

Dancing Horse Dressage March 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Meeting held at Meghan Wolfgram's House at 7:00PM

Board Members in attendance: Cynthia Lord, Annie Vliegenthart, Jackie White, Sandy Gillispie, Ann Margaret Hill, Meghan Wolfgram. Board Members absent: Barbara Nagle.

February Minutes:

Motion to accept minutes was made and approved. Meghan made the motion, Sonya seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

The balance is \$8,890.41 as of early March (after checks from show were deposited). One charge for \$334 was asked about for "DV"; need to ask Gloria if it was a Dover Saddlery show award. Cynthia asked whether Annie should be notified of credit card purchases and board agreed that other than membership charges to USDF, any charges should be made known to Annie so she can reconcile bill. The only outstanding bill is insurance for ~\$400, which covers the last three shows of this year's season. Through the current date, we have a net of \$3079.59 for Jan-March. Annie expects to drop off the books after tax season. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Sonya, Ann seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

1. February Show Feedback
 - a. Concessionaire left early; OK, but would be nice if he could put a note for leaving time.
2. March show
 - a. Entries. There are 66 entries, not including scratches already known. Policy for scratches after the closing date is that if the spot can be filled then the entry fee is returned.
 - b. Judge's stand and canopy: Part of it is crimped. Replacement for one would be \$240. Old tent can be used but needs 4 people to put it up. Bass Pro may give a new one. The decision to buy a new canopy was tabled.
 - c. Prizes. Sandy has everything.
 - d. Volunteers. Went over list. Most but not all positions filled; some difficulty getting enough people; may have to multi-task a couple of people/jobs.
3. April Show Preparation: Not discussed due to meeting time constraints.
4. Membership and Renewals
 - a. USDF roster updates. Jackie reported we have 45 members, including 7 Youth, 4 Family Members (probably Youth) and 4 Trainers.
5. Website updates: Need more info/clarification on rewards
6. 2018 accounts review: Annie to provide.
7. Arena.
 - a. Storage & Moving (chain). Sonya is coordinating
 - b. Arena Set up - Training. No report.

New Business-General Membership:

1. May meeting – roundtable discussion (May 9)

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- a. Location. MeeMaw's need \$150 in food orders for the room; there is no minimum for a table in the corner. Board decided to use corner table.
 - b. Topics. Ideas for topics included:
 - i. USDF Rewards Regional Schooling Show Awards.
 - ii. Ways to get more participation
 - iii. Awards Banquet, location and format
 - iv. Scores on-line electronic show systems
 - v. Activities and Events people want
2. By-Laws Revisions. Need to put together a subcommittee of 2-3 people.

New Business-Board:

1. USDF-Regional Schooling Show Awards Program for 2020 Competition year. Not finalized yet by USDF. Expect club will pay fee and riders pay fee. Would start in 2020 and possibly include divisions for junior, open, etc. This may require modifying our class list and divisions. Further discussion tabled until more information is available from USDF.
2. Show Awards banquet/party. Some discussion, but decided to wait for May meeting. Some locations suggested and people will look into options.
3. Any other new business: None.
4. Brags. Meghan reported she is taking care of friend's horse who had keratomas in both hind feet, and the vet was just out who said the feet and horse are looking fabulous!
5. Rewards.
 - a. Annie took a lesson and worked on the "rubber band" movement and found the medium trot (different than lengthening)! The movement is described on the Robert Dover Horsemanship clinic offered by USDF and includes riding on a circle at the trot and extend and collect as one rides around.
 - b. Cynthia reported that she has been working a lot and made a breakthrough to soften her hands, which is supposed to make the horse lighter. Her instructor had her "think" relax fingers and Sport got light and kept moving. She also did the "rubber band" type movement and felt better contact and it all finally clicked!
 - c. Jen Macklin submitted a written report which was read.
 - d. Jackie reported on auditing the Lauren Sprieser clinic (no reward earned). Items mentioned included: hug the outside rein to the neck a little Western-like, try serpentine sideways (between E & B) to loosen back and improve canter depart, do 10m circles at the canter to get horse to sit down and loosen, get floppy in saddle to unlock horse, try sliding rump down cantle on each canter stride to loosen up, wiggle wrist to get horse's tongue in, touch with spur to engage belly/back muscles of horse (can see line along abdomen) at canter in rhythm, and for half pirouettes-count 2 strides and start coming out at 3 (waiting longer to start is too late).
6. Next Meeting date and time. April 11 at Meghan's house

Meeting adjourned.