

## **Dancing Horse Dressage October 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Meeting held at Barbara Nagle's House

**Board Members in attendance:** Barbara Nagle, Cynthia Lord, Annie Vliegenthart, and Meghan Wolfgram. Also in attendance were Anne Hill and Jackie White.

### **September Minutes:**

Motion to accept minutes was made and approved

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Balance is \$6,111.73 in checking account and includes the September clinic and October show expenses. Show insurance cost was \$20 extra. The directors insurance has also been paid and the next big expense will be paying for the arena at Wickham Park. Liability insurance comes up in February.

The clinic brought in \$480 income and cost \$814.61 for ring rental and clinician. The certificate of exemption for sales tax was found and is good until 2020. Cynthia mentioned that some stores will require an account and phone number to use the certificate.

Motion to accept treasurer's report was made and approved

### **Old Business:**

1. Readiness for Dressage For Paws Benefit Show
  - Barb has the policies and procedures and it has been signed by both DHD and BG Polo
  - The show will have 70 rides, any others will go on the wait list
  - The short arena will be used for Intro and Training 1. DHD will bring some equipment to shorten the arena
  - Samantha Pearsaul has volunteer slots all filled
  - Everything is set or in work for the awards and all prizes were donated. Halters will be given for high point, and saddle pads for 1<sup>st</sup> place
  - HALO will be at the show
  - The DHD breakdown for the donation for HALO will be calculated later (after the show)
  - Cynthia Lord has new voucher books for recording volunteers. She was able to get a great price of \$20.48 for all three!
2. Second Call for board nominations.
  - Anne Hill was nominated for the Board. The proposed slate is as follows:
    - President: Cynthia Lord
    - Vice President: Barbara Nagle
    - Treasurer: Annie Vliegenthart
    - Secretary: Jackie White
    - Additional board members: Sandy Gillispie, Meghan Wolfgram, Sonya Vann-Reed, Ann Hill
3. Website Nomination for USDF
  - While our website did not win, Barb did receive and look over the scoresheets. Our website received lots of 10, 9, and 8's, but got dinged by not having many links to horse groups/businesses in our community. Some discussion ensued about pros/cons of adding links

to horse groups, trainers, etc. but no recommendations were made other than to add a link to Thoroughbred Incentive Program (TIP). DHD may revisit the idea of allowing DHD members to add a link to their business on the DHD website at a later date.

### **New Business:**

- Show Rules for 2019
  - USDF doesn't specifically mention braiding requirements; should DHD mention that braiding is optional? In the spirit of the omnibus, it was decided to add that it is optional.
  - USDF does not allow garters, but they are allowed in other disciplines for children. The board decided to allow riders aged 13 years and younger can wear paddock boots and garters, half chaps, or tall boots. Riders aged over 13 years must wear half chaps or tall boots if riding in tests at First level and below. Wearing garters is an exception to USDF and this will be also noted as such to avoid confusion between types of shows.
  - The ride limit was discussed for DHD shows. It was decided that whichever comes first for 70 rides or 8 hours of rides will be the limit.
- November Social
  - Several topics were discussed as possible educational interest (driving exhibition, nutrition, new tests, pre-purchase exams, dentistry, and pasture management) as well as a game night for a fun social. The board selected the first choice as new tests if they become available in time, and second choice as pasture management presentation by Joe Walter, IFAS extension agent. It was also decided to have a game night and cookie exchange for the December meeting.

**Brag:** none reported

### **Rewards:**

Meghan reported on the clinic. She appreciated that Hank used a preset plan and she learned new things from her regular lesson program. She tried not warming up before her lesson but didn't realize the impact until she was saw from the video that the horse was not driving forward as much as she thought.

Annie also reported on the clinic. She had been frustrated that her regular lessons went well but wasn't able to get things to work as well at home. At the clinic, she was able to listen to what Hank was doing when he rode her horse and got him going well. She also noted that the horse should feel like he is always ready to strike off into an extended trot.

Cynthia reported that she is working on her dressage but she is still also ensuring that her back stays well. She noted that she typically keeps soft on her outside and allows the rein to lengthen, but that the horse goes better and forward into contact when she tried tying her reins (horse stopped pulling!).

**Next Meeting Location** is TBD; Jackie White will notify board when everything is set

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:50PM