

Central Plains Dressage Society

Fun, Friendly, Forward

November 13, 2022 6:00 pm. Zoom

Meeting minutes

Members present: Kathy Maxwell, Christina Harmon, Holly Luke, Janelle Williams, Stacia Wert-Gray, Nancy Eytcheson, Kim Beard, Robin Hessel

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

Minutes from the October board meeting were approved. Motion by Janelle Williams and seconded by Holly Luke.

Financial Report: Stacia Wert -Gray reported that there is about \$4900 in the checking account. Ribbons are all paid for to get through spring shows, and about \$1000 was spent on year end awards. Need to purchase insurance for the coming year, and pay for the food for the Freestyle Festival.

Membership: Membership forms will be available at the Freestyle Festival. For an additional \$15, members who renew can get attendance at the New Test Symposium.

Education: Discussion of the Freestyle Festival and AGM on November 19 at Valley View.

*5 or 6 Freestyles are scheduled

*Discussion of livestreaming. Decision not to, but to video awards and dog parade and races

*Discussion of table set up needs for awards, Silent Auction, lunch (Holly Luke and Christina to bring tables)

*Discussion of dog events, costume parade, races and prizes. Nancy Litsch is organizing.

*Steve will pick up lunch at Da Vinci's at 11:15

*Discussion of AGM agenda, to include the 2023 show schedule, new test symposium, and a financial and membership report from Stacia.

*Silent auction: Janelle Williams will post pictures of the basket on line ahead of time for people to view. Discussed option of on-line bidding, decided not to. Discussion of holding back some baskets to auction or raffle off at another event such as the New Test Symposium and recognized shows.

New Test Symposium: December 10, 1:00-5:00 at Valley View with Jodi Lees. Discussed handouts, demo riders, Jodi's fees and plane fare. Need hot chocolate, cookies and snacks. Christina has a big urn for hot water for hot chocolate.

Show Report: Shows for 2022 are done! Stacia Wert-Gray will bring 2023 schedule handouts to the Festival. Discussion of entry fee increases for next year, and lowering the number of scores needed to qualify for Year End awards, as well as making the awards by rider rather than horse for people who show more than one horse. Stacia will prepare a proposal to present at the AGM.

Communications: Congratulations to Janelle Williams for our website being named an Honorable Mention for the USDF GMO website awards. Discussion of possible ways to improve it even more, including calendar items from other Region 9 events.

More news clips are needed. Janelle will be adding videos from Nationals in Lexington.

Volunteers: Congratulations to Kim Beard, the Region 9 Volunteer of the Year!

Kim reviewed the members on the volunteer list, looking for a bigger list of volunteers in order to reduce hours worked. Discussion of Amy Mullins Benevity donation. Kim reported that she has done the paperwork of the USDF volunteer awards, which will be distributed, along with thank you gifts, at the AGM.

New Business:

*Stacia Wert-Gray to begin working on judges for the 2024 show season

*Discussion of whether or not to continue the exhibitor receptions for next year if we can find a sponsor.

*Discussion of events at shows such as team challenges. Winter series challenges to encourage riders to compete at all the shows. Junior and AA competitions suggested.

*The club needs a Hospitality committee to arrange food trucks, exhibitor receptions, gifts for judges.

Adjourned at 7:20. Motion by Christina Harmon, seconded by Stacia Wert-Gray

Next meeting November 19, following Freestyle Festival and AGM