

WDAFL Bard Meeting
April 9, 2017
7:30 PM Conference Call

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm with Daryl, Susan, Andrea, Rachel, and Patty present.

Approval of Minutes: The March 5 board meeting minutes were reviewed. Andrea moved to approve, Rachel seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Membership Report: Susan reported that currently we have 97 general members. We also have 28 rider/horse pairs enrolled in the high point program.

Treasurer Report: Andrea reported that the Regions account has a balance of \$10,936. Pay Pal balance is \$330. Largest recent expense was for insurance for the association and the officers at \$569. Susan moved to approve the report, seconded by Patty, unanimously approved.

Jec Ballou Clinic: Rachel reported on the planning for this clinic. The group discussed the incorporating of this event into the Education day, annual meeting, and high point awards planned for January, 2018. It was also reported under this item that contact has been made with Canterbury show place. They would love to have us plan an event at their facility. Susan moved to approve this clinic along with the annual meeting and high point awards for January 20/21 2018. The board approved. Further discussion included trying to work the high point awards in between clinic riders to ensure a large audience to acknowledge the hard work of the competitors, as well as including a Saturday lunch with the clinic/audit fee to be sure to have a larger number of members on hand for the annual meeting. We also need to immediately begin creating a flyer/save the date notifications to members for this event.

Grants/Scholarships Update: Currently, we have no applicants but we are aware of one in the works but that person is waiting on receiving the required WDAA membership number. Patty moved, with second by Susan, to have the advisory board members review and approve applications received for the championship attendance grants. The board approved.

2017 Championships – November 10-12: Daryl led the discussion which included review of a document she had created with discussion items. Saturday will be an education/schooling show/ride a test clinic. Sunday will be the championship show. Gayle Witty and Carlie Evans have been booked as show Manager and Secretary, respectively. Both of these people recommended that we offer all 4 tests of each level. While offering all tests, rider/horse pairs will be limited to riding only 3 tests, one of which must be test 4 of each level. Level champion will be determined based on the score of test 4 and the highest score of the other tests ridden at that level. There will be three divisions, youth, amateur, and open. "L" judges will be used for the schooling show/ride a test, in an effort to save some money. Rated judges will be used for the championship show. We would like to have an exhibitor party Saturday evening, but

these tend to be expensive. Ideally, we would find a sponsor for this event. All board members should be thinking about who we may approach to sponsor such an event.

Newsletter Update: Everyone thought the first newsletter was great! We loved the youth articles about some of our youngest members. Daryl reported she is still working on getting an article on our oldest member, Jack Hennig. Susan stated that we should try to get an article with a judge and subsequently volunteered to contact Charlotte Trentleman for the next newsletter issue. Goal is to have another newsletter issued in May.

Meet and Greets: Rachel and Andrea reported on the WDAFL attendance at the Reining event held in Jacksonville. While it was nice to be there, and a few brochures were handed out, there didn't appear to be much interest in the organization. Susan and Andrea reported on the Ocala Horse and Pet Expo. We had a great demonstration put on by Andrea and member Patty Stavely, with commentary by Cyril Pittion-Rossillon. We spoke with probably 10-15 very interested folks at our table. We need to find more events like this one throughout the state to attend. We also need to dress up our booth a little with at least a table cloth, complete set of test books, and maybe some flowers and possible trinket giveaways.

Adjournment: Patty moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Andrea. The board approved adjournment at 9:03 PM.