

The Region 9 Director, Bess Reineman, called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. on Thursday, December 3, 2009.

Those present included Sue Malone Casey, DDC; Sally Chionsini, BACH; Douglas Christensen, ADA; Leslie Cummings, HDS; Joan Darnell, DDC; Teresa Deeter, FWDC; Cindy Dix, ADA; Cean Embrey, ADU; Laura Freeman, SEDA; Sherry Guess, ODS; Susan Howard, CTDS; Jen Jarvis, CTDS; Paul Kathen, HDS; Anne Kuhns, ODS; Marilyn Kulifay, HDS; Kathryn Kyle, PM; Bruce Lawrie, DDC; Sarah Jane Martin, PM; Donna Meyer, BACH; Marie Morgan, HDS; Marsha Murray, TSDS; Kassidy Peacock, HDS; Linda Powell, ODS; Elizabeth Rice, MSED; Mary Alice Ruleman; Christy Sanantonio, SEDA; Renee Smola, LEDA; Evie Tumlin; Carolyn VandenBerg, ADA.; Kathy Jones, HDS.

Sam Barish arrived before we had a chance to get started. He offered to answer any questions we might have had. Questions were asked and answered about the new membership category proposal. George Williams arrived while Sam was speaking. George discussed his candidacy for president of USDF.

Bess announced that there would be a meet and greet from 12 to 1pm for Steve Schubert, treasurer candidate

Bess then discussed major items anticipated coming before the BOG. There will be two budgets presented to the BOG. One budget has a dues and fees increase and one has cuts to expenses. The Executive board did not approve either budget. The BOG will decide.

Bess announced that the Omnibus will probably make 8 to 9 thousand dollars. It will be going to the printers this week and will be mailed around December 14.

Susan Howard moved and Paul Kathen seconded to make the 2011 Omnibus advertising deadline an absolute date of September 30 with no late fee and the dates of October 1 to Oct 24th with a late fee. The Omnibus staff has asked that advertisers send the final copy of their ad and to not change it after it is sent in.

A Recognized Show can currently get listed on the Show Calendar on the website with a fee of \$50 if the show was not listed in the omnibus. The regional time line will be posted on Jan 1st on the website.

Bess asked to all GMOs to check the GMO listings on the website after GMO elections to insure contacts are correct.

Kat moved to attempt to find a date for a spring meeting or if not to have a conference call. Susan Howard seconded the motion. The motion passed.

HDS presented a banner to the new GMO – Austin Dressage Unlimited.

Sue Malone Casey moved we have the meeting on Feb 20th or 21st in connection with the judge's training continuing in Austin. Susan Howard seconded the motion and it passed. The August meeting will still be held.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15am.

