

Central Plains Dressage Society

**Fun, Friendly, Forward**

Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2018

Vallarta's Restaurant, Mannford, Oklahoma

The meeting was called to order by Chris Cashel at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

Present: Chris Cashel, Stacia Wert-Gray, Annie Houchin, Nancy Eytcheson, Christina Harmon, Janet Cagle, Tamera Mayo, Robin Hessel, Kari Nichols.

Minutes from the November 4 meeting were moved to be approved by Stacia Wert-Gray, and seconded by Tamera Mayo. Unanimous approval.

Committee reports:

Membership: Christina Harmon reported that we have over 70 current members and we expect to meet our membership goal.

Website: Janet Cagle and Stacia Wert-Gray reported the website is being updated to ensure accuracy and a plan is in place to add more pictures regularly.

-Whenever an update is posted on the website, it will send an email automatically.

-Plans to add an Instagram account for more CPDS pictures. Kari Nichols will coordinate.

Friends of Central Plains: Kansas and Arkansas GMOs will be sending their schedules for our website

-Scores from their shows will count towards our championships

-They may donate sponsorships

Awards: Chris Cashel plans to re-establish the Perfect Score award plaque

-All agreed that the more we publicize successes of all types, the more motivated people will be.

-Based on ideas from Janet Cagle's goal workshop in January, we would like to begin a Goal Getters award, inspired by the HEART program in Austin and KC. Janet and Nancy Eytcheson will work on this new committee, and on a new goal setting workshop in the Stillwater area. Visit the USDF/education/Heart website for ideas.

Newsletter: Agreed to rotate monthly the author of the opening statement for the newsletter

February: Janet Cagle to write about goals

March: Stacia Wert-Gray to write on prepping for show season

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

Working Equitation: Tamera Mayo proposed schooling WE shows as part of the winter series of schooling shows, and the problems with securing L judges.

- B rated shows proposed for June 9-10 (Rebecca Algar judge) and September 22-23 (Doreen Atkinson judge)
- Education- Clinics will be added if there is an L judge for March, and probably for the B shows
- Ease of Handling workshop scheduled for September 8
- Proposed budget for the June B rated show was presented.

Treasurer: Stacia Wert-Gray purchased \$1300 of ribbons to last most of the year

- Insurance (about \$2000) and Porta Potty payments will be spread out over the year
- We expect to make about \$500 at the January schooling show.

Education: Nancy Eytcheson and Janet Cagle to chair

- Janet to host another goals workshop in the Stillwater area
- Unmounted workshops: Chris Cashel to coordinate a "Partners in Dressage" workshop for parents on how to be supportive during a show
- Christina Harmon will coordinate a workshop on trailer safety.

Items for discussion:

Discussed a new policy to hire judges for schooling shows who may not be L judges as long as they have been preapproved by the board. These judges will be listed on the website. Scores will count toward EOY awards.

Meeting schedule for 2018 will be proposed by Chris Cashel, essentially the second Sunday of each month

Establish a trainers page on the website for members who are professionals (shoers, vets, tack, boarding, other services as well as training) Propose continuing this discussion later in regard to creating classified ads, etc.

No executive session was called.

Nancy Eytcheson made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Chris Cashel. All agreed, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.