

Central Plains Dressage Society

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Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2018

Vallarta's Restaurant, Mannford, Oklahoma

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, Robin Hessel, Christina Harmon. Guest: Bud Patterson, dad of Chloe Patterson.

Minutes from the February meeting were moved to be approved by Stacia Wert-Gray, and seconded by Chris Cashel. Unanimous approval.

Committee reports:

Membership: Christina Harmon reported that we have 116 current members submitted, with six more from the last show to add. We are close to our goal!

Fund Raising: Suggestion was made to offer embroidered CPDS pads and shirts in an online store on the website. Stacia will work on creating a PayPal account for this as well as for online show entries.

-Discussion about other feed suppliers for show sponsorships, including the Mill, and asking Atwoods again for water for the summer shows.

Newsletter: Question: who volunteered to write the welcome letter for the April newsletter?

(The following is copied from the January minutes regarding the newsletter:

April: Robin Hessel

May: Annie Houchin

June: Chris Cashel

July: Nancy Eytcheson to write on successfully showing a quarter horse in dressage

August: Nancy Litsch

September: Robin Hessel and Kari Nichols

October: Christina Harmon to write on membership

November: Chris Cashel to write about wrapping up the season)

-USDF E Publications is looking for human interest stories

Treasurer: Stacia Wert-Gray reported that there is \$4,257.39 in the account. She gave a detailed profit and loss report as well as notes on the financials with typical expenses we will encounter this year.

-Rider Relief fund has \$32, and will be sent out at the end of the month.

-PayPal will be set up by Stacia Wert-Gray and Janet Cagle

Education: Wellness Spa Day planned in conjunction with the March 31 show.

-Parents and Partners meeting scheduled for April 16 at the Hideaway in Stillwater.
Four entries have already been received.

Working Equitation: no report

Awards: no report

Old Business:

-Stacia Wert-Gray reported that the previously discussed Breeders Championship for Region 9 probably not going to happen because we are in a different region for breeders
-Summer AGM is scheduled in conjunction with the adult camp on August 25 with Melissa Creswick.

-Discussed the Junior Camp on June 16. Annie Houchin has applied for a grant to help reduce costs for participants. Bud Patterson suggested contacting Dr. Cooper at OSU about a sponsorship. Trainers are being asked to volunteer to do a session, mounted or unmounted, meals and tee shirts to be provided to the kids. Suggested topics were discussed: Vaulting on Friday evening, Braiding, Groundwork, How to Become a Rider on the OSU team, Conformation, Constellations, and Fire Starting. Discussed a schedule, including one event on Friday evening, sessions all day Saturday, a riding test and an oral test on Sunday before the kids leave at noon (it's Fathers Day). Discussed options for food, including Robin Hessel asking Marta of Spot On if she is interested in catering. Can we ask parents to come the day before to help set up? How will we address kids with food allergies?

-Discussed "Barn Angels" program, with a launch plan for the April Recognized Show. Kids probably need to not be showing in order to have time to participate.

Items for discussion:

Bud Patterson had some ideas for CPDS to share:

-Grants are available in Oklahoma for us to explore, for example, education and enrichment programs for autistic kids, and from the VA for programs for PTSD victims

-A booth at the Home and Garden Show and at the County Fair to spread the word about us, manned by parents. Booths are at a reduced price if you are a non-profit

-Fund-raising – kids could sell food at shows paid as a donation so that a food handlers license is not required.

-Could we do an informational video blog, on a program such as Sun Up?

-Could we take a horse to FFA meetings or to science classes at schools?

-Could we partner with breed organizations? Scholarships are often available. Tie in to year end awards, which might draw donations. Discussed that this

would be a good long range project, perhaps to start next year, since our non-profit status is still unconfirmed for now. In the meantime, could we set up an escrow account to be applied when we are ready to start this program?

- Establish a youth board, with a representative to attend CPDS board meetings.
- Contact Tom Sturgeon, AQHA judge, dad of Tyler, to help on a number of fronts

No executive session was called.

Next meeting is scheduled on April 8, 5:00 pm. at Vallartas Restaurant in Mannford.

Janet Cagle made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Christina Harmon. All agreed, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.