

WDAFL Board Meeting
December 29, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm via conference call. The following members were in attendance:

Daryl Leonard, Marie Frances Davis, Andrea Browning, Susan Butler, Carole Jackson, Emily Bedwell, Rachel Ory, Patricia Davis.

Election of Officers: The board unanimously elected the following to executive board positions:

President: Daryl Leonard
Vice President: Marie Frances Davis
Treasurer: Andrea Browning
Secretary: Susan Butler

Treasurer Report: Total funds available at the current time is \$11,174.04, although the final numbers from the championship show are not complete. Overall, it appears the balance available will be around \$13,000.

Membership: Current membership of the group is 93. Daryl provided a spreadsheet with membership information. She will contact the secretary for more explanation of the document and moving forward with tracking membership.

Annual Meeting: The annual meeting is scheduled for January 21 at Grand Oaks Resort in Weirsdale. Management at the resort has donated use of the covered arena for our program. We also have Bridge Room confirmed for the formal meeting and awards dinner. Planning for this event is seriously behind schedule. Education needs to be the focus of the event and planning includes a full day of activities. New tests for 2017 have not yet been released by WDAA. We hope they will be available by the time of the event. Current plans include "Ride with a Trainer" for the morning, consisting of a group lesson for the various levels consisting of approximately 10 riders per group. A nominal fee of \$10 per participant will be charged and horses brought in will need to pay either stall or haul in fee to Grand Oaks. Afternoon plans will include "Ride with a Judge" which will involve one rider per test level demonstrating the major movements identified for each test level and the judge making comments to the audience with regard to what he/she is looking for in each movement. Again, a nominal fee per rider will be charged and required fees to Grand Oaks will be paid by the rider. Evening program and meal will be charged at \$25 per person with cash bar. Sponsors get free meal. Secretary will have a membership table at the event. Continued planning and organization for the event is needed immediately.

Full Board Meeting: The board determined to hold a face to face full board meeting on January 20. Likely to be held at Fox Grove Farm, Ocala, beginning at 7:00 pm. Confirmation to be completed by Marie Frances.

Chair Assignments: Some discussion was had with regard to chair assignments in the areas of:

Newsletter: Carole Jackson

Youth Development: Patricia Davis

Membership: Susan Butler, although Susan commented that membership needs to be the responsibility of all board members as well as members recruiting new members.

Contact Daryl if you would like to chair other emphasis areas discussed or know of another member that would be good for other areas.

Use of Available Funds: It is important that the organization begin spending the funds that are available. Education needs to be the emphasis of use of these funds. Discussion ensued with regard to dividing the state into regions and starting a Grant/Scholarship program for each region to hold clinics/education events. Grant amount may be \$500 to each of 4 possible regions? More discussion on this idea will need to be had in the future.

High Point Awards Program: The current fees for this program are \$20 per adult and \$15 per youth. Currently, these fees do not cover the expenses for the awards. However, the board felt it extremely important to continue this program and subsidize it with association funds. Susan moved to keep the fees the same for the program in 2017, seconded by Andrea. Unanimous vote followed. Further discussion ensued with regard to other recognition programs that might be implemented to recognize other youth/members who may not think they are quite ready to participate in the high point program. Board members should contact Daryl with more ideas on this topic.

Laura Meadows Recognition: The board discussed recognizing this individual for stepping up and organizing members from her 4-H group that volunteered for various duties at the 2016 championship show. The board agreed the show would have been in serious trouble had they not stepped up to the plate. Andrea moved to donate \$100 to the 4-H club to be presented at the awards dinner, seconded by Carole. Board unanimously approved. Further, Carole moved that the board pay Laura's annual membership fee and for her meal at the annual meeting in recognition of her efforts. Seconded by Andrea, and unanimously approved by the board.

Adjournment: Marie Frances moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Andrea. Unanimously passed, meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.