

**Central Plains Dressage Society**

*Fun, Friendly, Forward*

December 19, 2021 6:00 pm. Zoom

Meeting minutes

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

Meeting called to order at 6:04 :by Kathy Maxwell.

**Minutes** from the November AGM meeting were approved. Moved by Christina Harmon, seconded by Annie Houchin. Minutes from the November Board Meeting were approved. Moved by Annie Houchin and seconded by Holly Luke.

**Financial Report:** Stacia Wert -Gray reported that there is about \$2700 in the account, with insurance for 2022 paid, and ribbons in hand for shows through June.

**Membership:** Annie Houchin reported that we have about 41 members, with an email blast encouraging renewals to go out after the holidays. If riders want to compete at Regionals, the rider and owner my be participating members of USDF. If competitors join more than one *GMO*, some fees are waived. Annie will attach the form to the email blast.

**Safe Sport:** USEF members on the board must complete Safe Sport. Reminders for competitors to go out in an email blast

**Show Report:** Stacia Wert-Gray reported that all schooling shows this winter will use the new tests. The show schedule on her website is accurate. 5 Western Dressage Lite shows this year, and possible will be added to the State Fair show.

\*Championships this year: Schooling Show October 22, and WD Lite on October 23, with Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez. Recognized Show Championships on October 29, and another day of recognized show on October 30 with Jodi Lees.

\*All recognized shows this year will be 2 days. The October shows will be qualifying for USDF 2023, and for CPDS 2022,

\*Still looking for a judge for the February 2022 schooling show.

\*Discussion of adding pony classes, and qualifying for Pony Cup awards. Christina Harmon to investigate. Holly Luke will research awards for other breeds.

\*AQHA dressage program costs \$50 per recognized show, and the judges all must be members. Janelle Williams will research.

\*Working Equitation was discussed. Stacia will contact Tamera Mayo to see if it is viable for this coming show season.

**Communications:** Annie Houchin will send an email blast the first week of January, so send her ideas.

**Newsletter:** Lee Ann Alf asked for a deadline of January 10 for article submission. Suggested topics were discussed.

### **Education:**

\*L Program in conjunction with ODS and KDEA was discussed. Each group would host one session, Sherry Guess to coordinate. The first session will be in May, the second July 30-31, at Valley View, and the third in Wichita, date TBD. Robin Hessel will write an article for the newsletter.

\*Robin also led a discussion about the Judging 101 class with Jodi Lees on March 19. An article by Robin will be in the newsletter with more details.

\*Jr/YR symposium January 8, 11 am, was discussed, A Touch of Dutch, in a Zoom format.

### **Old Business:**

\*Freestyle festival participation and feedback were very positive, and the year end awards went well. Positive response to having Captivation Photography there. The dog parade and races were well received and had high participation.

\*Thanks to Nancy Eytcheson for sending thank you notes to follow up Silent Auction.

### **New Business:**

\*Kim Beard will take over as Volunteer Coordinator. She will work with Chris Cashel for contact information and ease of transition.

\*Discussion of volunteer incentive program. Lanyards for volunteers, service pins, and possibly discounting show fees for volunteers and number of hours required

also discussed. Kim Beard said that tracking volunteer hours with a spreadsheet would not be too difficult.

\*Discussed Separating schooling vs recognized shows for financial reports. Stacia Wert - Gray explained that because often our members pay for multiple events with one payment, this would be difficult.

\*Discussed possibly hosting a new test symposium in the fall.

\*Discussed holding a Cavaletti Clinic in the East with Lauren Fisher. There seems to be a lot of interest, so Christina Harmon will work with Lauren to verify cost and options for group lessons.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15. Holly Luke moved to adjourn, Stacia Wert-Gray seconded. Approved.

Next meeting January 9, 6 pm via Zoom.