

Dancing Horse Dressage and CT July 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Attendance (VIA ZOOM MEETING): Barbara Nagle, Cynthia Lord, Anne Hill, Jackie White. Note that a quorum of the Board was NOT present.

Approval of May Minutes was tabled.
Treasurer's report was not available.

OLD BUSINESS:

Website Maintenance: Barbara has not contacted Becky yet but will try to perform that task before the August meeting.

Bylaws Approval: Since a quorum of the Board was not present, the vote was tabled to the August meeting.

Year-End Awards Planning:

Verification of Awards – All but three award winners (Chase DeMarco, Heidi Welch, Kaylee Joiner) have submitted their award selections to Jackie. Jackie will forward the selections to Barbara and she will begin the process of ordering the awards.

Awards Ceremony – The idea was presented to have a small award ceremony during the lunch break at the October Fun Show. This seems like a really great idea. In addition, Jackie will check on the availability of the picnic area at the Grant-Valkaria Town Hall as a backup.

NEW BUSINESS:

October Fun Show: Barbara presented a class list that incorporates two in-hand classes, one equitation class, and one under saddle class in addition to the traditional test classes. The in-hand classes present a bit of a scheduling challenge. The most likely option is to schedule them immediately after the lunch break. Cynthia suggested a costume parade at lunch but given the likelihood of presenting Year-End Awards at the lunch break that option didn't seem feasible. But we will encourage people to dress up themselves and their horses in bright colors or even bling. Given the unusual classes we are adding, we will have to consider how the normal limit of 3 tests per horse applies.

Barbara will ask Annie to book Wickham Park for our show on October 18 with October 11 as an alternate date. Barbara will ask Sonya to contract a Judge. Judge should be made aware of our class list. We will NOT make this show a qualifier for the USDF Regional Schooling Show Awards.

This show will comply with any and all CDC, USDF, USEF, state, and county guidelines for social distancing and gathering protocols. We will limit interactions with office personnel by having packets and score sheets for pick up at tables set up outside the office. We will provide a physical barrier between the judge and scribe if protocols dictate such is needed.

We need to determine if volunteer hours will be awarded for volunteer workers at this show.

Thoughts on Volunteer Hours and Vouchers: It is obvious that the current voucher system is not working as we had planned. Not everyone is able to keep track of the hard copy vouchers. So we really need to find a mechanism for awarding and tracking volunteer hours.

Jackie also suggested rewarding any volunteer who puts in more than 4 volunteer hours with some tangible gift. The gift would be a freebie and would not require using any hours earned. This would provide a mechanism for recognizing volunteers who do not win a class award or do not have an opportunity to use Rewards.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting: August 13, 2020 7pm via Zoom.