

DHD&CT MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 2023

Attending: Barbara Nagle, Cynthia Lord, Laurie Young, Jackie White, Annie Vliegenhart, Ann Hill, Gloria Kanungo, Rachel Nescio

JULY MINUTES: Approved

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Current balance includes all expenses and receipts booked to date. The cost of the year end awards came in slightly under budget. The overall horse show profit was approximately \$2,500. The club operated in the red this year losing approximately \$600.

Next year's horse show expenses (arena fee and insurance) will be reflected in this year's year end totals as it is paid during this budget year. This will be a \$1200-\$1500 expense yet to be entered.

Annie will check on volunteer stall refund discrepancy. Barb had \$560 and Annie had \$315. The amount is probably just entered in a different category.

We are carrying \$407.00 in unpaid entries and bounced check fees (accrued since 2016 across several different show entrants). A list of delinquent riders will be provided to the Show Secretary so they will not be able to sign up until outstanding balances are paid in full. The Delinquent List will be maintained in a financial folder in Drop Box. Annie will generate a report of who owes what.

Treasurer's Report Approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Year End Banquet review: Great location and set up. The long banquet tables facilitated socializing. The videos were great and have received several views as posted online.

NEW BUSINESS

Second Call for Board Nominations: All current Board members are willing to serve in current capacities for 2024 show year if there are no other nominees. Krysta Wright is interested in serving as a Board member. Ella Nescio may be interested in the Secretary position. Barb will query members for interest in filling other appointed volunteer roles.

2024 Event Plans: The Board approved 3 shows for 2024 show series. The Series dates will be: 2/25; 3/24; 2/21. Annie will book those dates with Wickham Park. Barb will solicit proposals for a class list from Board members with the intent of solidifying a class list at the October Membership Meeting.

The Board will also consider adding a 4th "fun" show in the spring or fall time frame.

Barb reported that show entries were greatly reduced this year and it would be great to increase the participation in our events in 2024 by drawing in participants from other counties and attracting more interest from the current barns in Brevard County.

In an effort to promote participation, several suggestions were discussed.

- Draw in more Western Dressage participation
- Bring in more event riders; maybe by offering a two-phase (dressage, stadium jumping) competition

Lindsey Auclair of Copper Light Farm in Vero Beach welcomes a fun show at Copper Light but cannot provide stalls. A fun show at Copper Light may encourage participation by those boarders. Ann stated that Lisa Smit at BEC may be interested in cohosting or renting her facilities which includes both a covered dressage arena and covered jump arena. Tami Glover suggested using Relentless Equestrian for a two-phase event since they have both a dressage arena and jump arena (both uncovered).

Show Awards: Gloria asked the Board to consider an increase in budget for 1st place prizes (current budget is \$25 for 1st place prizes and \$35 for High Score prizes). She also noted that we may want to consider not giving a prize for 1st place if there are fewer than 3 entries in the class as is often done in other shows. It was noted that this policy does not encourage new riders as well as those that have worked towards higher tests and may be the only entry. Gloria will propose a budget for first place and high score prizes.

Gloria will inventory 4th -6th place ribbons as there is a plethora of those ribbons left over from last year. It was proposed to have a single ribbon design to use interchangeably for 4th-6th placings.

Gloria asked for input regarding gender neutral prizes. Barb suggested to assume mostly female participants and keep a few male appropriate or gender neutral prizes on hand. This season riders requested more rider-oriented prizes. The board agreed to a mix of rider and horse oriented prizes. Gloria typically buys multiples of the same prize for a show.

BRAGS

Barb reported that Forcado showed in his very first Grand Prix test (with his trainer on board) at a Rated show!

Annie and Lyft qualified for Regionals and at the most recent WEC show Lyft did not require a Pro rider!

Congratulations Barb and Annie!

NEXT MEETING: October 12 at 7:00PM via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted by Rachel Nescio