

Dancing Horse Dressage & CT Board & Membership Meeting

March 9, 2023

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

February Minutes: One correction was brought up, it was Cindy Booska not Cynthia that volunteered for set up. Barb will make the correction and repost the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Annie has submitted the tax postcard and will complete and file the annual report. Our Paypal status has been changed to non-profit and confirmed. This reduces our fee from 3.49% to 1.99% + \$0.49. The balance (combined bank and Paypal) at the end of February was \$13,873.35. A balance was left in Paypal to facilitate refunds, money will be transferred to the bank account as show entries are received. Checks from the February show have not yet been deposited, Jackie will give them to Annie to deposit. Show refunds were done both by Paypal (2) and check (2), it is easy to do in Paypal by looking for the original payment. A question was raised about fees charged by Paypal for refunds. There may not be a fee if done with the friends & family category; Barb also thought fees were only on the sender side. We will check with refund recipients to confirm amount and to see if there are differences based on whether it's a partial refund from a Paypal payment or a separate refund. Jackie will follow up with her refund and others. Becky was paid for annual website maintenance through Paypal as well. Annie is working out an easier way to send refund checks through her office system. Barb noted that she had requested a refund from testing the online membership system in December but never received it. Annie will look into it. The treasurer@dancinghorsesdressage.org email should be used for correspondence about DHD finances and refunds. The show profit/loss report is complete for the February show.

OLD BUSINESS:

February Show: 22 horse/rider combinations; 35 scheduled rides. Jackie reported that volunteers worked out because it was a short show so many volunteers worked for the whole show. We were short runners but other positions were covered. The shorter show did make it difficult for competitors to volunteer. Volunteer participation remains a challenge. Jackie has had a few inquiries from new people about volunteering.

Barb reported on show finances; Income was \$1995 and expenses \$1748.33 for a net profit of \$246.67. We still had ribbons from last year but had higher printing expenses due to the change in tests for this year. There were 2 stall reimbursals for volunteers and a stall cleaning charge for the minimum fee.

1st place prizes of a dressage saddle pad (choice of white or black) were well received. The custom made boot stuffers for high score awards were also greatly appreciated.

We saw new participants from Copper Light Farm.

There were incidents of a random vehicle causing horses to spook. Visitors will be educated that random vehicles (scooters, atv's, etc.) must be kept away from exhibiting horses.

There were issues about condition and cleanliness of stalls. DHD will need to coordinate with Wickham Park for future events on the following:

- Wickham responsibility: wasp nests, peeling roof insulation, water leaks, uneven floor.
- DHD responsibility: Remove dirty, old hay/staw. Clean walls. DHD will offer volunteer hours for the clean-up.

Membership: There are currently 27 members including 1 trainer and 4 youths. Barb has removed old members from Mail Chimp Membership group.

NEW BUSINESS:

March Show: The March show is advertised on Treasure Coast Equestrians and Brevard Equestrians Facebook groups.

The Wickham arena will NOT be opened for exhibitors to practice after it is dragged and locked on the Friday before show.

Lights will be needed at 6:30AM if show starts at 8:00AM. There is a \$20.00 fee to use lights. Annie will find out if lights can be turned on by a Park employee.

Website Updates: Meghan has posted the Volunteer Tracking Sheet, Scorer training module on the Horseshow Management System, and Feb show results.

DropBox: Barb proposed DropBox be cleaned up. Space is limited as it is the “free” version. The Board agreed that Barb will archive all posts prior to 2019 onto an external hard drive. The hard drive will remain in the possession of DHD.

Minimum Show Entries: The group agreed that the minimum number of entries to avoid cancellation of a show is 20 rides. The February show had 35 scheduled rides with a \$200.00 (approx) profit. Annie stated that there will be many last minute show entries due to online registration making that possible.

Brag/Rewards: Barb successfully encouraged Matt’s crew to show at Wickham instead of Clarcona for the March show. Forcado will be making his GRAND PRIX debut!! Congratulations, Barb!