

DHD & CT BOD MEETING
November 14, 2024

ATTENDING: Barbara Nagle, Annie Vliegenhart, Krysta Wright, Laurie Young, Jackie White, Meghan Wolfgram, Ann Hill,, Rachel Nescio, Sonya Reed

OCTOBER MINUTES Approved

TREASURER'S REPORT Approved

Account balance is \$7889.

PayPal is \$149.45

Current Liability Policy appears to cover the October and January shows. The next payment for show liability coverage is not due until February.

OLD BUSINESS

Feedback from October Show

Feedback was positive. It was mentioned that one parent reported that their daughters were not permitted to ride the same pony in a leadline class. The Board agreed this would have been allowed. Sonya will reach out to the parent to clarify.

Most competitors and volunteers took advantage of the Day-of-Show only membership fee reduction to \$20.00. Barb noted that USDF increased the GMO membership fee to \$25 so the club will absorb the difference. The Board agreed to comp Heidi's membership.

2025 Show Series

Dressage Seat Equitation Class will require pre-registration as with all other classes. Class size will not be limited as pre-registration will allow time to schedule heats if necessary. The class will be free to all competitors and will be allowed in addition to three tests. The free DSE class will be heavily advertised in the show reminders.

Minimum number of rides to hold show will be addressed as season progresses and as need arises.

Horse Usage. Annie visited BEC for outreach and had very positive feedback. BEC requested that they be able to use lesson horses in up to 4 walk trot classes so more beginners can participate in show. The Board agreed, pending approval from USDF. Specifically, the Board approved 1 horse may be shown up to 4 rides by 4 different riders in the same WALK/TROT intro class only. Absolutely no canter classes will be allowed for horses shown 4 times.

Additional classes. BEC also requested consideration be given to bringing back classes geared toward "mature" riders, such as the Century Class, Fabulous Fifties, etc. The Board supports adding some of these types of classes-timeframe TBD.

Website Updates

Annie will be working on revamping and simplifying the website.

The Awards Page has been updated to inform competitors that the minimum score is required at 3 of the 4 shows to be eligible for Series year end awards.

All entries are now on-line only.

Meghan will post the "What's New in 2025" video where the Rider Performance Award ad is currently. All agreed it would be ideal to also keep the Rider Performance Award ad. Annie and Meghan will look into page set-up.

Holiday Party:

The Holiday Party/Bonfire/BBQ is scheduled for November 30, at 5:30 PM. The Club will purchase meat. Annie and Krysta will provide sides. Desserts will be pot-luck. Annie will send invite and get RSVP count.

NEW BUSINESS

Waiver Signature Requirements.

DHD will require a physical signature on the Waiver of Liability forms for riders and owners. If the owner is different from the rider, a separate form will be required of the owner. Digital signatures are not legally binding unless through an authorized vendor such as DocuSign. Annie will explore electronic signature vendors for 2026. The Show Secretary will ensure that participants and owners have signed a waiver. Waivers are valid for entire series but must be attached to each show entry.

Equipment

Storage. New storage is needed for the arena within the year. A lengthy discussion ensued about the feasibility of buying and insuring a trailer for both storage and for use as a judges stand. It was recommended that a "concession" type trailer with a side-window be considered and that the trailer be able to maneuver into the arena area while also being long enough to accommodate the 14' arena rails.

Clean arena/Broken Cones. The arena needs to be pressure washed, dried and repacked. Annie stated that BEC is looking for volunteer opportunities and she will coordinate with Lisa for arena cleaning.

Barb requested \$400.00 for 2 sets of 6 cones each (\$200/set) to replace 10-12 broken cones. Board approved \$400.00 to replace cones. Barb will coordinate cone replacement.

Cork Board replacement. Board approved \$50.00 for cork board replacement. Sonya will coordinate the work effort and purchase of materials.

Judges Stand. Barb presented a photo of the judges stand she and Chris created. The stand will be tested at the January show, after which, a decision will be made regarding buying a table. Currently, Annie's table is being used.

Proposal to Update DHD Logo

Annie requested \$250.00 for design of a new logo. Annie suggested DHD use both a full size logo and a smaller design for smaller items. The Board approved \$250.00 for logo design. Annie will coordinate.

Appointment of Volunteer Roles by 2025 President

Annie made the following appointments:

Show Manager: Krysta Wright

Show Secretary: Rachel Nescio

Volunteer Coordinator: Cindy Booska

Mail Chimp Manager: Annie Vliegenhart

Barb will forward revised Policies and Procedures to Cindy, Rachel, and Krysta. Barb will get volunteer spreadsheet to Cindy and will go over rules for year end awards with Cindy. Barb will go over Show Secretary items with Rachel.

dancinghorsesdressage.org Domain Emails

In an effort to facilitate DHD email communication the following will be implemented:

- Dancinghorsesdressage.org emails will not be forwarded to any individual email address
- Persons who need to utilize a .org email address will be informed of the password needed to access that mail box on the DHD email server

Plan for Soliciting Sponsors

Black Diamond Stable will purchase/sponsor all 1st-3rd place and high point series ribbons.

After an initial order, need for additional ribbons will be evaluated.

Additionally, Barb suggested a free photo from "Shotinthefog Photography" of the high point winner as a prize at the January show.

Rachel will be soliciting sponsors to purchase t-shirts and other branded merchandise to sell when the new logo is available. The sponsors' logos will also be included on the items. Suggestions included having all 2025 sponsors listed on back of t-shirt and direct order of shirts by customers. Meghan will meet with Rachel to share some companies that provide branded merchandise. Plans will be confirmed when logo is available.

Magnolia Sport Horse will sponsor lunch for the series.

Next meeting is December 12, 2024 at 7:00PM via zoom.