

The Region 9 Director, Bess Reineman, called the meeting to order at 8:18 AM, Saturday, August 27 2011.

Those present included Leslee Covington, Leslie Cummings, Bre Dorsett, Kate Fitzpatrick, Arlene Gaitan, Sherry Guess, Barb Harty, Sheila Hautamaki, Richard Howard, Susan Howard, Paul Kathen, Kathy Jones, Anne Kuhns, Marilyn Kulifay, Nicole Landreneau, Sarah Jane Martin, Donna Meyer, Leslie Rohser, Kim Thompson-Hoblit, Leigh Olejer, Lisa Uhlir, Carolyn VandenBerg, Tina Zehrider.

Bess appointed Marilyn Kulifay the parliamentarian. We went around the room introducing ourselves. HDS sponsored the welcome party Friday night in Kathy Jones' room. HDS also sponsored the Saturday breakfast in the meeting room and the two meeting breaks.

Marilyn moved and Susan seconded that the Minutes be approved as sent out. The motion carried. Marilyn also moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Susan seconded the motion and it passed.

Bess led a discussion of travel reimbursement. The region currently has \$26,000 in the Omnibus account. Money is moved periodically from the Omnibus account to the General fund as needed. This is our major source of income. Kat moved via letter that the total regional travel budget may not exceed 65% of the total previous yearly income. If the total travel budget exceeds the 65% the Regional Finance working group will adjust the amounts to remain at or under the 65%. Leslee seconded the motion which passed with one (Paul) opposed.

Also via a letter from Kat Kyle there was a motion that "Any requests for reimbursement received 45 or more days after the event will automatically be refused". The motion was seconded Leslie Cummings. A friendly amendment was submitted by Kate Fitzpatrick that the time be change to after 60 days. Susan seconded and the amendment passed. The motion was changed to read Any requests for reimbursement received after 60 calendar days from the conclusion of the event will automatically be refused. The motion passed with one opposed (Leslie Cummings).

Also via letter Kat Kyle moved that a new fund be created that would be an emergency fund. This fund would be started with \$8000. Each year at least 5% of the net profit of the Omnibus would be added to this fund. Funds may only be withdrawn with the approval of the financial working group and only in the case when the Region 9 yearly gross profit is less than \$4000 for the year. In the case when the amount is withdrawn the amount withdrawn may not exceed \$4000. The fund will be capped at \$30,000. Sherry Guess seconded the motion and it was approved with one against (Richard Howard).

Richard moved that we approved the regional travel budge, Marilyn seconded it and it passed.

We then discussed annual meeting items. Bess read list of PM Delegates, and confirmed GM Delegates. Bess announced that we were going to change the Region 9 meeting time to 7 am on Thursday during the annual meeting. If anyone needs help finding a room-mate contact Evie Tumlin. It was announced that Carolyn Vandenberg is running for one of the USDF Director At Large positions on the board. We discussed the new board positions.

Kathy Jones discussed the 2010 Regional Championships. There was a total of 1000 volunteer hours at the championships. FORT WORTH, ADA, BACH, CTDS, MSEDA, TRISTATE all sent volunteers and donated to the raffle. The clubs received a total of \$2200. Kathy announced that there will be five arenas in 2011. The years theme will be a masquerade ball with a costume contest Saturday night. HDS has dropped the price of dinner to \$35 a head. Kathy announced that their 2011 CDI lost \$18,000. HDS will do another 2012. It will be a Para-qualifying and will occur April 27 thru 29th. Kathy wants the region to help again this year.

We discussed the Region 9 website. Nicole Landrenau gave a report. She discussed website traffic and mentioned that the sponsor page is getting hits. She is also sending out the e-newsletter and we are on Facebook this year. She has put up some historical pages.

We then discussed the Region 9 2012 Omnibus. Bess Reineman thanked retiring Liz Grimsley & Tess Wheat for their years of service. Bruce and JoHannah Lawrie have taken over the reins. The advertising deadline is September 17th. Proof readers will be Sherry Guess and Susan Howard.

We discussed that there will be a Bee Pape Scholarship. We have no specifics yet. There will be a perpetual trophy at the championships.

Marilyn Kulifay discussed the Region 9 fund working group. She discussed the idea of hosting a symposium for the 2012 annual meeting in New Orleans. We also talked about the following

That we reinstate the Region 9 horse show where everyone volunteers time.

Ask Region 9 horse shows to host class in their show.

Have regional recognition fees for shows.

Voluntary \$1 fees go to region on show entry blank from shows.

Periodic silent auction or silent auction items at an already existing show.

Solicit donations for specific project/purposes.

Have a no show horse show.

Put on a Regional trail ride

Create a calendar for Region 9 and sell them.

Create a Region 9 cook book.

Create a Region 9 medal. Pay dues to compete during the year.

Leigh Olejer was appointed to chair a committee to discuss a regional show.

Lisa will look into a possible medal region 9 medal.

Nicole will look into having a Region 9 retail webpage.

We then discussed Regional Reports.

Arlene Boylan reported on Adult Amateur committee and the survey.

We had an Adult Educational Grant report by Donna Meyer. So far in 2011 no money has been given out. There is \$3000 still in the account that has not been given out. So \$3000 is still available. You do have to show a loss to get money.

Carolyn Vandenburg reminded us that the Region 9 HOY nominations are still open until Sept 15.

Teaching excellence award applications are due Sept 1 to Dressage Foundation.

In 2012 Green Country of ODS applied for both an Adult and Youth Team Championship. We can still have one more for 2012 because we have two a year.

Susan Howard gave a report on the Freestyle Committee. Currently the Committee's focus is to produce a guide for judges.

Richard Howard gave the FEI JR/YR report. He finds there is a need for more accountability over the transfer of funds. Richard feels that we need to coordinate the riding activities as a team. He feels that we should have a trainer responsible for governing the training. The 2012 NAJYRC Qualifier Competition list is available from USDF.

Bess announced that there are small GMO travel grants available for the USDF convention. The amount of \$1000 is available and has not been requested as of today.

Judges Marilyn Kulifay talked about the Judges committee. The February 2011 program was a success and she is promising another in February of 2012.

Sport Horse Finals for our region will occur Sept 24th 25th. The national Sport Horse committee is looking into imposing a qualifying fee so that the finals can offer prize money.

Carolyn gave a TD report. She will have a proposal for December to do something for our retiring TDs.

Several GMO's gave verbal reports. GMO reports, and regional board reports emailed prior to the meeting are posted on the Region 9 Website.

Our Silent auction resulted in \$433. Paul moved and Marilyn seconded that we put the \$433 into the general fund.

Bess thanked GMOs for regional recognition in their newsletters and websites.

For New business it was announced that the 2012 Region 9 Summer Meeting will be in Oklahoma. It will be in the city of Bricktown which is in an old part of Oklahoma City.

The 2012 national convention will be in New Orleans.

Paul moved to adjourn. Sherry seconded the motion and it passed.

