

October 2016 Minutes

Minutes CTDA Board 10-3-2016

Sportsman's Grille, Cool Springs

**Present** = Nan Holland, Shelley Fugitt, Marie McDonald, Jen Thompson, Kathee Mepham, Scot MacGregor and Bethany Gallagher

**Call to order** - 6:15 pm by Nan Holland

**Approval of September 2016 Minutes** - Motion to approve by Shelley Fugitt, seconded by Kathee Mepham. Motion carried.

**Reports of officers and committees**

**Treasurer** - SunTrust Balance is approximately \$41,000. The PayPal balance is \$681.

Outstanding expenses are \$60 for USDF Convention registration.

Net Income from Ole South is approximately \$10,000. Income from September 17 Schooling Show is \$1,000.

**Membership** - The final membership number for 2016 is 143.

Members renewing for 2017 = 5 to date

Discounted early CTDA membership renewals for the 2017 competition year will be offered until December 1, 2016 (\$40 early renewal instead of regular membership fee of \$45). Shelley requested frequent eBlasts reminding members of the discounted renewal fee.

**Ads and Sponsors** - Bethany reports YTD income from Ads & Sponsors is \$2,500. There are still a few outstanding payments to be made by ad purchasers. Jen and Kathee will work together to determine exact paid vs. unpaid ads.

**Volunteers** - Volunteer needs for the October 8 Schooling Show at Roberson Equestrian Center are: one scribe, 2 ring stewards and a runner. Scot MacGregor is the Board Representative for this show. He will work on obtaining the needed volunteers this week. Kathee will send out an eBlast recruiting volunteers tomorrow.

Kathee Mepham has offered to serve as Volunteer Chairperson for 2017, provided the Schooling Show Board Representatives for each Schooling Show take responsibility for

the required volunteers at these shows. She will handle volunteer acquisition and scheduling for our 3 2017 Recognized Shows.

**Communications** - Jen expressed concerns about the current PayPal account functionality. She will contact Leanne Gossels for her recommendation on opening a new PayPal account. Mimi Bliss is working on the next Newsletter. Kathee reports the website is up to date.

**Recognized Shows** - Local 2017 USDF Recognized Show dates are as follows:

April 1-2      Dressage at Circle G

**May 6            Spring Fling (CTDA)**

May 21-22    Dressage at Circle G

**June 10-11    Tennessean (CTDA) -Youth Team Competition**

July 15-16    Dressage at Circle G

**August 25-27      Ole South (CTDA) - Adult Team Competition**

Jen will contact Dr. Monty McInturff about the status of the warm up area at Harlinsdale.

Jen Thompson offered to handle hospitality needs at both The Tennessean and Ole South.

**Schooling Shows** -The show at Walnut Trace Farm on September 17 was well attended despite heavy rain. The footing held up well.

Scot MacGregor is the Board Representative for the October 8 schooling show at Roberson Equestrian Center.

The Board considered possible policies for Temperature/Heat Index and Minimum Number of Entries:

*Heat Index:* Require venues to provide adequate water for horses. CTDA is to provide adequate water for riders.

*Minimum Number of Entries:* Is there a minimum entry number below which a schooling show should be cancelled? Scot will discuss this issue with Sherry Pride, Schooling Show Secretary.

2017 Calendar & Venues:

Nan will draft dates based on USDF Recognized show dates in the area.

CTDA will **not** host a schooling show in June.

Venues will be asked to provide Ring Stewards and Runners. CTDA will provide Scribes.

**Awards** - The Board agreed with Molly Bronaugh's recommendations presented at the September Board meeting:

- All show specific ribbons still in the trailer will be discarded.

- Hodges "Empire" ribbon with 18" streamers (21" total length) will be used for USDF Recognized shows. Continue to use the CTDA logo on the button; use generic Central Tennessee Dressage Association on the middle streamer (rather than show specific).

- CTDA will retain the current style and size of Schooling Show ribbons.

Shelley Fugitt offered to serve as Awards Chairperson.

**Old Business** - *L Program Part 2 Status* - Jen reports the participant slots are filled with a 6 person waiting list.

*CTDA Board of Directors Nominations:* Nan informed the Board that 3 persons have agreed to serve on the Board of Directors. The Nominees are: Liz Johnston, Diane Hash and Sharon Blanford. Nan will contact each nominee and request that they submit brief biographies to Kathee to be included on the website ballot. Voting will be conducted October 15 - 31, 2016.

**New Business** - Nan reminded the Board that we will need to select prizes for Year End Award winners. Board members suggested logoed Tote Bags, Saddle Pads, Aprons, Hanging Cosmetic Bags and Boot Bags. Shelley will begin investigating pricing and the matter will be addressed again at the November Board meeting. We will need approximately 40 prizes.

Nan informed the Board that Monday night Board Meetings are problematic for one of the Board Nominees. She suggested moving the meeting to Tuesday nights beginning in January 2017. All were in agreement.

The CTDA Trailer needs to be cleaned out, organized and the arenas cleaned. The Board agreed to set Saturday, October 29, 2016, as the date to accomplish this task.

Kathee will send out eBlasts seeking 6 volunteers to come to Green Pastures Farm in Brentwood, TN, for this purpose.

A Board Retreat will be planned for February 2017.

The Committee Chair assignments are to be discussed at the November Board meetings.

**Next Meeting** - Monday, October 3, 2016 @ 6:00pm Location: Sportsman's Grille, Cool Springs

**Adjourned** - 7:57pm