

Central Plains Dressage Society

July 16, 2023 6:00pm via Zoom
Meeting Minutes

Member Present: Kim Beard, Christina Harmon, Robin Hessel, Annie Houchin-Eliot, Holly Luke, Kathy Maxwell, Janelle Williams, and Stacia Wert-Gray

Meeting called to order at 6:05 by Kathy Maxwell.

Minutes from the June 11, 2023 board meeting were approved. Motion by Christina Harmon and seconded by Holly Luke.

Financial Report: Stacia Wert-Gray reported a balance of \$9000.00 in accounts . There has been a \$6500.00 profit from shows this year. We have approximately \$2200.00 in ribbons to be order to finish the season.

Show Report: Stacia Wert-Gray reported:

- Recognized shows have been light this year, Western Lite Shows have been very popular, and the schooling shows have been the most profitable this year to date.
- Dates for the 2024 show season have been set and most of the judges are already hired.
- Summer Team Challenge Awards will be presented at our next show.
- There is a conflict with OSU opening football game and our Labor day Show so lodging may be difficult. Kim Beard is going to see if there are any members that would offer housing if needed for participants.

Membership: Annie Houchin-Eliot reported that there are currently 149 members in CPDS.

Communication:

- Janelle Williams reports that the website continues to generate both current and new traffic, mostly interested in our activities and shows. Facebook continues to be active and video clips or pictures cause a big increase in activity overall.
- Annie Houchin-Eliot will send out an e-blast with notifications of the cancellation of the Pancakes and Ponies Event,

Education:

Robin Hessel will head up our “Two Minute Tuesdays”. Two minutes or less that will hit our website and social media every Tuesday with something related to dressage and horses.

The following topics were suggested:

Stacia Wert-Gray- How to Complete your Horse Show Office Entry

What memberships do you need to compete at different shows?

Kathy Maxwell- How to call a test

Kim Beard- Different volunteer opportunities
Annie Houchin-Eliot- How to braid a thick mane
Christina Harmon- How the TD can help you
Is this equipment/pad legal?

Volunteers: Kim Beard will help secure volunteer housing for the fall shows that conflict with OSU Football/Homecoming

Old Business: After discussion among the board it was decided to cancel our Pancakes and Ponies Event scheduled for August 5th do to lack of interest and excessive heat.

New Business:

- Stacia Wert-Gray will put an add n the Region 9 Omnibus for the club
- Kathy Maxwell will submit a nomination for the GMO Website award.
- It was decided to move our Year End Awards to December 9th due to a conflict with the USDF Convention in Omaha.
- We discussed year end award ideas (halters, hay bags, garnet bags, polo wraps, Boot bags, 3/4 zip tops, or scrubs). Please sent links to any ideas to Stacia wert -Gray

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm. Motion by Stacia Wert-Gray and seconded by Janelle Williams.

Next Meeting Sunday August 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm via Zoom.