

Meeting Minutes - October 22, via Zoom

Participants

- Laura Stockfisch
- Renee Stockfisch
- Karen O'Malley
- Jim Foley
- Susan Ritzcalla
- Ellen Douglas
- Laura P

Reports

- Secretary's report
 - Edit from Susan R
 - Motion made by Laura S, seconded by Susan R, accepted with amendments
- Treasurer's report
 - Motion made by Jim, seconded by Renee, passed unanimously
- Membership report
 - No change since last months meeting

Old Business

- 2024 Dressage Schooling show
 - Laura S Co-managing with Ellen
 - Laura P offered to help Laura S if given clear instructions
 - Susan and Renee will help
 - June 2, 2024
 - At Atkinson due to the amount of their riders who participate
 - Laura S to call Atkinson to confirm that the venue is available for our use
 - Laura P to call Liz to see if we usually call/email
 - Laura P going to reach out to Kat Kilcommons to see if she would be interested in being the secretary
 - Ask her what her fee is, if its over \$500 we can't afford her, and we should ask someone like Deborah Rhinehart
 - She/a representative needs to be there during the show
 - One of the Laura's will find out
 - Susan going to reach out to Deborah
 - Voted to accept whoever has the lowest bid and we trust can successfully run the show
- 2-Phase
 - \$800 for jumps
 - Jim wants 2 dressage rings
 - 1 ring to be dedicated to USDF Dressage only
 - Would need 2 dressage rings
 - Melany Cerney?

- Jane Tremlet charges \$300
- Course design by Rachael Green Lowell
- Going to offer Starter, beginner novice, novice, training, modified
 - Ribbons already ordered
- Add this show to the OPL
- Jim going to confirm Jane is willing to judge in the next few days and get back to Susan
- USDF GMO
 - Laura P is supposed to have received email confirming her commitment to be our delegate
 - Hellen is going to be our proxy
 - The board should be able to tell Hellen who we want to vote for

YEA

- Backpacks from last year for this year
- Ribbons ordered
- Have a list of all events and their dates if possible available at the banquet
- No communication from Ellen
- Being taken over by Susan be default
- Jim suggests sending a separate email to those who won to inform them to ensure that they go to the banquet
- Board member voting
 - Find a trusted individual who will not be an officer to count up votes
 - Karen leaving after that meeting
 - A piece of paper w/a ballot needs to be passed around at banquet
 - Only club members can vote
- Laura P and Susan made a write up to send out to members asking them to be board members
 - More positive than past notes to them (aka not begging them to become board members)
 - These names need to be added to ballots
 - If these people are not already members, they need to join at the banquet
 - Susan going to send out to 61 members
- Next year
 - Karen leaving
 - Emily leaving?
 - Kyle leaving
 - Renee leaving
 - Laura staying on board but not becoming an officer
 - If you know of someone who would be a good officer, send them Susan's write up
 - To be an officer you need to be on the board for at least a year according to the bylaws
 - Kat can be an officer (since she has been on the board before)
 - Ellen is willing be to the secretary next year

- Laura P willing to be VP
- Kat for President?
- Susan willing to be treasurer
- Laura P is going to make the ballot
- Advertisements
 - Laura trying to get more teenagers on the board
 - Let people know there will be auction items, good food, and inform them of the schedule of events for next year
 - Renee and Laura P to make an Instagram
- Silent Auction/Raffle (both happening)
- Trophies not found
- Susan is going to call Kat to see if she wants to be on the board next year and to see if she knows where the trophies are
- Susan sending email to board members with ticket buying link
- The current capacity is 60 seats
 - This might decrease due to amount of tables needed for auction items
- 1-2 tables for awards, 2-3 tables with raffle/auction items

Rated Show

- Susan has reached out to Sue to be show secretary
- About \$600, if lots of entries her fee will increase
- Susan is asking her about licensing fees etc.
- She is not charging us for Show Management as it is our first time
- Just under \$300 in fees, motion made to authorize this by Karen, seconded by Laura P, passed unanimously
- Erin (from UNH) not giving us a price
- Longfellow not interested in hosting
- Tack Shack wants to support us
 - 2 rings
 - Big warmup
 - \$1,800
 - More than Atkinson, but possibly less than UNH
 - 3 stalls available
- Ray Dennis (TD) joining to answer our questions
 - He is not going to charge us for mileage
 - He is willing to hold our hand and help us out
- Going to make the most money by holding a schooling show on Saturday, and a rated show on Sunday
 - One judge
- We used to do this by holding a schooling show the weened before UNH rated show
- Do we ask local barns if they would be willing to open stabling for the show?
- Ray joined the meeting
 - Ray researched UNH vs Atkinson
 - Liz was using Atkinson b/c Atkinson did the setup/ring maintenance, gave her an office to work out of

- Atkinson already an established location for rated show
- Liz still has Oyster River ribbons she would sell us
- 1/3 of riders from Atkinson
- "S" judge for FEi classes, and a "r" or "R" for lower levels
- Liz is fine with us keeping the name Oyster River
- Profit about \$2,000 (for Sperryview)
- Profit increases with a second ring, but need to make sure both rings will fill
- Might want to move show to middle of August since it will be before Regionals
- Lodging for judges is very expensive
- Also think about expenses for medical personnel
- Ray willing to go with us to look at another venue with us
- Tackshack does not have great footing, Atkinson is slightly better but still not great
- Riders do not want to go to Atkinson due to poor footing
- If we decide not to put on a rated show Ray will not charge us
- He will inform us if we ask him to do something and he is going to charge us, he will let us know how much it costs before proceeding
- Atkinson does not have good footing
- Footing very important for dressage riders
- Consensus is preference is for Tack Shack, then UNH, then Atkinson
- Tack Shack will charge us for a facility fee for the rated show, and then let us choose our own fee for the schooling show
- Susan is going to find out about the Tack Shack's footing
- Laura P. may be busy in Aug, and therefore not able to help us much depending
- Mid to late May date?

Next meeting: Nov. 5th, 3:00