

Oregon Dressage Society

January 10, 11, 2009

Board and Officer Retreat Silver Falls Conference Center OFFICIAL MINUTES

Present

Regina Agren
Patty Armstrong
Siobhan Barker
Kim Barker
Katharine Darneille
Sarah Diebert
Micki Evans
Francy Haupt
June Horkey
Linda Lindus
Holli Lyons
Gaye McCabe
LouAnne McKown
Edwin Miller
Rose Miller
Corinne Stonier
Sally Temple
Donna Thayer
Marsha Williams

ODS Retreat - Strategic Plan

Ed Miller and Donna Thayer prepared and developed a presentation and work session to help develop an ODS Strategic Plan. The information developed in these sessions will be collated and will help to formalize ODS' Strategic Plan.

Survey results were discussed and helpful for developing a strategic plan.

Communication difficulties were mentioned frequently in the survey, and the decision was made by members at the retreat to establish an email chat group for Chapter Presidents.

ODS Board Meeting

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Marsha Williams at 10:30.

Minutes:

Minutes were approved after amending ODS Awards Fee.

\$1.00 per ride down centerline.

Siobhan made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Franci seconded. Passed.

Agenda:

Siobhan made a motion to approve the agenda. Franci seconded. Passed.

Correspondence:

Marsha will answer the correspondence by email.

Office Manager's Report:

Omnibus

The Omnibus is at the printers and will be mailed in a week, along with the test booklet. Entries will be found on line.

Corinne recommended that shows should be paying more next year to be included in the Omnibus as printing costs have increased. Because the test booklet will be included, postage may be a little less.

Publications committee will look at the future of the Omnibus and will make recommendations at the next board meeting.

Membership

There were some concerns expressed about attracting new members and keeping them. Siobhan offered to go through the list of members who did not renew and find out why.

Insurance

We have the same policy, and all of the chapters have been billed for their part of the insurance payment.

Computer

Purchase of a computer and software is in the works.

Thank You

Thank you to Siobhan for helping to stuff and mail membership cards.

Rose helps often and had US Bank pay for one day of office help as a volunteer.

Sally contacted all of the chapters to check on 2009 officers.

Financial Report

ODS has paid off the Capital Campaign for the USDF National Education Center.

Committee Reports

Region 6.

Report from Donna Longacre. USDF has some tough decisions to make in regards to budget. Contact Donna with any concerns.

Education

Francy is in the planning stage for a Balimo Body Work clinic.

Expenses for this will come to \$2450.00 plus advertising. We would need 8 riders and 45 auditors.

Some discussion followed about using local people for body awareness activities.

There was discussion about marketing outside of dressage.

Francy offered to explore this further.

Gaye suggested that we could apply for a Region 6 Educational Grant.

Francy volunteered to help organize the library on line.

We need to develop a policy for the purchase of materials for the library.

It will probably be 2010 before the next L program.

Championship Show

The Championship Show will be September 11-13. Judges have been contracted.

Secretary and the Manager of the show are in place. The committee is looking for a person to head up the banquet and also someone to do the awards.

There was some discussion about the contract with Devonwood.

Old Business/New Business

Awards Program

Rose presented that a horse/rider combination could declare their intent for awards at the beginning of the year before the rides have occurred. Awards committee was charged with bringing specific proposals to the next board meeting.

Sporthorse Show

Show will be held in Boring, OR. No communication has happened to date. The show is not in the Omnibus. Barbara Funk stated that she will support the show. Gaye moved that we support the Sporthorse show. Passed.

Collegiate Dressage Program

Gaye said it would be up to colleges to recognize students' participation. Costs would be managed through the youth program. Riders would have to be ODS members. Francy made a motion that Gaye pursue this program. Sally seconded.

Passed.

Office Review

At this time general members were excused so that the Board of Directors and Directors at Large could discuss an Office Review.

The Board recommended that the office position be increased to ¾ time and that the title of the position be changed to Executive Director.

Some discussion followed about the need for ODS to have a budget.

Also some discussion followed about insuring the ODS computer/software.

Adjourn

Siobhan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30.