

Central Plains Dressage Society  
Meeting Minutes  
July 8, 2018  
On-line meeting via zoom.com

**Fun, Friendly, Forward**

The meeting was called to order by Chris Cashel at 5:02 p.m. A quorum was present.  
Present: Chris Cashel, Stacia Wert-Gray, Annie Houchin, Nancy Eytcheson, Janet Cagle, Robin Hessel, and Christina Harmon.

Minutes from the June meeting was moved to be approved by Janet Cagle, and seconded by Christina Harmon. Unanimous approval.

**Committee reports:**

**Breed Awards:** no report

**Membership:** Christina Harmon will write an article for the August newsletter about membership, after also updating the membership application on the website.

**Junior Camp:** Debriefed the camp, which only had four campers, and discussed pros and cons to holding another camp next year. As of now, there will be no junior camp unless a good number of people express interest.

**Education:**

-AGM/Adult Camp/Clinic August 24-26 with Melissa Creswick. Robin reported on the tentative schedule: Move in Friday, lessons Friday evening. Semi-private or group lessons on Saturday morning. Lunch, AGM, fashion show put on by Horse of Course, yoga classes, all at First Christian Church in Stillwater. Melissa to speak at AGM on "How Did I Get That Score?" Clinic Saturday evening and Sunday morning. 18-20 riders, semi-private lessons. \$350 includes 2 lessons with Melissa, food, stabling and all activities. Janet to send an email blast tomorrow, and post on website and Facebook as soon as possible, and weekly till the clinic.

-Janet Foy Symposium at VV, October 20-21, 2018. USDF National Education Initiative Grant for \$1000 already received. To be a clinic format on Friday, new test symposium on Saturday, lessons on Sunday, schedule to be finalized when Robin hears from Janet Foy about her schedule. Plans will be finalized in time for the August AGM.

**Working Equitation:** no report

**Awards:** Chris Cashel reported that Nancy Litsch is donating \$500 for awards. We are still looking for award ideas to go with the 40 grooming totes we have. Looking for a variety of items for both English and Western divisions.

-Everyone who is researching information should send it to Christina Harmon or Nancy Litsch who will gather it all and organize to present at the August meeting to finalize decisions.

**Fundraising:** No report

**New Business:**

-**USDF Award nominations** are due to USDF by mid-August, small club category. There is no general newsletter award, just awards for individual articles, program innovations for sponsored programs, and volunteer of the year. Discussed nominating the Freestyle Festival for the program innovation award, and several individuals for the volunteer of the year award. Suggested everyone to go into the USDF website to read the criteria, and Janet will start a chain letter to send to all of us to add our thoughts on volunteer nominations and rationale.

-**Volunteer awards** were discussed as a thank you at the end of the year. Chris Cashel will look for awards.

-**Board Nominations** were discussed and it was decided Chris Cashel would write an article for the newsletter looking for anyone interested in a board position or a committee of any one of a variety of topics. Do we have parents interested in forming a committee??

-**Program Evaluation:** Chris Cashel opened a discussion about evaluation all the programs we have run this first year to determine what works? What to keep? What to drop? Should we add anything new? Chris will send questions to the board for input on these to be able to report out at the AGM.

-**Show Schedule for next year:** To go out in August newsletter. Western Lite cannot be held 2 years in a row, so none next year. Will have 2 schooling shows in Jan and Feb that will be WDAA for points. Not enough attendance yet to have a recognized WDAA show. Janet Cagle will post on Facebook about the July Schooling Show

-**Region 9 wants show photos.** Stacia will send some, and ask Holly Luke and Nancy Spring for others

Next meeting is scheduled on August 12, 5:00 pm.

Janet Cagle made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Chris Cashel. All agreed, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.