

Central Plains Dressage Society

Fun, Friendly, Forward

Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2018

5519 York Road, Stillwater, Valley View Equestrian Center

The meeting was called to order by Chris Cashel at 5:20. A quorum was present.

Present: Chris Cashel, Stacia Wert-Gray, Annie Houchin, Nancy Eytcheson, Amy Mullins, Robin Hessel, Christina Harmon, Bud Patterson, Chloe Patterson

Minutes from November AGM and board meeting were approved. Motion made by Annie Houchin, seconded by Christina Harmon. Unanimous approval.

Committee reports:

Treasurer

-Stacia Wert Gray reported that the current bank balance is \$2196. A full report on the 2018 Profit and Loss for CPDS will be available on the CPDS website.

-The 503(c)(3) has been approved. Amy Mullins will add the information with numbers and W-9 to the website, and Stacia will update the Horse Show Consulting website.

Membership

-Christina Harmon reported that in addition to a good start on renewals, we have 23 NEW members. She is working on some challenges with the membership application online. Stacia Wert Gray and Amy Mullins will be helping out with clarifying the directions and links.

-Bud Patterson suggested investigating having a booth at the Payne County Home and Garden shows and County Fair to promote membership and generating interest in the sport.

-Creation of a new member packet was discussed as well as what to include. Addresses and directions to show and clinic locations, maps of amenities at show facilities (such as restrooms, water, office, etc), list of member professionals with contact information, board members and contact information, and possibly articles that will also be in the newsletter, such as "What to Expect at Your First Horse Show" and "How Volunteering Will Help You Learn How to Show."

Awards

-In response to member requests, the Year End Awards Program has been changed. Stacia Wert Gray gave a report on the changes, which include:

*Awards are now based on a median percentage of the top seven scores in each category, rather than using accumulated points.

*Categories include recognized Dressage shows, recognized Western Dressage shows, east area schooling shows, and west area schooling shows.

*Scores are only to be earned at CPDS shows by CPDS members, although scores earned before becoming a member will count as long as the rider earns the scores by the new April 1st deadline.

*A minimum overall median score of 57% is required to earn a CPDS year end award

-Christina Harmon will again pursue breed awards, and Stacia Wert Gray will write an article for the newsletter on the AQHA point program already in place

Shows

-A full list of all the divisions in each category of show, as well as a full show calendar will be available on the Horse Show Consulting website as well as the CPDS website.

-Increasing the number of volunteers at our shows was discussed. Annie Houchin suggested a volunteer training day would be helpful as well as fun. Amy Mullins will get requests for volunteers on the CPDS website and a link to Horse Show Consulting entries. Places to request volunteers was discussed, including 4H, Girl Scouts, Block and Bridle, homeschoolers with a volunteer component in their program, and people requiring community service hours from the DA's office.

-Annie Houchin will coordinate a volunteer training day for the East, and Chris Cashel will coordinate for the West.

Newsletter

-Articles suggested include "What to Expect at Your First Show" (Nancy E), and "How Volunteering Will Help You Learn to Show," "What CPDS Can Do for You, and What You Can Do for CPDS," a recurring monthly article on Horse Health Tips and ordering information for club logo clothing.

New Business

-Discussion about judges' qualifications at schooling shows. Janelle Williams, Deryn Stewart, and Robin Hessel volunteer their time for the first three schooling shows. Janelle Williams is the only one not yet an "L" judge, but she is a FEI rider, and has donated her time for over ten years as a schooling show judge. A motion was made to grandfather Janelle as a volunteer schooling show judge, and to require all other schooling show judges to be "L" judges, by Chris Cashel and seconded by Amy Mullins. Unanimous approval.

-Chris Cashel will investigate a CPDS window decal with the Fun-Friendly-Forward logo.

-CPR training days were discussed. Chris Cashel will look into.

- AGM changes were discussed, including moving the Freestyle Festival (Dinner and Dancing Under the Stars) to a summer date, inviting the community to view. Winter AGM and catered End of Year Awards to be held at the Church in Stillwater where the

Summer meeting was held. Bud Patterson volunteered to be auctioneer for fund raiser donations.

Improvements and Changes for 2019

Areas discussed included:

- *AGMs
- *Awards
- *Shows, including Working Equitation
- *Summer Camp activities and format
- *Communications on the websites, Facebook, and the newsletter, to include a suggestion box
- *Newsletter article submissions to Nancy Spring need to be in for publishing the first week of the month
- *Board meetings: Amy Mullins will create a new Zoom account or something similar. It was decided to try to have a face to face meeting every three months. Meetings will be scheduled approximately on a 2nd Sunday of each month.

Chris will send out a new meeting schedule.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by Nancy Eytcheson, seconded by Chris Cashel. Unanimous approval.