

DHD & CT Board and Membership Meeting
April 13, 2023

Attending:
Barb Nagle
Cynthia Lord
Jackie White
Laurie Young
Rachel Nescio

March Minutes approved.

TREASURERS REPORT:

No data provided. Refunds have been processed for February show.

OLD BUSINESS

March Horse Show:

There were 29 horse/rider combinations (up 7 from 22 combinations in February) and 47 scheduled rides (up 12 from 35 rides in February). Barb stated PayPal entries increased to 21 with only 8 regular mail registrations. PayPal average fee is 2.73 which is well below our \$5.00 convenience fee charge.

Jackie struggled to get volunteers. Cynthia suggested looking at feasibility of fewer positions. After discussion, it was determined that the only position that can be eliminated is Gatekeeper. It would be up to the rider to be responsible for showing up at the gate on time. Barb stated that she filled the runner position all afternoon and Jackie scribed all day.

The scoring entry system requires training. There are not enough trained resources to cover the scoring job despite the availability of training modules on the website. Laurie suggested training high schoolers in need of bright future hours. Jackie suggested changing ride times so that volunteers would be available for a morning or afternoon shift. Barb stated that this may result in classes being split across a wide time range. Jackie suggested a feasibility study to determine who volunteers and which tests they do. Barb suggested that afternoon rides could simply come early and volunteer and the reverse for the morning rides. It was noted that as the more accommodations that are made for ride time requests, the harder it is to schedule rides.

Laurie stated the stall incentive is the most successful way to get volunteers. But mostly our regular volunteers are taking advantage of this perk and the offer is not drawing in new volunteers. Jackie has had several responses to her facebook post asking for volunteers for the April Show.

Membership: There are currently 31 members. New members were entered through USDF roster, however not all received welcome letter

DropBox: Cleanup completed and data backed up to external hard drive that is in Barb Nagle's possession (2014 through April 1, 2023 is archived and time stamped). Cynthia will create a document in drop box stating where hard drive is stored, along with photo albums. This will be updated as items are moved.

NEW BUSINESS:

April Show:

Barb opened discussion of arena opening before first class. People have been waiting at gate to walk around the arena. Setup will start at 7:15 AM for a 9:00 start time. This will allow approximately 45 minutes for riders to walk the arena.

There are 10 horse/rider combinations registered to date. 7 more are expected from Matt and 6 more from BEC. Barb has posted Facebook ads and submitted show information to our email group (230 members).

Jackie has more volunteers for this show. Laurie stated concern that those not in contention for year end awards won't volunteer.

Website Updates: Barb modified score entry training module. March show results and volunteer tracking sheet have been posted. Barb was granted permission to keep only 2022 video and "What's New" video and remove old videos. Statistics from 2018 - present will remain for participants who continue to look up. Cynthia suggested adding a blurb about DHD history instead of old stats.

Clinic/Activities: Cynthia suggested looking into sponsoring/hosting a clinic or other activities since we have some available funds.

Braggs/Rewards: Laurie's new horse made it to the show ring! Barb's Forcado (showing Grand Prix) has some work to do but made no major mistakes.

The next meeting is May 11 at 7:00PM via Zoom.