

Minutes of the meeting of USDF Region 9 on December 2, 2022 at 8 AM. Those present included:

Bess Bruton, Elizabeth Clifton, Alecia Daniel, Natusha Fernandez, Arlene Gaitan, Jane Holman, Susan Howard, Angie Hughes, James Humphreys, Barbara Lewis, Sarah Jane Martin, Kelly Martinez, Carolyn VanDenberg,13 people

Bess Bruton, Regional Director, called the meeting to order at 8 AM. Bess announced that she had Omnibus, Hats and Visors for sale. She reminded the room that the new 2023 tests are contained in the Omnibus.

Two Dressage Foundation representatives, Jinny Johnson & Sara Weiss, came in and talked to us about their programs.

Bess proceeded to Introductions.

Stephan Hienzsich announced he was "popping" in, to touch base. He praised our interim regional director, Bess Bruton. And asked for questions none were offered.

Bess asked if there were any agenda additions.

Bess asked if there were any additions or changes to the November 18 zoom minutes. Jim Humphreys moved and Jane Holman seconded that we approve the minutes of the zoom meeting. The motion carried with 2 abstentions.

Bess noted that the Treasurer report was given on the November 18th zoom meeting,

Bess announced appointees for the Finance Advisory Working group are Jim Humphries, Sarah Jane Martin and Elizabeth Clifton.

Alicia Daniel gave the nominating committee report. Our regional PM numbers allow us 6 delegates. Only 4 ran and were elected and only 2 are present- Elizabeth Clifton & Sarah Jane Martin. The total number of votes will be split between the two. She reminded all group member representatives to check in at the beginning of the BOG. She asked for the names of people willing to run for PM delegates next year.

Arlene Gaitan asked for ads for Omnibus which support the omnibus, with the deadline being August 15th. Also You can still pay to get ads on the website.

It was announced that the Horse Person of year for 2022 is Donna Meyer. Carolyn VanDenberg wants to honor past Horse Person at the 2023 championships Saturday night dinner. She needs volunteer help and money sponsors.

We had a visitor, Kevin Reinig from California. He announced that he is running for reelection as vice-president.

Bess asked if there were any GMO reports. Arlene announced that January 18, 2023 Alamo Dressage Association would have a Kristi Wysoki zoom meeting on new tests. Feb 17, 18 clinic and Feb 19 judges seminar with Caesar Torrente. There will be a Joan Darnell Freestyle Judges Seminar on February 18th, hosted by Dallas Dressage Club.

We then discussed the 2023 Region 9 summer meeting, The body voted on whether to have a zoom meeting or an in person meeting. It was overwhelmingly voted to have an in person meeting, It was decided to hold the meeting on July 22, in Sulphur Springs, Texas. It will be hosted by Northeast Texas Dressage Club & Dallas Dressage Club.

The 2023 USDF convention will be held in Omaha, Nebraska at the Hilton, Nov 29-Dec 2.

The 2024 USDF Convention will be in Houston, Texas Dec 4-7 at J.W. Marriott. This will be in Region 9. We will plan at the summer meeting how to host the welcome party, set up a Region 9 table, etc.

The FEI World Cup will be held April 4-8 2023 in Omaha, Nebraska.

Region 9 TDs ask the region to support them, by considering hiring them for shows.

The DDC spring show moved from May to June 4th.

Banquet/ salute gala. 6 said they would be attending. So a table will be saved.

Adjourn at 9:30. Submitted by Sarah Jane Martin, Secretary