

The Region 9 Director, Bess Reineman, called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. on Saturday, February 20, 2010.

Those present included Jan Colley, Leslie Cummings, Bill Eash, Cean Embrey, Sherry Guess, Richard Howard, Susan Howard, Jen Jarvis, Audrey Jones, Kathy Jones, Paul Kathen, Kat Kyle, Marilyn Kulifay, Nancy Leon, Sue Malone-Casey, Kelsey Marella, Sarah Jane Martin, Donna Meyer, Karen Peacock, Cassidy Peacock, Dennis Riddlemoser, Suzan Saylor, Carolyn VandenBerg.

Bess introduced Cean Embrey who talked about the possibility of bringing a dressage simulator horse for a tour of Texas.

Bess asked for donations for the Region 9 Teacher Excellence Award. The award money is held by the dressage foundation. Bess also announced that the nomination period has been shortened from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup> with the actual application due September 1<sup>st</sup>.

It was asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes from the December regional meeting. It was noted that Lyndon Rife's name was spelled incorrectly. Also it was asked to include in the second day minutes that HDS presented ADU a banner. It was also noted that Kathy Jones did not sign the attendance sheet and she was present therefore she needs to be added to those who attended. Marilyn Kulifay moved that the minutes be accepted as changed. Sue Malone-Casey seconded the motion and it passed.

Bess gave the Treasurer's report. She noted that the report is now posted on the website plus the new revised bench fund report. She hopes that Region 9 will have the bench paid off this year. We need \$2150.00 to pay it off. Omnibus profit was a net of \$10,344.77. The 2009 profit was \$12,200.00.

The 2010 NAYRC budgeted amount is \$17000.00. This is just their budget Joan is not asking for money. Bess made clear that they are not asking for money from the region. There will be a fund raising show March 22 at Kai Handt's place. People are volunteering their time. There will be another show this summer at Anna Burtell's barn. Susan Howard has contacted equine express regarding taking the entire team's animals to the competition.

We discussed the budget for regional board. It will have to be approved on line in March because not all are in. We are now @ \$6543.00. For the annual USDF board members receive \$100 as an incentive over and above travel expenses. There is \$200 for PM delegate or they get travel expenses.

We reviewed the Policies and Procedures. Kathy Jones moved that the Junior reimbursement be changed from \$800 to \$1000. Paul Kathen seconded the motion. There was a discussion that the junior reimbursement is from JR YR fund not the general fund. The motion passed. It was agreed that the FEI JR/YR committee can determine how they spend their money to the extent they are using their own funds. Kathy and Joan will rewrite that section on how the money is spent.

The question was asked as to why does region 9 send two chiefs de equip to the competition? There followed a discussion.

It was discussed to post changes to the Policies and Procedures on our website, then people send changes by June 15<sup>th</sup> committee will come up with the final draft posted July 15<sup>th</sup>, and it will be voted on at the August meeting. The committee to change the Policies and Procedures consists of Kat Kyle, Sherry Guess and Bess Reineman.

Kat Kyle moved and moved Carolyn VandenBerg seconded that we delete the \$100 check for HPY from the Policies and Procedures the motion passed.

It was asked who gets to vote at our meetings. Bess explained that it has always been one attendee one vote. And that 51% makes a majority. We discussed email votes.

Kathy Jones reviewed the Regional Championship guidelines in the Policies and Procedures. It was decided to delete the first two and half pages and to keep the region 9 volunteer standards. Awards victory gallop should be looked at on page 9, possibly it should say to follow the USDF guidelines. The victory gallop is now called the round of honor.

There was a discussion of the 2010 omnibus. We discussed deadlines for advertising. It was brought up that there was a concern that the tests will be current until the end of November. New tests will be available end of May. Bess said that the staff absolutely needs 10 weeks from last update before mailing. If we want to mail the 1<sup>st</sup> week of December we need stuff by 15 September. Liz and Tess extended deadline in 2010 because ads weren't in. Karen Peacock moved and Susan seconded that we have a deadline of September 15th for everything, with no changes no exceptions after that date. And that the current USDF and USEF tests would be published in the Omnibus if available. If they can't be printed we will have a link to where they are available. The motion passed. Liz and Tess think we need an advertising committee. Susan Howard made a motion to again that persons bringing in new advertising get a discount on their ads. Sue Malone-Casey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

It was discussed that we need a help wanted section on the website.

Sherry make a motion and Jan seconded it that we hire an advertising person to garner new ads for the 2011 Omnibus and also that the omnibus committee determine the % they get paid and decide who gets the job. The motion passed.

We then discussed the Region 9 website. There has been some "good activity." The timeline is now posted on the website. We now have online friendly forms on the website, type it in print it and mail it to us.

We discussed Mail Chimp to send out regional newsletter. They send free for under 500. It is web based. To get more than 500 we have to pay \$30 a month. Sarah Martin moved and Susan Howard seconded it that we approve up to \$50 if we go over the 500. The motion passed. Bess is currently sending out 300 this. (This is not the eblast.)

Kat Kyle moved that Banner ads will go on the website with recommendations of Bess and the Webmaster. Susan Howard seconds the motion and it passed.

Presently if advertisers don't do an ad in the omnibus they are charged \$50 to be on the website. It was suggested that we change that fee because a listing now costs \$125. The listing is on the show calendar, on website, and on eblast (the regional newsletter). Donna made a motion with Sherry seconding that we make a website listing the same price. Kat proposed a friendly amendment that the price for new shows be \$75 and old shows \$100. This would begin December 1 2010. The friendly amendment passed. The original motion as amended passed.

Marilyn moved that a judges continuing education fund be established for Region 9. Donna seconded the motion. Marilyn withdrew the motion to bring a whole package to be vote on at a later date. It will have guidelines for how money be raised and guidelines for its use presented as a package.

The August Summer meeting will be in New Orleans on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

The USDF Annual meeting will be in Jacksonville, FL, 2010 the first week in December 2010.

There will be a Youth Team Competition and an Adult team Competition in OK. And there will be an Adult Team Competition in Houston.

Bess then opened the meeting to new business.

There was discussion about the possibility of an AA committee.

Kassidy Peacock made an announcement. South Texas Area Youth (STAY) is a face book page, which now has 117 members. They post information about shows and clinics. This is a great way to get more youth participation.

Susan Howard discussed the idea of a GMO charity challenge. This is all in draft. This is to encourage GMOs to have clinics in their area. They would earn points and there would be criteria to raise money. Hopefully this would be a way to encourage more Freestyle, Pas de Deax, and Quadrille. There will be a clinic with Trenna Atkins on May 22,23. There will be something for everyone, how to get donors, a Freestyle seminar, and classroom session.

Jennifer moved and Carolyn seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned @ 8:15.