

Meeting Minutes

Olive Garden,
Mesquite, TX

Present: Pauline Jaroszewicz, Barbara Clarke, Barbara Lewis, Jennie Bohart, Jackie Blackmon, Doreen Cutts, Charlotte Stotts
Proxies: None
Guests: None
Apologies: Lisa Blackmon, Charlene Lynch, Michelann Tachibana, Shelly Vaughan
Quorum: Met
Opened: 7:15pm
Next meeting: 2 December 2008
Closed: 8:45pm Moved: Pauline Jaroszewicz, 2nd: Barbara L.
Minutes: October minutes approved with edits, moved: Pauline J, 2nd: Doreen C.

****Note: Jennie wanted to start agenda on a more “General Business” format with topics to discuss and then, as time allows, each board member their updates.**

General Business:

1. Educational Festival Update: Barbara Clarke provided updates on vendors attending, demos attending, clinicians scheduling. Doreen Cutts will be submitting Grant applications to the Region 9 and USDF to help offset costs.
2. USDF Basket: It has come to the attention of the board that the basket that has been submitted for the past few years has not in fact (as understood by many board members) been auctioned for raising funds for youth programs. Instead the basket has been a “giveaway” at the Board of Governor meeting. The board all agreed that as a “giveaway” the overall budget should be reduced to \$80-100. Moved: Barbara Clarke, 2nd: Pauline Jaroszewicz. The basket will be carried to the USDF convention by member Bruce Lawrie. The Letter of Intent has been sent to the USDF by Barbara Clarke.
3. Convention Subsidy Requests: the board discussed the club’s commitment to supporting & subsidizing member attendance at national and regional conventions. Board all discussed and determined funding amounts: \$750 for national conventions in a club voting capacity, \$500 for national conventions in a general membership attendance capacity. Board agreed to provide subsidy for five general members and one executive.
4. Educational and Scholarship forms review. Various edits were suggested and discussed. Barbara Clarke to take suggestions and edit forms and distribute to Barbara Lewis and Jennie Bohart. The board agreed to review Scholarship and Sponsorship forms twice per year for award. Once edited forms are approved then forms will be distributed via Yahoo (Barbara Clarke), website (Charlotte Stotts) and note added to newsletter.
5. Region 9 Summer Meeting: Doreen is gathering rates and packages for Dallas hosting of the meeting. Doreen has a contact who is getting info from the Grapevine Convention and Visitors Bureau. Will send info to Bess Reinemann when more concrete info is received. Will ask Region 9 at the USDF convention what they would like to see for the Sunday educational event.
6. Klaus Balkenhol Clinic: Klaus has less time than originally thought and will likely only have three days in the region. Due to that limited timing, regional clubs will try for a more centralized location. However, nothing has been committed to Klaus as yet. Doreen to keep in touch with Bill Askew on updates for next month. If nothing comes to fruition then Club/Doreen to explore Robert Dover, Charlotte Bredahl-Baker, etc for “high profile” alternatives for November 2009. Jackie Blackmon offered Rockwall Equestrian Centre for a facility. Pauline offered to contact Tom Poulin as an alternative with a three day option: day 1 for board members, days 2-3 for general membership, with Friday night BBQ.

7. Membership Applications/Drive: to be published on the website and in the newsletter. Doreen will send the applications to all 2007-2008 members as a reminder. Discussed “incentives” to those who renew/join such as stickers (B Lewis), pocket calendars (D Cutts).
8. Awards: Charlotte going to put Pauline’s info on the web for end of year awards (as a reminder to those who wish to be considered end of year awards)
9. Letter to Julie and Lyndon re: missing show curtains. The letter as drafted by Barbara Clarke was reviewed and corrected. Jennie signed the letter so that her signature could be added to the final revision. Barbara Clarke will send letter via USPS when approved.

Vice President’s Report (Doreen Cutts): See general business.

Secretary’s Report (Barbara Clarke): See general business.

Treasurer Report (Barbara Lewis):

1. Bank Balances as of 31/September/2008
Vanguard: \$2,600.91 (31/Sept/08)
Franklin: \$35, 943.00 (31/Sept/08)

Membership Chair (temporary: Doreen Cutts): See general business.

Recognized Show Report (Michelann Tachibana): Nothing to report.

Schooling Show Chair (Charlene Lynch): Nothing to report.

Ads and Promotions Chair (OPEN): Nothing to report.

Awards Chair (Pauline Jaroszewicz): Nothing to report.

Junior Riders (Shelly Vaughan): Junior Team Championship in May at Spring Show I/II.

Publications (Charlotte Stotts): Nothing to report.

Young Riders (Lisa Blackmon): Nothing to report.