9.8.19

I. Call to Order at 8:06. In attendance are Julia Handt, Catilin Demura, Debby Hollinger, Becky Brown, Silvia Stoumbaugh, Alecia Daniels (with Jennifer Stephen’s proxy), Galvin Swift, Dani Criswell, Leslie Heltzen, and Barbara Lewis.

II. Motion to approve minutes from 7.22.19 by Galvin Swift and seconded by Alecia Daniels.

III. Membership Report (Galvin)

* 154 members. 3 more than last month. We are the seconded largest organization of Region 9.
* Galvin will be sending out one more email about year-end awards and to remind them that they have to be a member and ride in one recognized show. December 10 is also the deadline to submit year-end scores.
* Becky would like to know if she can access the membership roster with contact information on Wild Apricot. Alecia and Galvin said that she can. Alecia will run a report and sending a spreadsheet to Becky.

IV. Treasurer Report (Silvia)

* Cash balance is over $52,000 and everything has been reconciled.
* The cost to supply awards and ribbons has increased tremendously. Part of the reason is because this year Alecia had to place a very large ribbon order. Last year, she only had to place a few smaller orders.
  + Next year, Alecia will try to place ribbons during the yearly sale.
* We have not received a lot of response for scholarships this year. Maybe for 2020 we don’t add more scholarships, but keep it at the same amount that we awarded. Silvia says we should have enough in the budget to continue adding scholarships. We will keep the scholarships where we are.
* Silvia finished the 2018 tax return within the deadline with her colleague. Becky would like to send him a thank you letter.

V. Show Committee

* Barbara- Recognized Shows
  + Lemonade Daze made profit.
  + The prize list for yellow rose has been submitted and will be on showsecretary.com in the next few days. We will have to limit entries, as we cannot use the grass arena.
  + Barbara manages the level 3 shows while Leslie manages the level 2 shows.
  + 2020 dates: spring show May 30-31 at Tyler with 3 judges; Lemonade Daze will be August 8-9 with one judge so far; fall show is November 7-8.
* Alecia- Schooling Shows
  + The last schooling show made a profit.
  + First 2020 schooling show will be February 1-2. Would like to start adding more western participants.
* Breed Awards- Dani
  + Dani has prizes from a few organizations already (over 8) and is still waiting on a few organizations.
  + Dania and Barbara will get together about proof and what to send for the breed awards.
  + Also liked the idea of having an “unregistered” breed award.
  + Barbara and Leslie will work with the Trakehner Association about a breed award.

VI. Publications- Caitlin

* Has already received interest in the next year calendars.
* Would like to have it finished by the November show so we can start selling earlier.

VII. Education- Becky

* Had submitted the Darnell freestyle to USDF for continuing education. Joan and the library are booked. February 8th.
* Becky thought it would be interesting to contact a sports psychologist who wrote an article this summer about concentration in the competition arena about some sort of session. Barbara will contact her.
* There will be another volunteer appreciation clinic and Silvia will look at some dates and contact Sherry. Sherry is completely open in March. Potentially the 29th. Silvia will look and see if there is anything conflicting on March 29, 2020.
* Barbara has someone booked on November 3 for a CPR class. Max 15 people and $40 a person. The instructor has her own facility. Barbara has 4 people committed to going.

VIII. Old Business

* Reimbursement for USDF convention representative
  + In prior years, DDC has reimbursed their representatives.
  + Motion to reimburse up to $750 for one representative of the DDC to attend the convention. Alecia Daniels makes the motion and Galvin seconded it. Everyone in favor, none opposed.
* DDC needs to provide a basket for championships. Alecia said she would put it together. DDC also needs to put together a basket for convention and Alecia will also work on it.
* Mane on Fire arena use- it ended up not happening as they no longer needed the arena.

IX. New Business

* Board Elections
  + Treasurer, Awards, and Ads/Promotion said they would probably run again. Barbara said she would get with Caitlin and start working on the electronic process.
  + New board has to be in place by November 1, 2019.
* Para award- Galvin
  + Galvin talked about that we should stat including para-equestrian awards. Discussion about the fact there are multiple different grades and whether there should be one grade award or multiple.
* Awards banquet
  + Restaurant Ideas
    - El Fenix had some problems with the stairs.
    - Maggiano’s has also been quite popular, but can be expensive.
  + Potential speakers: someone on WDAA or someone about NAYC.
  + Banquet committee volunteers: Barbara, Debby, and Dani
* Free ad- HDS:
  + Caitlin can put together an ad and Barbara will give her the information.
* Planning Meeting
  + We seem to have many plans in place and a good calendar, so we probably do not need to schedule a planning meeting.

X. Next meeting: October 20, 2019 at 8pm.

Motion to adjourn made by Silvia Stoumbaugh and seconded by Galvin Swift. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting ended at 9:33pm.