan Wolfgram, Jackie White, Annie Vliegthart

July meeting minutes: approved as posted on the website

Treasurer's report: Current balance is \$7750.59, with a few items outstanding for year end awards. The facility fee for the fall clinic is also outstanding, but has been sent to Wickham. Treasurer's report approved as presented.

Old business

Recognition Celebration: Sandy reported that most awards have been purchased and embroidery is in progress. Final awards will be completed soon. Barb reviewed the special awards planned. The invite was sent out with a RSVP deadline of August 17. To date 27 confirmations have been received, more are expected before the deadline. Opening to non-members was discussed but it was decided not to extend past our current invitation list (members and award winners) due to potential space constraints. Sonya previously volunteered to do vases. So far people have signed up to bring 6 appetizers, 7 side dishes, 8 salads, 8 chips and 7 main dishes. DHD will purchase sandwich rings (approximately 1 per 12 people based on final count) and the cake. Barb will ask Gloria if she can pick up the food at Publix. Annie asked for volunteers to help set up on Friday night. Sandy will bring the awards Friday night. Annie indicated that there is a driveway loop for drop-offs, then parking is along the road across the street.

Fall Clinic: Sept. 16, Wickham, with Hank Hutson. The entry form is up on the website. Wickham has been booked.

Dressage for Paws Benefit Show, Oct. 20th, BG Polo in Vero Beach. An announcement has been sent out to the email list and the entry form is on the website. Heiner Jeibmann has been booked as the judge. There was discussion of the financial arrangements; this needs to be discussed with the other organizers. Barb will follow up on this. DHD will likely pay expenses and will process entries, then determine the final show profit. There was discussion of the expected donation to HALO and it was decided that the donation will be \$100 or the net profit from the show, whichever is larger. The other organizers have sponsors for the awards and have asked Sandy about ordering ribbons. The facility is being donated by BG Polo and they are covering insurance. There was discussion about ensuring that DHD and BG Polo are both appropriately included in the entry form waiver and that we are covered. Barb will check on the entry form and Annie will check with our insurance.

Volunteer Vouchers (as part of the show discussion): Cynthia asked whether we needed more vouchers for fall events; this led to a discussion of the new voucher system. Currently we have approximately 30 vouchers left so more will be needed for fall events. There were concerns about finding vouchers for awards but everyone did submit vouchers needed. This system does require someone available in the office to hand out vouchers at the end of the day, but simplifies tracking. Deadlines and how to manage expiration dates and year end awards was discussed and it was decided to continue using this system. In the future, it needs to be stated that vouchers must be valid at the time they are requested for year end awards, not during the show season. It was suggested to add a place for "job" as this was often included when filling out the voucher; this will be added to the "event" line. For jobs not associated

with specific events (website, award coordinator) vouchers will be given out at the beginning of the year. Cynthia will order 3 books of vouchers in time for the October show.

New Business

2019 Show series: dates were discussed so we can book Wickham. Last year Saturday shows had lower attendance than Sunday and the alternation was confusing, so it was decided to have all shows on Sundays this year. Tentative dates of Jan. 20, Feb. 17, March 17 and April 14 were targeted, with a “rain date” of May 19. Annie will check with Wickham regarding other events and book the dates. We will continue with a 1-ring show but do have the warm up ring available again. Number of rides and length of the day for judges was discussed as we’ve had some comments about 60 rides per day being standard. We usually have a maximum of 70-75 rides in a day. This will be incorporated into information or contracts sent to judges so they are informed in advance, as we want to allow as many people to show as possible.

Nominations for board positions: it’s time to think about board positions for next year! Please consider volunteering to be on the board. We will start the nominations process at the September meeting.

Braqs

Barb plans to ride her 3rd level freestyle (to Star Wars music) next week at the Tampa show.

Next meeting: September 13, 2018 at Meghan Wolfgram’s house.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Cynthia Lord