

# **DHD&CT MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

**April 11, 2024**

Attending: Barbara Nagle, Jackie White, Ann Hill, Rachel Nescio, Laurie Young, Cynthia Lord, Gloria Kanungo, Meghan Wolfram, Lindsey Rosado

MARCH MINUTES: Approved

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Official Treasurer's Report was not available. Barb reports that DHD "barely broke even" at March show due to low attendance but expenses still accrued for awards for all 26 classes and 8 high point awards. The club does make \$25.00/stall on rentals, however we are typically refunding stalls to approximately 6 volunteers for hours worked. Barb reported profit from February show was approximately \$1,000.00.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### *1. Feedback from Ask a Trainer Zoom Seminar*

The Zoom seminar was very helpful to those that attended, however only 4 members participated. Discussion ensued regarding how to increase participation and how to determine what our membership wants from the club. Ideas include in-person communication, such as a lunch meeting during the next horse show and direct phone calling. This will be discussed in-depth further in the minutes.

### *2. Feedback from March show*

Barb congratulated members on a great job running the March show smoothly!

Jackie reported the Saturday arena set up was well received by the set-up volunteers.

There was some difficulty in distributing high point prizes as competitors didn't go to office at end of day to pick up. Gloria stated only 2 of the 8 prizes were picked up. Barb will use PA at next show to communicate procedure for high point prize pick up.

Barb supplied statistics comparing 2023 to 2024 show entries. No conclusions were made regarding why February participation was so successful.

### *3. Membership Update*

One new member has registered.

### *4. Readiness for April Show*

Matt McLaughlin has committed to judge. Barb will ensure he returns contract.

Gloria reported sufficient awards and ribbons for the April show. She will do a final inventory when she gets full list of participants. Gloria has only been ordering 1st-3rd ribbons as needed. There are plenty of 4th-6th ribbons.

Jackie reports all major volunteer needs are covered. Barb stated Carly Wolf will scribe the entire day.

Set up day (Saturday or Sunday) will be determined by Heidi's preference of when she wants to bring arena.

Magnolia Sport Horse is sponsoring lunch. BBQ will be provided.

Start time is 9:00 am

It was suggested that a membership meeting be held during the lunch break at this show. The purpose would be to ask membership what activities they would like provided by the club and what impediments they have encountered to prevent participation in previous activities. Lunch and prizes (volunteer hats) will be provided. Barb will promote this via email and social media to garner more participation. It was suggested that Board members personally reach out to DHD members to encourage attendance.

### *5. Rider Performance Award Report*

One member has qualified for the Ruby Award and 2 members have qualified for the Sapphire Award. Barb notified the members.

Four additional members are very close to the Ruby award. Three of them have been made aware and referred to the description on the website.

It was agreed that participation is limited by the lack of awareness of the program on the part of members.

To address this lack of awareness, Meghan suggested displaying the awards at the show office at April show. Laurie will make a display box and Barb will make every effort to have samples of all three level awards available.

The awards include a lapel pin, patch and certificate. The lapel pins will be batch ordered as Barb already has the blank pins. The cost of the lapel pin is under \$10.00 each. This is offset by the application fee for the award of \$15.00. The Board agreed that the pins look great! Some tweaking with details is still in progress.

Barb will research sources and cost for the patches.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*1. March show results and volunteer tracking have been posted.*

*2. Plans for October Show*

Barb has asked members to think about options for October benefit show. Suggestions included:

- Ride-a-test format which would include one on one time with the judge. The class cost would be increased with limited availability. It was reported that this format has been very successful at other recent shows.
- Regular Show Format
- Freestyle only classes offered at all levels.
- Hybrid Show with limited Ride-a-Test times in addition to regular classes.

Barb asked members to report their thoughts at next meeting.

*2. Year End Recognition*

Committees (Banque and Awards) for this event will be commissioned at the May meeting.

## **BRAGS/REWARDS**

Members wish Annie well at WEC this weekend in her quest to qualify for 1<sup>st</sup> Level Freestyle at Regionals

Next meeting is May 9, 2024 at 7PM via Zoom