Meeting 12/13/21

1. In attendance are Julia Handt, Becky Brown, Leslie Heltzen, Silvia Stoumbaugh, Alecia Daniel (with Caitlin Demura’s proxy), Barbara Lewis, Galvin Swift, and Bonnie Parker
2. Meeting called to order at 8:06pm. Galvin Swift makes a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Alecia Daniel.
3. Membership
   1. 74 DDC members so far for 2022. Alecia has more members for Galvin.
   2. Galvin took care of everything with USDF.
4. Financials
   1. Silvia sent out the financials.
   2. Bank balance is a little above $60,000.
   3. Average of what the prizes cost for banquet
      1. 2020: $3,100 in prizes
      2. 2019: $3,200 in prizes
      3. 2018: Unknown
5. Shows
   1. Recognized Shows
      1. We could add western dressage to the June show because of the requirements of separate managers, warmups, and arenas.
         1. We can ask the Northeast dressage group to advertise the western dressage show. Their schooling shows at Sulphur Springs are quite large.
         2. Tyler provides the arenas for DDC, while some facilities like Athens and Valhalla do not and club arenas are provided.
      2. Alecia and Silvia have talked to the Greenville facility and the manager has started work on the warmup arena. He thinks that they will be finished by end of January. This is still in discussion, but it would be possible to host a show there as well. Barbara is going to wait until January to see if the arena is completed. If that doesn’t work, Barbara is going to talk to Valhalla.
         1. Level 1 shows: they do not count for your rider achievement medal awards. You can offer qualifying classes for level 1 shows.
         2. New hotels near the Valhalla facility
   2. Schooling shows
      1. Schooling show championships
         1. The show is quite large, with the limit of 35 entries on Saturday. There is a wait list for Saturday. There are about 25 entries for Sunday, with a good amount of the Sunday classes being championship classes.
         2. Gross income is at about $9,800.
6. Ads & Promotions & Newsletter
   1. Caitlin and Barbara working on sponsorship banners for 2022.
7. Education
   1. Two people have signed up for the Darnell freestyle clinic
8. New Business
   1. Convention
      1. A member from Waxahachie, Florida won the basket that we submitted.
      2. George Williams was elected president after being written in.
      3. You can get your medals at distinction at 67%.
      4. Next convention will be in Lexington. Year after, Omaha. Year after, Houston. Year after, Lexington.
   2. Banquet
      1. Date changed to January 30th at Maggianos.
      2. Bonnie has been working on putting together thoughts and ideas.
      3. Budget
         1. About $3,000 for prizes
         2. After Wednesday, Bonnie would love for someone to take the time with her to discuss budget.
         3. We have a form letter for DDC being a 501(c)(3)
         4. Idea for banquet
            1. Fashion show – trainers could wear new items that reflect the new rules of competition clothing.
            2. Will reach out to Bridle Suite about competition clothing
            3. Alecia will help send out an eblast about submitting scores.
9. Scholarships
   1. Michelle’s scholarship money has been sent out.
10. Motion to adjourn made by Silvia Stoumbaugh and seconded by Leslie Heltzen.
11. Next Meeting: January 17th at 8pm.