

October 2014  
Minutes  
October 6, 2014  
Jonathan's Grille, Franklin, TN

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

Absent: Christy Hart and Wendy Williams

Call to order: 6:30pm

Approval of August 4, 2014, Minutes: Beth Huff - motion to approve; Shelley Fugitt seconded. Motion carried

Reports of officers and committees

--Membership--

- Final 2014 Roster = 130 members
- 2015 Memberships
  - Approximately 25 renewals to date.
  - Initial roster can be submitted to USDF after October 15, 2014. (Lifetime Members will be included.)
  - 2015 Welcome Letters have been sent to the appropriate persons.

--Treasurer:

- SunTrust Checking balance = \$17,827.07
- PayPal Account balance = \$4,202.72 (Will move to checking on 10/7/2014.)
- Annual PO Box fee (due 9/30/2014) has been paid.
- P & L for September 20 Schooling Show presented. Profit = \$603.25
- P & L for August 9 Schooling show presented. Profit = \$913.59
- P & L for May 31/June 1 Schooling presented. Profit = \$836.40
- P & L for 2014 Spring Fling presented. Profit = \$597.19 (after paying facility fee today).

- P & L for Ole South & TN State Championships – pending.
- Still need to reimburse Beth Huff for food & beverage used at Ole South

--Ads and sponsors--

- Nothing to report

--Volunteers--

- October 18 Schooling Show
  - Beth will send eblast to solicit volunteers for this show
  - Molly Bronaugh will serve as CTDA Board representative.
- Beth Huff recommends that CTDA establish a Hospitality / Office Assistant volunteer position for all future CTDA Recognized Shows. Responsibilities include
  - Providing coffee for judges as well as snacks & water for judges and volunteers.
  - Miscellaneous errands for show office, CTDA as needed.

--Communications--

- CTDA Website Calendar still needs revision.
  - Jen Thompson & Brandon Jackson have designed a new online calendar which will be implemented January 1, 2015.
  - Server crashes: The current license (still in Michael Foster's name) expires January 2015. Brandon Jackson will monitor website & apply for new domain license as soon as possible after the current license expiration.
- eBlasts – sent frequently, at least every 2 weeks. Next eBlast will address:
  - October 18, 2014 Schooling Show & volunteer needs.
  - Year End Awards
- Newsletter - next issue pending

--Recognized Shows--

- Sandy Donovan is confirming show dates for 2015 & 2016. Update at next Board meeting.

- L Program Part II will be hosted at The Tennessean and Ole South in 2015
- Consider Jaeckle Center for L Program Part I (also schooling shows in future years).
- Tennessee State Championships
  - Participation has been very low for the past 2 years. Many horse / rider pairs have qualifying scores but are not CTDA members and are not eligible for the championships.
  - **Beth Huff moved CTDA discontinue the Tennessee State Championships for 2015, seconded by Nan Holland. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**
- Ole South Exhibitor Party & Saturday Night Exhibition
  - Plan for 2015 show
  - Seek sponsors for the event (Jaeckle Center, Markel Insurance, Custom Saddlery, Saddleridge Farms)
  - Exhibition possibly to include Dressage Musical Freestyles (consider costumes?), Tennessee Walking Horse Dressage, & Western Dressage.
- Ribbon, prizes and CTDA trailer inventory - tabled until November 3, 2014 meeting.

--Schooling Shows--

- Molly Bronaugh is CTDA Representative for October 18, 2014 show.
- Beth Huff will send eBlast regarding October 18, 2014 show and fill status.
  - To include reminder that PayPal payment confirmation DOES NOT EQUATE to entry confirmation.
- 2015 Schooling Show Dates
  - CTDA shall determine rain dates for 2015 Schooling Shows in advance.
  - Jen Thompson is awaiting communication from Greystone prior to setting CTDA show dates. Dates will be set at November 3, 2014 Board meeting.
  - Rain dates – set prior to publishing 2015 calendar.
  - Consider adding an additional schooling show in the Gallatin area. Update from Jen Thompson at next Board meeting.

--Hospitality--

- Plan for Year End Awards Banquet
  - Date is January 25, 2015, pending confirmation of venue
  - Jen Thompson will request use of Tennessee Equine Hospital's meeting room. Update at next Board meeting.

--Awards--

- Year End Awards Requirements revision:
  - Add the following statement to Awards Requirements document on CTDA website: **If a horse and rider pair have won a CTDA Year End Championship at a specific level, this horse and rider pair is NOT eligible for Championship at the same level in subsequent years. However, a horse and rider pair awarded Reserve at a specific level, IS eligible to compete again for Reserve or Championship at the same level in subsequent years.**
- Shelley Fugitt suggested clarification of Year End Award volunteer hour requirements for CTDA Directors. Beth Huff made the following motion: **"If appropriate, service on the CTDA Board may meet volunteer hour requirement for Year End Awards.** Jessica Roberson Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- Shelley Fugitt requested clarification of 5 Volunteer Hours requirement: 5 hours total for the calendar year or 5 hours per horse and rider pair? Tabled until November 3, 2014.
- Consider creating "CDI Participation Award".
  - Nan Holland to present proposed wording at the next Board meeting.

**Old Business**

- Arenas
  - New arenas still pending
  - Greystone is interested in purchasing one or both of CTDA's old arenas. The Board set the price at \$800 each. Update at the next Board meeting.

## New Business

- Bylaws Revision – **Article IV Section 4 (revisions in bold typeface)**

**Article IV Section 4:** Directors shall be advised by a vote ballot sent **electronically** to the entire voting membership no later than **15 days** prior to the election **meeting**. Votes can be cast **electronically (mail option removed)** prior to the election meeting or in person at said meeting. The open election meeting shall be conducted at least 30 days prior to year end, at which time the vote will be finalized and closed to further voting. The nominees receiving a quorum shall serve on the Board of Directors.

- Approved by unanimous vote of Directors on October 6, 2014.
  - Slate of Nominees for Board of Directors, term to begin December 1, 2015
    - Jessica Roberson Wright and Ashley Gregory will be rotating off the Board
    - Jessica Roberson Wright, who has also confirmed their willingness to serve on the Board, has nominated Scott MacGregor and Gracie Grimes. Jen Thompson will contact them via email to request biographical statements to include on the online ballot.
  - Sharon Blanford, contributor to the CTDA Newsletter The Half Halt ,has been awarded Honorable Mention for 2014 Best Amateur Photograph for GMO's with between 75 and 174 members.
  - BOD / Officer Job Descriptions and Succession Plan - Tabled
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Next meeting: **November 3, 2014 at 6:30pm**

Adjourned: 8:15pm