

Central Plains Dressage Society

Fun, Friendly, Forward

September 10, 2023 6:00 pm. Zoom

Meeting minutes

Members present: Kathy Maxwell, Stacia Wert-Gray, Robin Hessel, Kim Beard, Janelle Williams, Holly Luke, and guest Beth Wallo.

Meeting called to order at 6:07 by Kathy Maxwell.

Minutes from the August board meeting were approved . Motion by Kim Beard and seconded by Stacia Wert-Gray.

Financial Report: Stacia Wert -Gray reported that we have \$6,000.00 in our accounts with approximately \$1500.00 expected income and \$1500.00 that has already been spent on ribbons.

Membership: Stacia Wert=Gray reported that we have one more membership to add for the year for a total of 152 members.

Show Report: Stacia Wert-Gray reported that there are 5 1/2 to 6 hours of ride times currently scheduled for the State Fair Show scheduled for September 19th at the OKC Fairgrounds.

Communication: No report at this time.

Website: Janelle Williams reported that the Two Minute Tuesday videos have increased unique visits to the website by 42% this month. Region 9 Director, Bess Bruton, has contacted Janelle to use those videos on the Regional Website. Please continue to submit clips to Janelle to be added as needed.

Education: Robin Hessel suggested hosting an Educational Spa Day on March 2, 2024. The purpose would be to connect local equine professionals with our members to let them know about the services they offer and to provide an opportunity to access those services in one location. A preliminary list of services recommended are veterinarian, equine osteopath, equine dentist, acupuncturist, saddle fitter, tack store, trailer safety, body clipping, herbalist, presentation on bits, lunging, bathing, and blanket cleaning and repair.

Volunteers: Kim Beard is working on a list of volunteers for the year for our Volunteer Recognition. She will schedule volunteers for the Championships Shows in October as the time gets closer.

Old Business:

We discussed the Freestyle Festival and Year End Awards scheduled for December 9, 2023. Stacia Wert-Gray will do an inventory of items that we have left to use. Robin Hessel has some mounting blocks that could also be used and she will get a count on those. Items suggested for possible Championship and Reserve were polo shirts and key chains. Kathy Maxwell will order food from DaVinci's for the event.

Stacia Wert-Gray is coordinating the Silent Auction. Please start contacting the barns and businesses you are associated with to solicit donations.

New Business: Discussed incoming candidates for the Board positions. A short bio will be submitted by November 1, 2023 so it can be published prior to the December 9, 2023 General Membership meeting.

Adjourned at 7:11. Motion by Stacia Wert-Gray, seconded by Kathy Maxwell.

Next meeting October 8, 2023 at 6 p.m. on Zoom.