

## **Central Plains Dressage Society**

May 7, 2023 6:00pm via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

**Member Present:** Stacia Wert-Gray, Annie Houchin-Eliot, Janelle Williams, Robin Hessel, Kim Beard, and Kathy Maxwell

Meeting called to order at 6:04 by Kathy Maxwell.

**Minutes** from the April 2, 2023 board meeting were approved. Motion by Stacia Wert-Gray and seconded by Annie Houchin-Eliot.

**Financial Report:** Stacia Wert-Gray reported a balance of \$12,691.00 combined in checking and Paypal accounts.

**Show Report:** Stacia Wert-Gray reported:

- Recognized Shows have been light but the Western Lite Shows have been extremely popular.
- Additional Classical schooling show dates have been added to avoid conflicts with Western Dressage Lite Shows (May 20, 2023 and June 11, 2023)
- Trail Classes are being added to the Classical Dressage Schooling Show dates in collaboration with Holly Huffaker. Holly will offer introduction to trail clinic on Friday before the show. Cost for the class will be \$40.00 and that fee will be split 50/50 between the club and Holly.
- Will continue to use take out food for shows at no charge to competitors.

**Membership:** Annie Houchin-Eliot reported that there are currently 137 members in CPDS and Stacia Wert-Gray reports that there are 7 more to be entered after the recent show.

**Communication:**

- Janelle Williams reports that the website had 62% of all visits from new users and 38% return visitors. The most visited areas are the events and award pages.
- Janelle Williams also reports the Spaces App is up and running with moderate usage highest among our younger members.
- Annie Houchin-Eliot will send out an e-blast with notifications of upcoming shows, the addition of the Trail Classes, and a "Save the Date" for Pancakes and Ponies August 5, 2023.

**Education:** Robin Hessel will organize an education portion to the Pancakes and Ponies Fun Day on August 5, 2023 to include such topics as; entering a show, how to analyze your score sheet, how to call a test, and what the volunteer positions involve.

**Volunteers:** Kim Beard reports that she has been able to get coverage for the shows. She will organize the volunteer information for the Pancakes and Ponies and set up potential volunteers with seasoned workers at shows as needed.

**Old Business;** Our August 5, 2023 Fun day was brainstormed to be an early day event with Pancakes being served for breakfast. Janelle Williams says she had 2 large griddles. Education component as described under education. Opportunity for members/guests to perform Freestyles. Games for youth and adults as time allows.

**New Business:**

- Summer Series Challenge will include the May, June, and July Schooling Shows. Stacia Wert-Gray said she has an individual offer to sponsor prizes for the winning team.
- Annie Houchin-Eliot will be attending an event with a sport's psychologist and will provide that information when she returns.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm. Motion by Stacia Wert-Gray and seconded by Annie Houchin-Eliot.

Next Meeting Sunday June 11, 2023 at 6:00 pm via Zoom.