

Central Plains Dressage Society

Fun, Friendly, and Forward

Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2020 Zoom meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chris Cashel at 5:00 pm. Chris Cashel, Nancy Eytcheson, Robin Hessel, Annie Houchin, Janelle Williams, Stacia Wert-Gray, Amy Mullins, Christina Harmon, Lee Ann Alf, and Kathy Maxwell were present.

The minutes from the July meeting were approved. Motion made by Kathy Maxwell, and seconded by Stacia Wert-Gray Passed.

Committee reports:

Treasurer

* Stacia Wert-Gray reported that there is about \$316 in the bank account. We did the renewals for six 2021 shows, \$900. The August show should make about \$1000, which will be used for Year End awards. Will run a 50/50 Guess Your Score at the August show.

Membership

*Christina Harmon reported that the timeframe for memberships for 2020 has ended, and the 2021 application is being formatted. All new memberships will be applied to 2021 from now on.

Shows

*Entries are coming in for the Lilo Fore show. East schooling shows Sept. 26 and Oct. 17. Sept 19 schooling show west to replace the State Fair show. Lee Ann Alf to put into the newsletter, and email blast from Annie Houchin to advertise.

Newsletter

*Lee Ann Alf will be sending the newsletter out this week.

New Business

* Board positions- Discussion of nominations coming up. Kathy Maxwell agreed to be chair of the nominations committee. Elections will be held at the November AGM

* Region 9 meeting- Chris Cashel reported on the meeting, which was held on line. Most of the junior competitions have been canceled, and at Regionals, there will be no banquet, no silent auction, and there are many concerns for judge safety, and worries about Texas in general, with a possible 14 day quarantine for out of state travel. Some shows in the region are adding a Covid surcharge to cover the costs of additional protocols.

*Covid at Central Plains- The USEF letter regarding safeguards and protocols has been reposted on line by Janelle Williams. Our cleaning and sanitizer supplies are okay for now for our shows. Oklahoma is currently okay so far for in/out of state travel. There is a concern of what may happen when OSU and local schools begin. For now, our state sporting venue protocols are in place, but things are still uncertain with the state and with USEF.

*Fundraising- discussion of requesting donations on line, and Lee Ann Alf will add a note in the newsletter to ask for donations.

*VS Virus- No news in Oklahoma. Competitors coming from areas with known cases still will need a same day blood draw in order to come on the showgrounds.

*Year End Awards- We still have prizes and ribbons left over from last year. Scores to qualify will not be lowered due to canceled shows. At our September meeting we will discuss how to award prizes to winners of multiple awards.

*Year End Team Award proposal- Robin Hessel suggested a prize sponsored perhaps by Purina or Nutrena for example. Discussion of how to compose teams, nominate and qualify for schooling show championship and recognized championship shows. Will discuss again for the 2021.

*Live Streaming Changes- Discussion of pros and cons of moving to a different streaming platform, Twitch. Amy Mullins moved that we would try it out at the January schooling show, seconded by Janelle Williams. Passed. Will discuss again in September as more information is gathered.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 pm. Motion to adjourn was made by Annie Houchin, seconded by Chris Cashel. Passed.

The next meeting is via Zoom on September 13, at 5 p.m.