

Brazos Association of Classical Horsemanship (BACH) Summer 2022 GMO Report

Board:

President- Jennifer Skinner
Vice President- Jinny Johnson
Treasurer- Karin Loftin
Secretary- Cathy Ruoff
Activities Chair- Donna Meyer
Social Media Chair- Julie Brown

Membership:

18 GMO members
8 "Friends and BACH" members

Finances:

Good for now but do not have an obvious path to future income for the club.

In General:

BACH was nearly dissolved at the end of last year due to lack of interest in general and burn-out on the part of previous officers trying everything they could to keep things going. Some of our core members are "aging" and do not have the energy it takes to put on large events like shows and clinics. But less obvious is why there seems to be this general lack of interest on the part of the College Station horse community in dressage. Previous year shows and clinics were poorly attended and lost money.

So, first order of the day: to save the club. Putting on some modest events where we can attract members without losing money and fulfill our bylaws as an educational entity. Hoping to rebuild the club to the point where we can offer a schooling show and a riding clinic next year.

Activities

- Ride-A-Test, April, 2022: This spring we had 10 rides. We hope to put on another in the fall with more rides.
- Trailer Demo, April 2022: Our president, a professional, demonstrated teaching loading and unloading of inexperienced horses.
- Schleese Saddle Fitting Demo: May, 2022 Schleese came and put on an excellent lecture/demo about saddle fitting.
- Heat and Horses, Aug, 2022: A popular, informal meeting of the club where general horse health concerns were discussed. Every member had valuable information on some aspect of horse health.
- Yoga and Yogurt Body Work Demo Sept, 2022: We are set to have Layla Harris show us some stretches for our equine partners.

The club is aiming to have one event per month. The board meets by Zoom the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The club maintains a website and publishes a very occasional newsletter and is aligned with the Aggie Eventers and the Brazos Pony Club. The club has a Facebook and Instagram page. The club also has a large mailing list of 150 folks to whom the club activities are relevant.