

Dancing Horse Dressage & CT Board & Membership meeting  
December 8, 2022

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

November minutes: approved

Treasurer's report: Current balance in checking is \$11546.56 and in PayPal \$99.59. The profit & loss statement is not yet available, as the EQEntries check has not been deposited and some reimbursement checks were recently issued. Annie is developing a new system to send out refund checks out more efficiently. We may also be able to do refunds via PayPal and to use the PayPal account for other activities. The Accounts Payable sheet will need to be adjusted to specify type of transaction. A column for the date would be helpful, so multiple transactions can be recorded on one page. Wickham has been paid for the 2023 show series dates. The report was approved.

### Old Business

Jackie reported the current membership is 14 paid members and 2 additional family members.

The new online membership form is available. Jackie receives the completed pdf. Some format issues are being resolved. Major format issues identified were that additional family members must be set to 0 for the form to function and a check mark next to the photo release makes it difficult to tell the box status. Barb will set the family member default to 0 and remove the extra check. For shows, Laurie and Barb will create a poster with a QR code and the website. It was difficult to get the form integrated with PayPal due to problems with settings in PayPal and using a legacy checkout system. Meghan reported that we need to verify our non-profit status. Currently we are linking to an individual for the account, but it's different for income, credit cards and EIN. Barb and Meghan will look into updating links, and determine if PayPal can be linked to a DHD director once we are verified as a non-profit.

The new horseshow entry form was available for board members to experiment with before and during the meeting. There are limits in the form to control classes available based on rider division selected and cost based on membership status. Some problems were identified, including minor cosmetic issues, errors in calculations for stalls, and the form does not refresh after changes for review. Barb will fix the issues noted, including changing some entry boxes to radio buttons and setting stall defaults to no or 0. A notice will be added at the top to have Coggins and waiver forms ready before completing the form, and to allow linking of 3 forms in case separate forms are needed for signatures. Barb noted some current in automatically checking or restricting the show entered and adding late fees when needed. There is a plug-in that we can purchase for \$59 that will allow date verifications for show dates, late fees, and Coggins. Purchase of the plug-in was approved, Barb will purchase.

### New Business

Web site updates: in progress. Old Awards have been removed, Meghan will update for this year. Ideally this will be done before the opening date for the 1<sup>st</sup> show. A draft will be circulated before posting. Contacts and email links (to @dancinghorsesdressage.com) have been updated for new officers and directors. It would be good to get sponsors more visible, this is ongoing. Updated show information

is available and will be linked to the new entry forms when available. It was noted that the April show should be flagged as being on Saturday, Barb and Meghan will add this.

Our show rules are posted. The posted list focuses on our specifics or exceptions from USDF/USEF rules without restating them. The requirement for helmets while mounted is included, along with links to the tests and rule books.

Awards information for 2023 shows is posted and is consolidated into 1 Awards tab. There is now an equivalency chart for WDAA tests, so we can include these classes in year-end awards. Specifics of show level and high point awards were discussed and decided to leave as posted, with class placings split by rider division if there are at least 3 entries in each division in the class. Show High Score awards will be given for 4 levels (Intro, Training, First, Second & above) and 2 rider divisions (Open and AA/JR/YR). Links to information on the new rider performance awards and member rewards program are listed. A fillable pdf is on the web site and the completed form should be sent by email to Laurie Young with the subject line DHD awards. Submission instructions will be added to the form.

Volunteer tracking is not yet live but will be by the first show. Barb reminded everyone of training modules available for volunteers. The office protocol has been updated to reflect new computer scoring for upper levels. Some protocols need to be updated or new ones uploaded to reflect the new forms.

Requests to allow hoof boots: We have had requests to allow hoof boots at the shows. We have riders whose horses use boots rather than shoes, and this has been evaluated separately for each show. Making this a general exception would be easier and more consistent for riders. It was decided that we would include this exception for hoof boots; this will be added to the posted show rules. Bell boots will continue to be prohibited.

Stall fee reimbursement for volunteers: Annie proposed that we provide a stall for volunteers so people can show and volunteer. This was approved, and will be done by reimbursement. Stalls should be requested and paid during entry. Those volunteering for at least 4 hours at the show can request reimbursement.

TOC class delays in placing: an issue was raised with TOC classes where rides are scheduled throughout the show day. Riders early in the day are requesting their tests before the class is complete, and may wish to leave before the class is complete. The scheduling is difficult as riders need at least 45 minutes between rides and these classes span multiple levels. For 2023, we will allow people to take their test before the class is placed if requested (tests will still be held in the office, not put out with placed classes) and office staff will take pictures of the tests for use in placing the class. Riders will be told scores are provisional until the class is placed.

Announcements & Brags: Barb reported that Matt showed Forcado at I-2 at the Orlando Winter Classic and received scores of 70-72%. Congratulations! Meghan and Annie reported on an app for riding, Equilab. The app tracks training/horse movement using smartphones/watches. BREC Dressage in Ocala will be hosting a clinic for the 2023 tests with Janet Foy on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

Our next meeting will be at 7 pm, January 12, 2023, by zoom.