

Dancing Horse Dressage and CT Meeting Minutes September 10, 2020

In Attendance via Zoom: Ann Hill, Barb Nagle, Jackie White, Annie Vliegenthart, Meghan Wolfgram, Cynthia Lord, Sonya Reed, Sandy Gillespie

August meeting minutes: Approved

Treasurers Report: Tabled

Old Business:

Website agreement with Becky Melton - Barb will be in contact with Becky and get a formal contract executed that outlines our agreement for website maintenance.

Year-End awards - All awards have been handed out except for the bridles and custom brow bands. The bridles and blank brow bands have been ordered and are due to arrive in October. Barb published a very professional video congratulating all award winners. The video has been viewed 85 times! Year-end results have been posted on the website. Our awards cost was \$2555.92 and came in well under budget.

October Fun Show – Volunteer Coordinator, Jackie; Show Secretaries, Sonya and Sandy; Awards Coordinator, Barbara. Ribbons and high score awards have been ordered. Ribbons have no date inscribed so left over ribbons can be used for future shows. A few additional class prizes are being purchased to supplement what we have in stock. Sonya will bring CeeCoach for judge/scribe use. Gate keeper and Announcer will be instrumental in keeping in-hand classes flowing smoothly and in a timely manner. Barb will print back numbers (for use in the Dressage Seat Equitation and Sport Horse Under Saddle classes) to match assigned bridle numbers. Having a ring crew is imperative to keeping the show moving along at an acceptable pace as there will be several dressage ring configuration changes. Volunteer hours will accrue under our current voucher system and will therefore be valid for 1 year from the date the voucher was issued.

New Business:

Post by-laws - It was decided that we will post a message on the website that reads “For a copy of the by-laws please contact secretary@dhd.com” for anyone who wishes to read them.

Future tracking of volunteer hours – We are unlikely to continue the voucher system in 2021. Jackie volunteered track volunteer hours in a spreadsheet format. The suggestion was made for volunteers to receive a sticker or vest when signing in. This would make volunteers more visual for attendees needing assistance as well as show management.

2021 Show Series – The Dancing Horse Dressage 2021 show series is in jeopardy. The possibility of the show series not happening or happening at a much-reduced capacity due to a lack of volunteers willing to pick up necessary tasks was discussed at length. Options discussed included:

- Cancel the series if we do not get more volunteer participation.
- Run fun shows and eliminate the series all together thus eliminating year end awards.
- Raise the entry fees to make hiring staff for the show series possible while still providing year end awards.
- Take a step back and do no shows in the spring.

Without more member participation, keeping up the pace DHD has in the past will be impossible to sustain.

Meghan and Barb will investigate an automated show entry program to simplify the process and streamline the show secretary position.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34pm

Next meeting via ZOOM October 8th, 7pm.