

November 2014
Minutes
November 3, 2014
Jonathan's Grille, Franklin, TN

Present: Nan Holland, Jessica Roberson-Wright, Jen Thompson, Beth Huff, Ashley Gregory, Shelley Fugitt, Christy Hart

Absent: Molly Bronaugh and Wendy Williams

Guest: Polly Grammer

Call to order: 6:32pm

Approval of October 6, 2014, Minutes: Beth Huff - motion to approve; Shelley Fugitt seconded.
Motion carried

Reports of officers and committees

--Membership--

- 2015 Memberships
 - 37 members to date (includes 4 Lifetime members, 28 individual, 5 family).
 - Initial roster will be submitted to USDF tonight. (Lifetime Members will be included.) USDF dues based on 37 members = \$610
 - 2015 Membership discounted to \$40 until December 1, 2014. Reminder to renew going out in each eBlast

--Treasurer:

- SunTrust Checking balance = \$20,105.57
- PayPal Account balance = \$4,998.07
- P & L for Ole South Prelude, Ole South Classic, TN State Championships presented. Profit = \$3,253.60
- P & L for October 18 Schooling show presented. Profit = \$1,132.73
 - (pending reimbursement to Molly Bronaugh for judge, secretary and scribe lunches)

- Pending payment to Sandy Donovan, Show Secretary for August 22-24 recognized shows & 2015 Omnibus ~ \$10,503. Awaiting invoice from Sandy.

--Ads and sponsors--

- Nothing to report

--Volunteers--

- Need volunteers to assist in CTDA Trailer inventory
- Volunteers are also needed to clean arena rails & letters

--Communications--

- CTDA Website
 - Website Committee plans to meet before end of calendar year. Beth Huff will schedule
 - USDF GMO Website judging committee provided excellent feedback. The Committee plans to implement the recommendations provided.
- eBlasts – sent frequently, at least every 2 weeks. Next eBlast will address:
 - Reminder to renew membership for 2015 (December 1, 2014-November 30, 2015)
 - Links to new 2015 USDF Dressage Tests
 - Plans to increase number of schooling shows in 2015 if venues & judges can be secured
 - Increase in required Volunteer Hours for 2015 Year End Awards eligibility to 8 hours.
 - CTDA listed as a host organization for AHA. Shelley Fugitt will notify Sandy Donovan
- Newsletter - to be published November 5, 2014

--Recognized Shows--

- Recognized show dates for 2015 (membership notified in eBlast on 10/27/2014)
 - Spring Fling: May 2, 2015

- Tennessean & Tennessean Express: June 6-7, 2015
- Ole South Prelude & Ole South Classic: August 21-23, 2015
- Notify Membership that TN State Championships will NOT be held in 2015 (eBlast & Newsletter)
- L Program Part II will be hosted at The Tennessean and Ole South in 2015
 - Consider adding Western Dressage & Tennessee Walking Horse component to L program at Ole South

--Schooling Shows--

- October 18 show very well attended (ran from 7:30am – 6:30pm). Many eventing, Western and Walking Horse rides. Started in small arena and did not switch to large arena until 2:00pm.
- 2015 Schooling Shows
 - Dates published on Website: April 4, May 30 & 31, July 18, August 8, September 19 and October 17.
 - Rain Dates: **Beth Huff moved that the Sunday following the Saturday Schooling Show date be declared the Rain Date. If the inclement weather precludes conducting a show on Sunday, the show will be cancelled and the CTDA Cancellation Policy followed.** Jen Thompson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
 - As venues are confirmed, CTDA will request that the Sunday after the schooling show date be offered as a rain date.
 - Venues: TBD
 - In addition to the 2014 venues, interested venues include Jaeckle Center; Peachtree Farms, LLC; and a Gallatin area facility (Nancy Whitman is the contact).
 - Guest Polly Grammer expressed interest in hosting a Schooling Show at her facility, Peachtree Farms, LLC. Jen Thompson and Beth Huff will visit the facility prior to the next Board meeting.
 - Polly also reported that Pony Club riders now may receive A rating in Dressage alone.

- Nan Holland will provide Schooling Show Secretary, Sherry Pride, with the CTDA 2015 Schooling Show dates and Show Cancellation Policy (to be included on Schooling Show Prizelists and Entries).
- USEF Western Dressage tests will be used at CTDA Schooling Shows.

--Hospitality—

- Year End Awards Banquet (January 25, 2015): Beth Huff will contact Carolyn Foster to determine her interest in serving as Hospitality Chair for this event.

--Awards—

- **Beth Huff moved that the number of volunteer hours required to qualify for Year End Awards be increased from 5 hours to 8 hours per horse /rider combination for each competition year, effective competition year 2015. Solicitation of \$100 in ads by December 1 of the current competition year will also qualify a horse/rider combination for Year End Awards, effective competition year 2015.** Jessica Roberson-Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Year End Awards Banquet venue: Jen Thompson will contact Tennessee Equine Hospital to request use of their meeting space for the Banquet.
- Jen Thompson will contact Wendy Williams regarding organizing the Silent Auction to be held during the Year End Awards Banquet.
- The Board discussed acknowledging additional member achievements at the Year End Awards Banquet:
 - CDI Participation.
 - 80% Club
 - USDF Medals earned.
 - Breed awards.
 - Requests for information from CTDA member regarding these achievements to be posted on Face Book and on the Website

Old Business

- Arenas

- Neither Jaeckle Center nor Greystone have expressed further interest in purchasing the CTDA arenas.
- The arenas will be listed for sale on Craig's List for \$800 per arena (rails & letters). Purchase of new arenas is dependent on the selling the current arenas.

New Business

- Voting for 2 positions on the Board of Directors, term to begin December 1, 2014, closed on October 31, 2014.
 - Scott MacGregor and Nancy Whitman were nominated. Beth Huff will contact Brandon Jackson to remove the ballot from the website and to confirm the final vote count.
 - BOD / Officer Job Descriptions and Succession Plan: Develop before end of calendar year 2014. Status report at December 1, 2014 meeting.
 - Jen Thompson, President, expressed CTDA's sincere gratitude to Jessica Roberson-Wright and Ashley Gregory for their service as Directors. (Terms end on November 30, 2014.)
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Next meeting: **December 1, 2014 at 6:30pm**

Adjourned: 8:00pm