

# Dancing Horse Dressage and CT

## Meeting Minutes for

July 14, 2022

**Members in Attendance:** Barbara Nagle, Cynthia Lord, Ann Hill, Jackie White, Sonya Reed, Laurie Young

**Call to Order:** 7:00 PM

### Secretaries Report

- Approved minutes motion by Jackie and seconded by Anne. Approved by vote.

### Treasures Report

- Net profit from show series \$6, 700.40 for the 2022 show series.

### Bylaws Revisions

- No discussion on the new bylaws as presented by the committee at the June meeting.
- The bylaws are approved by a majority vote of the membership.

### Old Business

- **Year End Awards Banquet**
  - **Prizes** - have been ordered. Items to be embroidered are being gathered and will be taken to the be stitched. Everything should be ready for the banquet.
  - **Venue and Menu** – August 27, 2022 from 1:00-4:00. There are plenty of tables and a large TV for the PPT presentation. We will have our own servers for the private room. Barb will take care of ordering a ½ sheet chocolate & vanilla cake. The club will provide the plates, forks and napkins for the cake.
  - **Invitation** – will be sent through Mail Chimp by Barbara. Laurie will create a short survey to be used for the RSVP process. RSVP date will be August 19, 2022. The invitation will be sent out on August 1, 2022.
  - **Schedule** – Slide show from the show series will last about 20 minutes and run while guests are ordering. There is also a horse quiz based on our series (slide show, rules and other trivia). A prize will be awarded to the winner. This will be conducted after dinner. Then the volunteer awards will be presented followed by year end awards. Raffle prizes will be awarded throughout the presentations. Laurie will gather the raffle item and create centerpieces.
- **October Benefit Show**
  - **Judge** – Matt McLaughlin will be contacted to confirm his position as Judge. Sonya will alert participants in her clinics that he will be the judge at our show on October 30.
  - **Team Competition Rules** – A team is required to have 6 scores; the lowest score will be dropped. The median score will be determined using the top 5 scores, rather

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than using average. This will reduce the affect of high outliers for the team score. This is the way USDF calculates their year end award winners. In a test run of scores the high team did not change, second and third were reversed when using median versus average.

- **Show Manager** – Jackie will be the show manager/secretary. Sandy will do ride times. Jackie will handle the paperwork and will setup Eq Entries.
- **Prizes** – larger first place ribbons have been ordered and neck ribbons have been ordered for the winning teams.
- **Sponsorships** – as a benefit show it would be nice to get sponsors to help support the show and increase the amount we can donate. Sponsors will be listed in the show program. 100% of the profits for the show will go to the Wildlife Sanctuary. Cynthia is willing to be the Sponsorship Manager.
- **Lead Line Class** – will not be included in the class list for this show. It will be reconsidered for the 2023 show season.
- **Policies and Procedures Update**
  - A discussion was continued to address issues that happened during the 2022 season. This policies and Procedures update applies to event participants. The ByLaws address membership denial and revocation. The language allows for appeals to be submitted if new information available.
- **2023 Prize List**
  - **Non-competing Horse** – These horse and rider combinations would have to pay the \$20 office fee plus \$10. This allows the horse and ride to be in the warm up arena, warm up area and walk around the show ring at designated times.
  - **Daily High Scores** – How do we make things more equitable? Suggestion – award high score awards to only amatures and juniors.
- **New Business**
  - **Rewards Program** – How can we increase participation? Suggestion: Add recognition program similar to USDF Rider Performance Awards. Possibly add a scholarship program that would apply to non-riding members as well.
  - **August Meeting** – will not be scheduled. We will see everyone at the banquet.
- **Brag**
  - Laurie has a new horse!

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:55 PM**