Meeting 08/30/21

1. In attendance are Julia Handt, Leslie Heltzen, Becky Brown, Alecia Daniel (with Silvia’s proxy), Barbara Lewis, Galvin Swift, Barrett Barksdale, and Caitlin Demura.
2. Meeting called to order at 8:08pm. Motion to approve minutes made by Galvin Swift. Seconded by Leslie Heltzen. All in favor to approve minutes. None opposed.
3. Financials
4. Membership
   1. We are at 155 members, which is within one from last year.
5. Shows
   1. Schooling Shows
      1. Schooling show coming up this weekend, but entries are light.
      2. Gross income should be about $3,600, which may cover costs.
   2. Recognized Shows
      1. Lemonade Daze went smooth. There was a slight delay due to weather, but everyone was okay and no one fell off.
      2. Yellow Rose
         1. Judges are confirmed. Barbara is confirming the TD.
         2. Barbara will send out some advertising.
6. Newsletter
   1. Barrett sent the newsletter to Alecia. Alecia will send Barrett some items to add for the September newsletter.
   2. Becky would like to add the requirements for DDC Year End Awards, including that you must compete at a DDC-Recognized show.
   3. Someone contacted Alecia about advertising a clinic. The individual can pay to advertise the clinic. In the past, we have had free classified ads for DDC members – something to add to the front of the newsletter. Leslie says she has some of the old advertising rates and will send it to Barrett, Caitlin, and Barbara.
7. Education
   1. Barrett talked to Lisa Blackmon about doing a Ride-A-Test at her facility. Barrett will follow up with that.
   2. Whispering Farms is also interested in clinics and getting involved.
   3. We can also start to think about the education schedule for 2022.
8. New Business
   1. Regional Championships
      1. Live auction for the JR/YR fund for next year. They are also doing the Battle of Barns competition.
      2. We typically put together a basket for the silent auction.
      3. DDC could sponsor a class for regionals. Will try to sponsor for a 3rd level AA championship class.
      4. DDC will also sponsor for SWDC. Barbara makes a motion for the $500 SWDC award program. All in favor, none opposed. Becky will mail the check.
   2. Convention
      1. Tomorrow is the deadline for all the GMOs to submit who the delegates are for attending. If we do not submit, the default is the GMO president.
      2. GMO basket drawing.
   3. Banquet
      1. Aim for January 15th.
      2. We can reserve Maggiano’s and look around.
      3. Alecia looked around at a few different venues.
      4. Banquet committee: Becky was going to ask Jennifer. If you are interested in the banquet committee, please reach out to Becky.
   4. Donations
      1. Two generous donations for our non-auction/auction.
      2. Becky is going to contact the donors to see which prizes they want.
   5. Nominating Committee
      1. We have four positions to fill.
         1. Ads & Promotions – Currently filled by Barbara. She will run depending on interest.
         2. Awards – Currently filled by Alecia. She may not run for this position again.
         3. Treasurer – Currently filled by Silvia.
         4. Publications – Currently filled by Caitlin. She will re-run.
      2. We appoint the nominating person. It is someone who is not running for office. Barrett will be the nominating person, and Barbara will help her. New board is effective October 30th. Alecia builds the ballot.
9. Motion to adjourn made by Barbara Lewis. Seconded by Leslie Heltzen. Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm.
10. Next Meeting: September 20th at 8pm.