**DDC Conference Call**

July 31, 2023

1. Roll Call: In attendance are Julia Handt, Becky Brown, Leslie Heltzen, Bonnie Parker, Alecia Daniel (with Galvin’s proxy), and Barbara Lewis.
2. Meeting called to order at 8:08PM. Motion to approve made by Alecia and seconded by Leslie.
3. Meeting moved from 7/24 to 7/31 due to lack of quorum.
4. Membership
   1. Ten new members.
   2. We have the second highest number of members in the region (behind HDS).
5. Finances
   1. No financials sent out.
6. Shows
   1. Schooling Show
      1. Last show had a great turnout, and the show was full.
      2. The show was shut down for an hour due to a storm.
      3. The facility made $1,000 more than they did from the last schooling show.
         1. Facility added 8 temporary stalls.
      4. TDs now must check 50% of bridles and bits at the show.
         1. Alecia will put something in the newsletter.
   2. Recognized Shows
      1. Leslie has set up points under DDC with Holiday Inn Express.
      2. Added a third judge.
      3. The show is full with a wait list with 12.5 hour days.
         1. Barbara is going to change the wording on the prize list to add the number of entries allowed.
         2. Also change Susan’s system to shut down once the show is full.
         3. Instead of giving back credit card fees, DDC is offering volunteer hours.
      4. Becky learned that at the Region 9 meeting some clubs give out some funny awards like “Red-Headed Mare award”. Something that would have to be included in the prize list.
      5. Northeast Texas learned that giving medals on ribbons is more cost effective than satin ribbons.
         1. Something for Bonnie to look at.
         2. Alecia suggests a Champion medal and a Res. Champion medal.
      6. Barbara is getting volunteer times together.
7. Ads/Promotions
   1. Barbara/Leslie will work on ads for omnibus (Due August 25th).
8. Publications
   1. Newsletter
      1. Sponsorship flyer was revamped.
   2. Elections
      1. Galvin was nominated as nominations chair.
9. Scholarships
10. Education
    1. Joan schedule for 2/17. Paperwork and grant application sent it.
    2. Becky will remind Silvia about insurance.
    3. Some clubs are doing scribe and scorer clinics.
11. Old Business:
    1. R9 Annual Meeting Report
       1. 9 GMOs were represented out of the 13.
       2. T-Shirt was approved. Alecia will put that into the newsletter.
    2. Virtual Show
       1. Barbara is working on setting it up for next year.
12. New Business:
    1. Awards Banquet
       1. Maggiano’s on 1/20
       2. Alecia will put something into the newsletter.
    2. SWDC/HDS Support for Regionals: $300 each.
    3. Becky cannot attend the convention and Barbara will be her proxy.
13. Next meeting: August 21st
14. Motion to Adjourn was made by Bonnie and seconded by Leslie. Meeting ended at 9:03PM