

Dancing Horse Dressage & CT Board and Membership meeting

May 13, 2021

In attendance: Barb Nagle, Ann Hill, Laurie Young, Jackie White, Cynthia Lord, Sandy Gillespie, Annie Vliegenthart

April Minutes: approved

Treasurer's report: Barb reported that there were still some show expenses outstanding. Jackie will send the information to Annie. Current balance is \$11,530.25. Outstanding is \$200 for clinic insurance, which Annie will get set up. Wickham fee for the clinic has been paid. Annie will upload the Quick Books reports.

Old Business

May show: Updated statistics for number of riders and rides were provided in the agenda. Initial entries were 31 riders and 70 rides. More riders had entered for 3 rides than previous shows. May profit is estimated at \$1775.37, including costs that are pending. Jackie reported that filling volunteer slots was difficult and many slots were filled with board members. Many riders eligible for Awards had completed their volunteer requirement or only needed 1 or 2 hours, so we had many volunteers rotating in and out of jobs. We also need to ensure that sufficient adults are available for arena set up and take down.

Cynthia commented that we need to secure the canopy near the office, it started to blow down in the wind. The status of the notice board (where results are posted) was brought up. The cork has degenerated such that tacks do not hold and the plastic cover is difficult to handle. Jackie or Annie will mention it to Wickham and see if it is possible to improve. There was discussion about equipment such as bell boots and wraps that are not allowed and who, if anyone, can or should check or report it, and if we should inform judges of our policy so they can monitor. This is difficult as we do not have an official TD at our shows. The issue was tabled for later discussion before the next show season.

Clinic status: Barb reported that the response was disappointing, but a 1-day clinic would still be held on Saturday with 7 rides scheduled. She requested volunteers from the board to assist with arena set up and take down since it was decided last month to not give volunteer hours for the clinic. Jackie noted that it might have been useful to publicize the clinic more to draw auditors and spectators.

Roster status: Jackie reported we have 47 people on the roster, 9 are youth. No new members since the last meeting.

Website: there was a problem with the forwarding emails which has been corrected. May show results have been posted. Jackie asked that the volunteer log be posted.

Year end recognition: we have 22 total award winners. One potential award winner did not have any volunteer hours so was not eligible. The awards committee has not yet met but a budget needed to be set. We have 20 Champion and 17 Reserve awards this year. At \$80/Champion and \$60 Reserve plus ribbons we would spend \$3120. Last year our budget was approximately \$2055. In the last 2 years, we did not have separate Champion and Reserve awards, both were allowed to pick their award from a combined list. The committee will consider this for the current year. The board decided that we could spend about \$3000 for awards this year. In previous years chairs, bridles and browbands have been popular but Sandy noted that the bridles may not be available this year. The venue committee reported that they had been considering outdoor venues since the safety of indoor venues is not certain. The pavilion at Wickham was discussed as an option. This will cost \$ 159.75 + \$15 for electricity and a \$200 refundable deposit. Timing and day was discussed, it will be impossible to find a day/time that suits everyone. The 21st or 28th of August were identified as target dates. Starting in the morning and following the awards ceremony with lunch was discussed due to the heat that time of year. Food options were

discussed. One possibility is to provide various snacks and invite everyone to bring their own lunch to continue to socialize afterwards. Another option may be to have a food truck come. Sandy will contact a food truck owner that had indicated they might be available for our events. We will decide later about food when we have more information about virus levels and availability of some options. An \$800 budget for food was set as the target.

Volunteer recognition: Jackie and Ann brought up further volunteer recognition. The hats were very popular but other ideas are needed, including things that will be an incentive in advance to volunteer. Ann suggested pins or badges. Laurie suggested following the hats with a different item each year. A Volunteer hours accrual and recognition committee was established to consider our policies for volunteer hours accrual, tracking and recognition. Laurie volunteered to chair, Cynthia and Annie volunteered to be on the committee. October was set as a target date for plans for the next show season.

New business: none raised.

Brag: Annie has her new horse! Lyft is a rising 5 year old Dutch Warmblood. He was at the May show as a non-competing horse and did well.

Next meeting: we will not have a board meeting in June but committees will meet. The next board meeting will be July 8 by zoom.