

The Region 9 Director, Bess Reineman, called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm. on Saturday, February 19, 2011.

Those present included Roxanna Bennefield, Sally Chionsini, Leslie Cummings, Joan Darnell, Bill Eash, Arlene Gaitan, Karen Gorham, Elaine Hildreth, Richard Howard, Kathy Jones, Paul Kathen, Marilyn Kulifay, Bruce Lawrie, Sarah Jane Martin, Vera Muckleroy, Dennis Riddlenoser, Suzan Saylor, Jan Turner, Carolyn VandenBerg, Tina Zehnder.

Suzan moved to approve the minutes from the December 2010 meeting. Bruce seconded the motion and it passed.

Bess gave a financial update. Finance information can be seen on the website. The information will be updated monthly. Bess also announced that the Bench fund is paid off. We will vote on financials and budget at the summer meeting.

The Financial advisory board working group of Sarah Jane, Kat, Susan Howard, Allison and Bess are currently looking at the budget versus actual and job descriptions for the regional board. Their remarks are due in March then Bess will send out their recommendations to the entire board.

Travel budget requests are due April 15th.

Bess discussed grant requests. So far in 2011 Region 9 Ed grants only have one request. Bess wants grant requests 30 days before the event. Requests have to be from a GMO and are only paid if the event loses money. The request can't be just a clinic they have to have education for auditors.

Currently there have been no applications for Travel grants for summer meeting and winter meeting.

Kathy Jones spoke about the April one star CDI and dressage show being put on by HDS. Region 9 is the named sponsor of their event. HDS is planning an evening of freestyles to live country music on Saturday night. There are Sponsorship opportunities available. Region 9 will have a list of sponsors on the region 9 website. The first GMO sponsor is Alamo Dressage. Region 9 will get half the proceeds of the silent auction. The remaining half will go to GMOs sending volunteers and two silent auction items. To volunteer email Englishgillian@comcast.net
The CDI schedule is now posted on the HDS website.

The 2011 USDF Regional championships will be on November 3rd thru 6th.

HDS was the only applicant for the 2012 championships which will occur Nov 1-4th.

Marilyn Kulifay gave the Fund Raising committee report. It appears that the Omnibus will not pay for travel for the board in the future. Last year the Omnibus netted \$9000. We are getting to the point where we spend what we take in. The region needs fundraising ideas. The fundraising committee consists of chair Marilyn and Arlene and Susan. The committee is looking for ideas.

The 2011 region timeline will be posted on the website when we get the national deadlines.

Website chair Nichole needs events for calendar. She needs the new GMO board contacts. The website now has banner ads. Bess announced that she will probably start taking ads for the regional newsletter.

Bess gave the 2012 Omnibus report. Currently there is no one to send ads to. Tess is retiring. The tentative deadline is Sept 17th. Normally people wait till the last minute.

The SWDC representative, Sarah Jane Martin, gave an SWDC report. For 2011 and in the future qualifying certificates will not be sent out unless a request is emailed to Sarah Jane Martin, the qualifying Secretary. There are several new rules for shows and competitors. People are encouraged to check the SWDC website.
(www.swdressage.org)

Sarah Jane Martin also gave a Pony sport horse breeding report. The region has sponsored a pony sport horse championship since 1998. Interest has declined. Sarah Jane and Jan Colley are willing to continue it if ponies are entered.

The Regional summer meeting date has changed to August 27th 2011. HDS is hosting the meeting in Galveston.

Richard Howard reported on the Advanced Young Riders. The Young riders/ JR riders George Williams clinic at Paul Kather's was a success. Williams commented on the quality of horses and riders. Fund raisers. Tentatively there will be 3 schooling shows offered as fund raisers for the AdvYRs. The list of qualifying competitions for NAYRC on website.

Richard moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Dennis and passed..