

Dancing Horse Dressage & CT Board and Membership meeting

April 14, 2022

In attendance: Barb Nagle, Ann Hill, Laurie Young, Jackie White, Cynthia Lord, Megan Wolfram

March minutes: approved

Treasurer's report: Balance in checking at the end of March was \$10,469.86. This does not include a recent deposit related to the past 2 shows. Some expenses are outstanding. There was discussion regarding the profit/loss statement for the 1st 2 shows, expenses for prizes may not have been allocated correctly. Corrected estimate for February is approximately \$1390 and for March \$720. The zoom license has been purchased. Report was approved.

Old Business

March show: no issues reported, the show ran smoothly. There were no problems with the new canopy at the gate for the gatekeepers and it was useful, so will be set up at the next show.

Zoom license: Barb purchased the zoom license and set up the account. Meetings need to be set up through her but can be requested for any DHD business.

April show: Gloria is unable to get the usual ribbons from Hodges in time but will fill in with plain ribbons (without the Dancing Horse Dressage streamer) for this show. High score award will be different from the first 2 shows as well. Barb will follow up with her. There was discussion about ordering ribbons for the rest of the show series and storing ribbons, some that had been kept from previous years are no longer useable. Those will be kept for decoration at events or given away. We have sufficient 1st-3rd place but need to assess the 4th-6th place ribbons and buy closer to the need, filling in with plain ribbons if necessary. No update on volunteers but should be covered. Jackie will talk to Sandy about office materials and ride times. Jackie has all the bins and will bring them. Sonya has the volunteer raffle supplies. Laurie will check who will become eligible for the tote bags and bring as needed. Laurie will also set up a survey for t-shirt sizes. Barb has the canopy used at the in-gate and will give it to Jackie or someone else to bring. Discussion about having walkie-talkies and someone at the warm-up area to communicate with the gatekeeper; this might be useful if we have the resources but not necessary. Ann will bring the walkie-talkies in case. Likewise the PA system for announcements was nice but not necessary. It was used for volunteer raffle announcements and gait changes during the Dressage equitation class. Barb will ask Sonya to bring it and will do announcements if she is there, if not someone else can. As of the meeting, there were 8 mail and 6 EE entries, with the closing date on Monday. There was discussion about a minimum number of rides and alternative formats when there are fewer rides. For this year, it was decided that we would do the 4 shows even if they are small and will consider alternative formats in the future.

Barb brought up using a computer for scoring. The horse show management software has score sheets for the current tests and can score, but can't yet do errors for FEI level tests. We would need a dedicated computer and printer. Megan volunteered a Surface computer. This system will be tested in April. Barb will tell Sonya so she can tell volunteers.

Memberships – currently we have 37 members including 3 young riders and 2 trainers. Mailchimp should be up to date, Cynthia will check. Mailchimp has recently been bought by Intuit, we need to export the Mailchimp list in case there are changes.

Website updates: Jackie's award has been added to the homepage. The current volunteer log and March show results have been posted.

New business

Bylaws update: the committee is working on it but did not have a version ready to bring to the board. Some broad discussion followed primarily considering what is necessary for notification and timing. The committee will plan to circulate a draft to the board members shortly before the May meeting. It was noted that we have the additional consideration of participation in events, in many clubs membership is required to participate but our events are usually open. We may need to include a statement on entry forms along the lines of "by participating you are agreeing to DHD rules and policies".

Plans for fall events: several were brought up including clinics, benefit shows, team or pairs events, events similar to ride-a-test clinics where there is feedback after the test (but not necessarily an entire lesson), events that include some combined training. Tabled for later discussion.

Brag

Megan's mare had her baby, Figment. Her dog Piper did a great job when Megan presented SwiftPaws on the Shark Tank show and it was well received.

Annie is leasing a new horse, Dillon, a Belgian Warmblood. He's a Grand Prix jumper but is new to dressage.

Next meeting: May 12th by zoom. Information will be in the agenda.

Meeting adjourned 8:45pm