

## **Central Plains Dressage Society**

*Fun, Friendly, Forward*

January 9, 2022 6:00 pm. Zoom

### **Meeting minutes**

**Members present:** Janelle Williams, Kathy Maxwell, Robin Hessel, Lee Ann Alf, Annie Houchin, Stacia Wert-Gray, Christina Harmon, Nancy Eytcheson, and Kim Beard

Meeting called to order at 6:02 by Kathy Maxwell.

**Minutes** from the December board meeting were approved. Moved by Stacia Wert-Gray, seconded by Janelle Williams.

**Financial Report:** Stacia Wert -Gray reported that there is about \$3900 in the checking and PayPal accounts. Many thanks to Amy Mullins and her company who paid us a matching gift of \$849.

**Membership:** Annie Houchin reported that we have about 63 members, with an additional 4 more yet to submit. Stacia Wert-Gray has 8 more that she will send to Annie. Annie is working on a new spreadsheet with monthly tabs to keep track of memberships as they come in.

**Show Report:** Stacia Wert-Gray reported that all schooling shows this winter will use the new WDAA tests. All 3 shows will have Working Equitation, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> judge to do Ease of Handling.

\*All judges are booked for the show season

\*Annie Houchin to send an email blast and Facebook post about the January schooling show, with a reminder of the new WDAA tests.

**Communications:** We need to start publicizing the L program and the Judging with Jodi symposium.

\*Janelle Williams reported that there were 175 hits on the website in the last 30 days, half from mobile phones, half from desktops. She will post Floor Van Run's Touch of Dutch presentation and will track the hits.

\*Roberta Clark from ODS asked us to advertise events being held by ODS and Green Country. Discussion of creating a "related events" page on the website for these and other events that may be of interest to our members, including from Texas and Kansas. Discussed making sure ODS will reciprocate by posting our events as well.

**Newsletter:** Lee Ann Alf asked for a deadline soon for article submission. Suggested topics were discussed, including an article on awards this past season (Kathy Maxwell), photo downloads from Captivation (Janelle Williams), and Kim Beard's volunteer letter. Holly Luke will submit her article about her USDF grant, Robin with an article about Jodi Lees, and a bio of Floor Van Run with a summary of her Touch of Dutch.

### **Education:**

\*L Program in conjunction with ODS and KDEA was discussed. Each group would host one session, Sherry Guess to coordinate and be in charge of finances. The first session will be in May 21-22 in Tulsa, hosted by ODS, the second July 30-31, at Valley View, and the third in Wichita, hosted by KDEA, October 15-16. Profit from the first sessions will go to help pay for the second sessions, since there will be no auditors in second sessions.

\*New test symposium discussed, possibly in the fall.

\*Robin Hessel also led a discussion about the Judging 101 class with Jodi Lees on March 19, to be held at the OSU Wellness Center. We will provide snacks, and participants are on their own for lunch. 3 day clinic to be held on March 18, 20 and 21.

\*Discussion of Jr/YR activities for the summer. Perhaps a braiding workshop for juniors and/or adults.

\*Discussion of Nov 19 Freestyle Festival.

### **Old Business:**

\*Cavaletti Clinic - Christina Harmon working with Lauren Fisher to come up with dates.

\*Discussion of volunteer incentives. Lanyards are done, and Stacia is looking into pins

\*Board members all need SafeSport training.

**New Business:**

- \*Fundraising- Nancy Litsch will take over the Silent Auction next year.
- \*Discussion of Food Truck at shows, and the Saturday night awards celebrations.
- \*Discussion of the Pony Cup ribbon program. Christina Harmon to continue to get more information.
- \*Discussion of EMT and farrier at recognized shows.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:08. Janelle Williams moved to adjourn, Christina Harmon seconded. Approved.

Next meeting February 20, 6 pm via Zoom.