

## **DHD&CT General Membership Meeting October 12, 2023**

Attending: Barbara Nagle, Cynthia Lord, Laurie Young, Jackie White, Annie Vliegenhart, Ann Hill, Rachel Nescio (recording)

SEPTEMBER MINUTES: Approved

TREASURER'S REPORT: Approved

Annie is currently working on renewing liability insurance and completing payment for Wickham Park arena rental. No other transactions reported.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### 2024 Show Series Dates

Show dates are confirmed for 2024: February 25; March 24; April 21.

#### 2024 Show Series Judges

Lynne Everest is pursuing judges for our show series. Travel expense allowance has been increased to .65/mile in keeping with current IRS rate.

Lynne will be working with Judges to negotiate a fee up to a maximum of \$400. Board discussed an increase in Judge fee maximum to \$450.00 in keeping with current schooling show rate of \$400.00-\$600.00. Barb will discuss progress of fee negotiations with Lynne to determine if we need to increase our maximum limit.

#### Wickham Park Rental Policy

Discussion continues with Commissioner Bob Feltner regarding Wickham Park/County approving use of horse area for non- horse events rental.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### 2024 DHD & CT Board Members

Board Members were elected as follows:

- President – Barbara Nagle
- Vice President – Cynthia Lord
- Secretary – Ella Nescio
- Treasurer – Annie Vliegenthart
- Board Members at Large – Laurie Young, Rachel Nescio, Krysta Wright, Jackie White, Ann Hill

#### 2024 Membership

Website has been updated to accept 2024 Memberships. Membership fees will remain unchanged for 2024. Barb will send a renewal notice via email. Board agreed to eliminate the \$2.00 Convenience Fee to encourage on-line submission. Barb reported that the USDF cost to DHD of \$24.00 per primary member and \$10.00 per additional family member's is covered without the Convenience Fee.

#### Bylaws Update

The proposed revision to Article XII Committees was reviewed and the revision will be published to the General Membership and a vote called for at the November Membership Meeting.

### 2024 Show Series

Proposed class changes were accepted with the re-adding of Dressage Seat Equitation.

Efforts to increase interest and participation were discussed with the following decisions:

- Eliminate the convenience fee for online submission of payment; mail-in option will remain
- No increase in show entry fees
- Increase the budget for 1<sup>st</sup> place prizes and high score prizes (exact budget to be discussed at November meeting)
- High Score Level awards will include five levels (Intro, Training, First, Second, Third & Above) for two rider divisions (Open and AA/JR/YR). The Eventing levels will be included in the high score computation using the percentage.
- Remove the Dressage Equitation class from the 3 test limit per horse, so the same horse can be ridden in 3 tests plus Dressage Seat Equitation
- DHD can advertise with FL Association of Western Dressage to garner interest in those classes
- Year end award eligibility will require 4 volunteer hours (2023 required 6 hours)

Barb will work with Becky Melton and Meghan Wolfgram to update our website.

### Volunteer Roles

The following outstanding volunteer roles were filled:

- Volunteer Coordinator – Jackie White
- Show Manager – Barbara Nagle
- Show Secretary – Krysta Wright
- Sponsorship Coordinator – Rachel Nescio

### Braggs/Rewards

Annie reported that she and Lyft received a 75% on Friday and a 66% on Sunday at Regionals! Annie and Lyft have come so far!! Congratulations!

NEXT MEETING: November 9, at 7:00PM via Zoom.

Note that the December meeting will be held at Barb Nagle's home with a cookie exchange.