

## **Dancing Horse Dressage September 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting was called to order.** Meeting held at Annie Vliegenthart's house

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

### **April Minutes:**

July minutes need to be corrected to add discussion on perfect attendance award. Sonya made the motion to accept minutes with correction, Ann Hill seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

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

The balance is \$8089.49. The officers and directors insurance was paid (\$698). Annie has the letter from Joe, the accountant; he has been on a long vacation. Annie will upload the letter, but we haven't paid him yet. Annie will also add the clinic to our insurance policy and it will show up in next year's bill. Liability is ~\$400-\$500 annually. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Sonya, Ann Hill seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

### **Old Business:**

1. Feedback from Series Awards Party. People like the venue and everyone chipped in for the setup and cleanup. Once again Sandy gave out great prizes.
2. Members and Roster. No new members.
3. 2018 accounts review. Annie will upload the letter to the dropbox.
4. Activities Committee – Fall Event. Sunday, October 13.
  - a. Bulmer Ride-a-Test Clinic. There are 3 rides registered so far. Sonya will bring drinks and prepackaged snacks. Sonya will also start advertising.
  - b. Arena Set up - Training. Louisa will help; she will contact Barb for details.
  - c. Tack Sale. Need to invite vendors. Cynthia will talk with Barb Chasse for the tack trailer. Jackie to talk to saddle fitter. No animals for sale allowed. DHD is not endorsing any vendors.
  - d. Other activities. None
5. USDF 2019 Convention – Savannah.
  - a. DHD Delegate for the BOG meeting. Unless changed, the delegate is the president to represent the club; if the president is not going, then the club can designate another person as the delegate. If the designated delegate can't attend, the club can then designate a proxy for the delegate. Two club members had indicated they were planning to attend the convention and were willing to be the DHD delegate. The deadline for submitting the delegate designation was August 31. Barb Nagle, the current Vice President, was designated as the delegate due to the short time frame. The club can do a proxy if needed. There is still no detailed agenda for the Board of Governors meeting.
  - b. Letter of intent for baskets (Nov 11). If desired (not mandatory) clubs can also send a basket that will be silent auctioned to raise funds for USDF. Ann Hill is willing to make a basket and the board voted to set a budget of \$200 for it. Ann will work with Sandy for ideas. We must let USDF know by November 11 if we intend to bring a basket.

## Dancing Horse Dressage September 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes

6. By Laws Committee. Cynthia is reviewing and asked that other board members also look at the By-Laws for any potential changes.
7. Membership committee. No report

### New Business

1. Membership:
  - a. Year and new memberships. The USDF new year starts on Dec 1. Jackie reported the USDF roster is open on-line for 2020 members starting in November. Any 2020 membership forms received before then will be held until the on-line submissions are open.
  - b. Call for renewals. Some discussion ensued about members who join late in the year and whether it was worthwhile to offer a discounted membership or other incentive to join for 2019 as a combo with 2020. It was decided to leave membership fees as they are.
2. 2020 Officers. November will be a board and general membership meeting and elections will be held. Cynthia will be stepping down as President and Jackie will not be running for a position on the board for 2020. A slate will be made at the October meeting; members interested in a position should make it known then.
3. Holiday Party. Discussion ensued about holding a party for date, location, and activities. Location such as a restaurant might be well received and activities such as a white elephant (gift exchange game with limited value present) and cookie exchange were brought up. It was suggested that this be part of the December meeting as we did last year. Board will discuss further at next meetings.
4. Any other new business. The 2020 show dates and the types of tests (eventing, equitation, TOC, Open, age vs amateur) offered need to be solidified. Cynthia offered the following dates that correlated with 2019 dates as a starting point. Annie will tentatively reserve them at Wickham if available:
  - a. Jan 19
  - b. Feb 16
  - c. Mar 15
  - d. April 19 (April 12 is Easter)
5. Brags. Annie's horse is recovering well!
6. Rewards. None
7. Next Meeting dates and times.
  - a. Oct 10 at Barb's (not present to confirm) or Mee Maw's at 7:00PM. (Note: later confirmed, October meeting will be at Barb's).

**Meeting adjourned.** Ann Hill made a motion, Annie seconded, and motion unanimously carried.