

DHD & CT Membership Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2023

Attendees: Barbara Nagle, Sandy Gillespie, Cynthia Lord, Ann Hill, Jackie White, Annie Vliegenthart
May Minutes – Approved – Also noted the correction from the April minutes has been posted on the website.

Treasurers Report – As of May 31st the bank account balance \$17607.20; Paypal \$347.37. The current YTD profit is \$4554.81. Barb had sent out the May show P&L sheet prior to the meeting. May show profit was \$170.62 with the shows series YTD profit being \$2491.91

Status of April & May refunds – Annie has sent out refund checks but needs to verify if the PayPal refunds were completed.

Side note on collecting NSF checks. Annie & Jackie are still working on collecting a NSF check. Annie proposed for the future that checks should be deposited before the show, therefore giving DHD the chance to collect on the NSF check or refusing to let the entry show. Or going to all electronic payments only and increasing the office fee to cover the convenience fee. PayPal does have an option to pay with a credit card without having a PayPal account. Barb will check with Becky as to our ability to use this option and also inquire about how refunds are then handled if necessary.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Feedback from May show – Barb shared entry/rider stats for all 4 shows. May being the smallest show. Most entries were sent in via Paypal with an average transaction fee to DHD of \$2.72. Volunteers were plentiful and the show ran smoothly.
2. Membership Update – Quick discussion on the importance of timely submit of new members to USDF.
3. Website Updates – The May show results and the Volunteer Tracking chart have been posted.
4. Year End Recognition Planning –
Venue – Meemaw's 1-4 pm on Aug 12th. Same limited menu as last year; food & drinks paid by DHD. Sandy has volunteered to make a cake.
Video show is complete
Awards slide presentation is 90% complete; lacking only a few portrait pictures.
Awards committee will be distributing the awards list to winners on June 9 with selections being due back on June 16.
Ribbons have been ordered and due to arrive no later than Aug 1
Banquet invitations will be sent out no later than June 30. Barb will see if Laurie would be interested in creating the online invitation.
Barb will see if Laurie would be interested in making table decorations

NEW BUSINESS

1. Promoting the new Performance Awards – A review of the program rules determined it would be hard for any qualifiers for the awards this year particularly if they had not been planning to work toward them. A poster or flyers and a program introduction at the banquet were recommended.
2. Planning for 2024 shows - Discussion on how to proceed due to lower show attendance this year, Wickham Park availability and volunteer staffing. Barb would like to check with Wickham as to why so many other events are using the Equestrian area of the park, thus limiting the availability to the horse events. Decisions tabled until Fall.
3. Getting more members involved – Ideas being solicited for this topic.

4. Brags – Sandy reported qualifying for Regionals at 1st & 2nd level with plans to attend the Reginal show in the Fall. Annie reported 2 very successful outings with youngster Lyft at WEC with plans to show again in August. Jackie reported success with Jambo this past show season moving up to 2nd level and also the success of soundness for her pony Megan after a long stretch with laminitis..

Next meeting: July 20th – which is off our normal schedule with no meeting in August. The July meeting will be a brief meeting primarily to discuss Banquet status.