

Dancing Horse Dressage June 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:15PM. Meeting held at Sandy Gillispie's house

Board Members in attendance: Cynthia Lord, Barbara Nagle, Annie Vliegenthart, Jackie White, Sandy Gillispie, Ann Margaret Hill, Sonya Vann. **Absent:** Meghan Wolfgram. **Other people in attendance:** Laurie Young and Louisa Killian.

April Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

The balance is \$11,457.83. Upcoming expenses include \$700-900 for officers and directors insurance and the banquet. The profit year-to-date is \$6376.64 (not final). A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Sandy, Sonya seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

1. April Show Feedback
 - a. Small (low attendance) but it went well. Need to get a canopy; the fix didn't hold in the wind. Canopy needs to be a heavy duty one and is expected to cost ~\$300. Sandy made a motion to buy up to \$300 canopy and Ann Hill seconded. Motion carried unanimously. A question was asked about why the attendance was small and Sandy thought that some were chasing awards and had decided whether they needed to show and kids were busy since it was near the end of school.

Some things to consider for next year were put on the table:

 - 4 Show series with highest scores from 3 shows averaged for high points.
 - 3 Show series with highest scores from 2 shows averaged for high points.
2. May Roundtable results. Cynthia reported that we will look over ideas when the time comes. (Urgency was banquet and that was solidified.) Now, need to find people to work the ideas and think about how to get more people.
3. Members and Roster. No changes.
4. 2018 accounts review. Annie reported that it was completed. The accountant needs to know what type of report we need; Cynthia said a letter including what he did and found.
5. Arena.
 - a. Storage & Moving (chain). Sonya talked to Heidi who offered to continue to keep it in her garage and it was agreed to leave it there. A question was asked about whether a chain was still allowed to be used and answered as probably, since it is plastic (breakable).
 - b. Arena Set up - Training. Hasn't happened yet; will be kept in mind for clinics.
6. Show Awards and banquet/party
 - a. Location and date: Melbourne Yacht Club. Deposit and rental checks have been submitted for Aug 10, and the date should be open. Set up and teardown will be 11:30-1:00 and 4:00-5:30, with the banquet from 1:00-4:00PM. Address is 1202 East River St. Cynthia will send out a save the date.
 - b. Notification of eligible competitors. Sandy has done this and most vouchers have been received. Some people didn't see the email, and some were gone. A few eligible recipients

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did not volunteer and the requirement was explained to them. One recipient no longer had her voucher because it was turned in for community service, but she did have a photo copy. It was unanimously agreed to accept the photo copy (her volunteer time had been confirmed).

- c. Food/drinks/tableware. Club will provide tableware, silverware, cups, napkins, disposable tablecloths, tea/water/lemonade, cake and a ham. The yacht club has serving ware. Remaining food will be potluck and we expect 40-50 people. Sandy will do an evite with potluck signup. Jackie will get napkins, plasticware, plates, cups, and tablecloths. Cynthia will get the ham and Barb will get the cake. Laurie Young will do centerpieces for raffle. Sandy has some left over award items that will also be raffled. Ann Hill thought it would be good to do name tags and put weird horse things on the tables for conversation (get them to Ann if you have anything).
 - d. Cake: Barb will get the cake.
 - e. Setup/clean up volunteers. A request will go out to ask for volunteers, but no volunteer hours will be offered for this.
 - f. Awards. There will be 15 Champion and 11 Reserve awards. It was decided to spend \$75-\$100 for Champion awards, \$50-\$75 for Reserve Awards, and \$500 for all the ribbons. A selection of items will be offered for awards (most items same as last year with the addition of shipping boots and maybe a cooler).
 - g. Special Awards. Other awards to be given will be Member and Non-member Service awards, Sportsmanship award, Perfect attendance for riders and volunteers, and Vendor support. Other volunteer recognition will be discussed later. If anyone would like to submit names for the awards, please send them to Cynthia.
7. Activities Committee. Sonya, Ann Hill, and Meghan offered to be on a committee to host activities and this was confirmed.
 8. By Laws Committee. No activity.
 9. (Added) USDF Regional Show Awards. Barb presented info on responsibilities and costs for rider, horse owner, horse and GMO host the show. If DHD participates, it would cost \$100 and require DHD shows to have judges who were at least an "L" with distinction, which we typically meet. Jackie made a motion that DHD participate in the USDF Regional Show Awards Program, Sonya seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

New Business

1. Website updates. No report.
2. Activities and clinics
 - a. Ride-a-Test clinic-Fall. Activities committee will work up a proposal
 - b. Yoga for riders. Laurie is checking with an instructor. Annie will check the insurance policy.
3. Membership:
 - a. Increasing membership and participation of current members: Jackie posed the question about whether there was interest in trying to increase active membership. Much discussion ensued about whether it was necessary to increase membership and whether the current path of DHD matched the board's expectations and vision. A membership committee of Jackie, Louisa, and Laurie was initiated to come up with ideas and report back to the board. The takeaways from the discussion were:

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- i. the primary focus of the club is and always has been showing, which is being met
 - ii. DHD has a substantial current membership and has financial incentives to encourage membership (event discounts, Rewards, USDF benefits of GMO membership, etc.)
 - iii. the dressage riders in the area would not likely gather into a club setting with regular meetings for personal, location, and time reasons
 - iv. in lieu of general membership meetings with fun/social/educational events, the preference is for public horse related events (e.g., clinics, educational seminars)
 - v. liability must be considered when conducting any event
 - vi. privacy and security must be considered when sharing personal contact information of members and horse show participants
 - vii. it would be fine if a group wants to try to increase membership and participation of current members, but many of the board members need to take a break after the busy show season we just completed
4. Communications-events, meetings. Discussion tabled due to time.
 5. Any other new business. None.
 6. (Added) USDF 2019 Convention – Savannah. Tabled to next meeting due to time.
 7. Brags. Ann Hill qualified for the Master’s Challenge!
 8. Rewards. Kristine Soares sent a reward to Cynthia and it was read.
 9. Next Meeting dates and times.
 - a. July 8 at Sandy’s at 7:00PM

Meeting adjourned at 9:29PM. Jackie made a motion, Sandy seconded, and motion unanimously carried.