

The Region 9 Director, Bess Reineman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM, Thursday, December 2, 2010.

Those present included Jan Colley, Bill Eash, Sherry Guess, Richard Howard, Susan Howard, Jen Jarvis, Kathy Jones, Paul Kathen, Anne Kuhns, Kat Kyle, Marilyn Kulifay, Nicole Landreneau, Sarah Jane Martin, Donna Meyer, Molly Morrison, Nettie Olsen, Elizabeth Clifton Rice, Evie Tumlin, Carolyn Vandenberg, A. Whit Watkins, and Bruce Lawrie.

Kathy Jones gave a report on the HDS One star CDI that will be held April 29 thru May 1st 2011. The jog will be on the 28th. Kathy passed out sheets displaying sponsorship opportunities. HDS wants each GMO s to sponsor a class. Each sponsoring GMO will have their banner hung at the show. The sponsorship ops will be on the HDS and the Regional websites. There will be an open show in addition to the CDI.

Evie Tumlin moved that the region donate \$2500.00 to be the named sponsor for the 2011 CDI in Houston. Sherry Guess seconded the motion and it passed.

Kathy then gave a report on the 2010 Championship reports. There were close to 300 horses attending. The GMO's that sent volunteers and donated a silent auction item included MSED, BACH, Tri State, CTDS, Fort Worth, ADA. Those GMOs received checks from HDS.

HDS will also host the 2011 Regional Championship which will occur November 3rd thru 6th. The judges hired so far include Rockwell, Zang, Rieh Rodriguez, Hannon, and Lacy. The TDs will be Holsing, and Sarah Jane Martin.

Bess announced that the application for the 2012 championship is due in February.

We discussed the convention committee meetings attended the day before. Susan Howard reported on the Freestyle committee. Tracking freestyles nationally, the national level entries are up 23% and the FEI freestyles are down 29%.

Kathy Jones spoke to regional championship committee issues. The qualifying year will end the 4th Monday prior to the start of the show for all regions.

Richard Howard discussed the JR/YR committee issues. In 2011 a rider can only qualify in the region of the person's mailing address. The George Williams FEI Jr / YR Clinic will be at Texover Farm in Conroe- Jan 8-9, 2011. NAJYRC will be July 26-31, 2011, in Lexington, KY. A system is being put in place to help track talented riders.

Kat spoke about the nominations. Region 9 dropped to its lowest return on online PM Ballots in several years. This year there will be a minor change in voting. The delegate will have to physically sign in to keep someone else from voting their pin number. The at large directors (ALDs) were discussed.

The awards representative, Donna Meyer, said that a motion will be made that effective October the first 2011 a horse will not be able to win awards at more than two consecutive levels. This is an effort to eliminate excessive showing.

Jen Jarvis discussed the adult programs committee. USDF has a new Etrack education program. All USDF members have access to Etrack.

Marilyn of the judges committee discussed the new tests. The committee is trying to standardize judge practices. The committee is asking for documentation of complaints about judges. Remember to send the test with the comments to LOC.

Sherry Guess reported from the GMO committee – GMO rosters submission is being changed to Dec. 31st.

Carolyn reported about the TD committee.

Bess reported that the Region 9 Timeline will be on the website in January. Additionally, soon the website will have banner ads. Send clinic updates to Nicole for posting on the website event calendar.

We need a Region 9 e-newsletter editor.

The deadline for Omnibus advertising for 2011 is September 9th.

The August Regional Meeting will be in Galveston. HDS is sponsoring the meeting, and handling the details. There will be a short regional meeting following the Judges seminar on Saturday Feb 19th.

We ran out of time.