

Central Plains Dressage Society  
Meeting Minutes  
February 11, 2018  
Vallarta's Restaurant, Mannford, Oklahoma

**Fun, Friendly, Forward**

The meeting was called to order by Chris Cashel at 5:05 p.m. A quorum was present.  
Present: Chris Cashel, Stacia Wert-Gray, Annie Houchin, Nancy Eytcheson, Janet Cagle, Tamera Mayo, Robin Hessel, Nancy Litsch

Minutes from the January meeting were moved to be approved by Stacia Wert-Gray, and seconded by Chris Cashel. Unanimous approval. Janet Cagle will double check that the minutes have been posted on the CPDS website.

**Committee reports:**

**Membership:** Christina Harmon submitted in advance a report that we have 102 current members. Rosters have been submitted to USDF.

**Fund Raising:** Robin Hessel reported on the Facebook Competition. The first month awarded a browband, and in March Majic Tack is donating a \$25 gift certificate  
-Robin has been collecting sponsors, including a gift certificate from Jackson Jewelers to be used at the April show. Intention is to publish the business cards of our donors in the newsletters.  
-Annie Houchin will be researching a grant or sponsorships for the adult camp in August and for the Janet Foy symposium to make it not too expensive for participants.  
-Robin Hessel has an advertising idea of making a video to submit to Griffith Films who run channels 6 and 9. She will continue to research, to include finding a charity for the GMO to support.

**Awards:** Nancy Litsch brought a sample of the 40 canvas grooming carriers to use as end of year awards. Robin and Chris will see about a logo embroidered on them, or a patch created  
-Discussed what we could do to make the two championship shows in October special in order to attract out of state participants. Agreed on neck ribbons and belt buckles, and will consider other ideas.  
-Discussed helping out our show volunteers when they are working a long day by giving them more breaks and looking for more volunteers by calling for them in the newsblasts. Discussed an end of year thank you gift for all volunteers to be awarded at the November AGM.

**Newsletter:** Nancy Spring is doing a fantastic job on the newsletter! Tamera Mayo will resume the newsblast emails about two weeks after the newsletter comes out, as a reminder of upcoming activities and save the date announcements.

-Newsblasts will be sent out via Mailchimp to all members and people who have signed up for the newsletter, in order to be able to do analysis of how many people read it, how many readers then went to the website, etc. Tamera will send the newsblast to Janet Cagle, who will put it on Mailchimp for distribution.

-Article from a board member for the March newsletter will be written by Stacia Wert-Gray, probably on what memberships are needed from different organizations for showing this upcoming year.

-Stacia and Chris Cashel have written an article on our new GMO to be submitted to USDF. After it is published it will be reprinted in our newsletter.

**Working Equitation:** Tamera Mayo asked for certificate of insurance for the B rated show set for Sheridan Stables on June 9. Stacia Wert-Gray will provide.

-Plans were discussed to streamline the set up and clean up of WE equipment at upcoming shows.

**Treasurer:** Stacia Wert-Gray reported that there is about \$3200 in the account. We owe \$2000 for the porta potties for the year and \$1000 for insurance. Hoping to generate about \$2000 at the February show since there are 90 rides scheduled.

**Education:** Wellness Spa Day planned in conjunction with the March 31 show. Free lunch to be provided for owners who participate in services. Stations to be available include: shots, Coggins tests, dental services, chiropractic, acupuncture, saddle fitting, cranial adjustments, and a water treadmill. Robin Hessel is coordinating and scheduling.

-Annie Houchin is working on the Janet Foy New Test Symposium. Plan now is to charge auditors, but have lunch be included, and to have no charge to demonstration riders.

-Janet Cagle will be doing a Goal Setting workshop at Valley View on February 24. Discussed format and food.

**Items for discussion:**

-Stacia Wert-Gray asked for a discussion on having Breeders Challenge in hand and under saddle classes at shows in September and October to allow horses to qualify for Region 9 championships. If there is a Breeders Challenge at regionals, we will consider.

-Arab show has been scheduled for Sunday, May 14, with Ryan Bell "r" from Atlanta as judge.

-Discussed a policy on horses coming in to show who are showing signs of illness such as stranglers. They will need to be separated from all other horses in an emergency isolation stall.

- Summer AGM will be scheduled in conjunction with the adult camp in August, hopefully with Melissa Creswick.
- End of year AGM, awards and freestyle fiesta is scheduled for November 17.
- Discussed having a professional's page on the website, free as long as they are members. Links will be added to other GMOs.
- Discussed policies related to new activities to be added to the schedule, in order not to saturate the market. Decided to take them case by case in order to avoid calendar conflicts and overload.
- Discussed "Barn Angels" program, young riders to help competitors unload, groom, feed, etc. at shows in order to earn tips for their Junior Camp in June. Will make lanyards for the kids to wear, a sign at the check in table to advertise, and will need an adult to supervise and explain the program to competitors as they arrive.
- Discussed signs needed for competitors to remind them not to dump water in stalls as they leave, and to put hay out by the manure truck rather than leave it in the stalls.

No executive session was called.

Janet Cagle made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Nancy Litsch. All agreed, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.