

Dancing Horse Dressage and CT Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2021

In Attendance: Ann Hill, Laurie Young, Barb Nagle, Jackie White, Meghan Wolfgram, Annie Vliegtheart, Gloria Lawless, Christie Slayton,

Meeting called to order: 7:03 pm

November Meeting Minutes: Jackie asked for a correction to be made on the subject of Coggins holdover. Minutes will be corrected to reflect current requirements.

Treasurers Report: The current balance in the account is \$12,009.35. Payments to be made soon are insurance, outstanding liability insurance for the shows at about \$500, ring rental for 2022 at about \$795, Officers and Directors insurance and about \$200 for Jacki White for incidentals from the 2021 show season. Ribbons will be purchased for the first two of the upcoming shows.

Annie suggested that the club switch from using a debit card to a credit card for club purchases. It will provide more protection from scams as well as an easier way to track the purchases. Each card will show what was purchased with that a specific number that will be assigned to an individual. AP forms must still be completed and sent to Annie for ALL club purchases.

OLD BUSINESS

Year End awards: Year end awards have all been delivered. Jackie will call to confirm that the first order for the chairs has definitely been canceled. Members like the new chairs as they have a table included. The boot bag with the broken zipper has been exchanged at the Dover store.

Volunteer Training: The volunteer training courses have been finalized and uploaded to the website.

Volunteer Recognition Flyer – Laurie will create a flyer to announce the new components to the Volunteer Recognition program. The flyer will be in PDF format so that it can be uploaded or printed. Once reviewed by Barb, it will be uploaded on Facebook and the website.

Policies and Procedures: This was the final opportunity to discuss the Policies and Procedures document that was created. The updates came primarily from the Omnibus. The document will be uploaded to the website.

Membership: Currently we have 12 members on the official roster with USDF. Each member MUST include a new membership form with payment. This is necessary because the photo release is included on the membership form. There was a brief discussion regarding the possibility of using an online platform for membership signup. Using Pay-pal through the DHD website is an option that will be investigated for next year. The membership spread sheet needs to be kept up to date so that the email list can be updated. New names and addresses will be added for December and January. Old members will not be deleted until February.

January Meeting – The meeting scheduled for January 13, 2022 will be held via Zoom. The meeting notice will include the link.

Photo Release – It was suggested that we move the photo release to the show entry form to cover non-members. Saving the forms in Dropbox would be more efficient. Before photos are used in any manner

for DHD publicity, the photo release should be checked to ensure participants have granted permission to use their pictures.

Hand Walking Horses: There was thoughtful discussion regarding the decision to allow participants to hand-walk horses around the outside of the dressage arena before the show and during the lunch break. It was pointed out that entry into the dressage arena is cause for disqualification from the show. We can put up the rail at "A" to prevent walkers from easily entering the dressage arena. There will be someone at the gate to monitor participants who choose to walk horses around. If there is not enough time before the show or at lunch participants will not have the opportunity. At this time a specific policy is not being created, participants are expected to self-regulate, if a problem arises then a policy will be drafted.

New Business

Website – The waiver, prize list, new WDAA Dressage Tests (2022), new Eventing Tests (2022) and the 2022 Show Series Judges list have been uploaded. It has been noted that there has been an up tick in riders entering and inquiring about western dressage at other venues.

Brag and Rewards

Annie's horse dreams of becoming a jumper as demonstrated by his current trainer.

Meghan has one mare in training and the other is expecting.

Meghan's company Swift Paws will be featured on ESPN on Christmas Day. Swift Paws will be providing the equipment for a nationally televised lure course competition.

Barb competed in I1 Freestyle for the first-time last weekend. Her horse is also being used to deliver a long line/lunge line demonstration by Matt McLaughlin for the Dressage 4Kids clinic.

The business meeting was followed by an education presentation developed by USDF. Members and guests watched and discussed the videos "On the Levels" which outlines the basic components of the dressage tests.

Meeting adjourned: 9:02pm