

# **Dancing Horse Dressage & CT**

## **November 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Called to Order at 7:02 PM

Attendance: Laurie Young, Barbara Nagle, Jackie White, Ann Hill, Sonya Reed, Rachael Nescio

October Minutes: Approved as posted.

Treasurers Report: Tabled

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### Feedback from October Benefit Show

The show was well attended. We will be able to make a sizeable donation to Florida Wildlife Hospital. Barbara will take care of making the donation in person.

Teams did not garner as much attention as we had hoped. We may consider offering a "Team Competition" at one of our series shows.

We were very short on volunteers for this show. Most of the jobs were covered by Board members. That seems to point out that the 6 hour volunteer requirement for year-end awards is garnishing the volunteer support we need to run our shows.

#### 2023 Show Awards Budget

Gloria Lawless has volunteered to be our Show Awards Purchasing Agent.

The Board voted to increase 1st place prize budget to \$25.00 per prize and the High score prize budget increases to \$35.00 per prize. Gloria will purchase the 1st place prizes and Sonya will purchase high score prizes (offset by sponsorships she can garner).

Ribbons will be purchased for 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> place for all classes and will all be 12" streamers. Barb has collated all leftover ribbons that are worthy to be re-used and will deliver them to Gloria.

#### Volunteer Appreciation for 2023

Laurie Young has volunteered to be our Volunteer Appreciation Coordinator.

Our efforts to recognize volunteers in 2022 were not very affective in spite of the \$647 that was spent on gifts for the volunteers. The same people volunteer continuously. Food and drink are appreciated, and Laurie's home baked cookies seemed to be the most popular item to date. We will consider small tokens of appreciation in the future.

#### Online Show Entry Application

EqEntries continues to be a challenge for online submission of show entries for our schooling shows on two fronts:

- Does not support entering a single TOC class more than once in order to ride two different tests in the class
- It is difficult to set up a different class fee for DHD Members and even more difficult for the user to figure out how to specify they are a DHD Member to benefit from that reduced class fee

EqEntries has indicated they will be considering changes to their application to be more user friendly for schooling shows. Jackie will contact them to find out what those changes might be and what the timeline is for those changes going live.

Barb has researched different form applications that may do what we need them to do with JotForms showing the most promise but with a yearly cost of \$408. Becky Melton, our website designer, suggested the use of Gravity Forms because she already has a developer's license for this Add On and it is currently used on our Website. Whatever form we do use can be linked to our PayPal account to allow for online submission and

payment. We would pass along the PayPal fee to the user at a flat rate of \$5.00 per transaction. Barb will put together a mock show that Board members can enter and play with before show series starts.

### Online Membership Application

Interest was expressed by the Board members to implement an online application submission and payment for DHD Membership. Barb will discuss this implementation with Becky and Laurie and Sonya offered to be the test subjects for the application.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### Braggs

Matt McLaughlin rode Barb Nagle's Lusitano, Forcado CL, at our October show. Forcado's debut at FEI Intermediare 2!

Ella Nescio is riding IEA with Mikenda Farms and getting lots of experience riding different horses!

Meeting Adjourned at 8:09 PM

December meeting to be held at Barbara Nagle's home: December 8th at 7pm. We will be having a cookie exchange so bring your best culinary delights to share. And Barb might organize some kind of fun activity!