

Central Plains Dressage Society

Meeting Minutes April 7, 2024 **by Zoom**

Members Present: Chris Cashel, Janelle Williams, Barbara Brockhaus, Stacia Wert-Gray, Robin Hessel, Nora Wert, Beth Wallo

Called to order at 6:00pm by Chris Cashel

Minutes: Presented by Beth Wallo/Barbara Brockhaus. Motion to approve by Chris, second by Nora. Approved unanimously

Financial Report March 9th Schooling Show Revenue was around 3,500. April 6th Western Dressage Lite Show Revenue was around 1,000. The April 13th show is projected to generate 1,000. The April 20th-21st recognized show is slow to fill.

Membership: 132 members

Communication: Facebook reached 1,162 people in the last 28 days people. There were 500 likes for High Point, 100 views for 2-Minute Tuesdays, 525 views for Chris' Century Ride.

Education:

Show Report:

- Artist from spa day has provided note cards to be used for schooling and recognized show prizes (pre-paid awards).
- Many people joined CPDS at the April 6th Recognized Western Dressage Lite Show because of prizes, (e.g., belt buckles).
- Judges for 2025 were discussed: Dolly Hanson is booked for October. Jodi Ely has been given four dates to choose from and will be getting back to us about scheduling.
- More discussion is needed regarding the April show because of its proximity to the ODS show.
- Janelle suggested doing away with the Judge's monitor because it impedes judge's visibility of the arena; the removal of the judge's monitor was approved unanimously.
- Only the Western Dressage Lite Show will take place on Mother's Day weekend.

Old Business: Reminder signs will not be needed for social March 23rd.

New Business:

- Chris discussed the recent issue regarding unruly horses/riders at the schooling shows; CPDS could be liable, so we need to establish rules for how to deal with the safety issues posed by these situations. We discussed possible verbiage for these rules, and the following **working** statement was posed: “Any horse/rider creating an unsafe situation may be asked to leave the show premises by the show manager or facility property manager.”
- Stacia proposed extending Western Dressage Lite Shows to two days.

Adjourned at 6:28pm