

WDAFL Board Meeting Minutes
Dec. 3, 2017
7:00 PM Conference Call

Call To Order – Daryl called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Marie-Frances, Susan, Andrea, Rachel, Andrea and Amy were present. Julie and Carole were excused.

- I. Secretary/Membership Report
 - a. Minutes of Oct. 22 Board Meeting – Minutes were presented. Andrea moved to approve. 2nd by Amy. Approved.
 - b. Membership – Susan reported we have 116 members and had 40 horse/rider pairs in the High Point program. 2 new recent enrollments need to be moved to the 2018 program. We have also already had 2018 program tests submitted and question about how to pay and enroll in the program for 2018. Susan and Daryl will work with Becky to get the website updated to begin the 2018 High Point Program. All members received renewal notices on December 1 and 7 or 8 have already renewed. Another message will be sent to newly expired members on January 1 to encourage renewal.

- II. Treasurer Report General & Championships – Andrea
 - a. General – Regions has \$14,336.68 and PayPal has \$122.63.
 - b. Championship Show Weekend – A few outstanding bills and some income are yet to be received. Current estimate is that the association will net about \$2000. This would represent about half of previous years shows.

Susan moved to approve the report. 2nd by Amy. Approved.

- III. Education Day/High Point Awards/Annual Meeting: Jan. 20, 2018
 - a. Education: The board determined that the association will provide lunch for the clinicians and reimburse them for mileage. Rachel contacted WDAFL professionals to inquire of their interest in participating: Clinicians so far include Vickie Rollack, Ken Najorka, and Sandy Welsh. Rachel and Tom are also available. Cyril Pittion-Rossillon and Stephanie Mosely will each be contacted by Rachel to see if they would like to participate. Groups of riders will be limited to 5-6. Each session will be 45 minutes. Cost to riders will be \$25 plus stall (\$25/day) and 2 bags of shavings (\$16), or \$10 haul in fee. Riders will be permitted to participate in more than one session if space allows.

- b. HP Awards: Extra awards from the championship show will be used. The presentation will be made during the lunch break.
- c. Lunch: Price of lunch will be \$15 (no additional charge for attendees). Clinician and sponsors lunches will be comped. Andrea and Amy will select the lunch options to be offered.
- d. Annual Meeting: The annual meeting will be conducted first during the lunch break in the club house. HP awards will be presented at the completion of the meeting.
- e. Video Project: Interviews and filming of sessions during this event was considered, however, it was thought that the arena may be too dark for this purpose. Marie-Frances will discuss with the videographer.
- f. Budget: The budget for this event includes: Facility: \$325 - arena and clubhouse; Stalls \$25/day (need 2 bags of shaving min addtl \$16); Haul in: \$10/horse

IV. Jec Clinic Feb. 10 & 11, 2018 – Rachel

Rachel reported that to date, there are 5 participants for the group session and 1 private session for which 3 checks have already been received. Logan will work on advertising this event along with the Education Day. A newsletter will also be issued with regard to both events. The board approved up to \$100 to be spent for advertising these 2 events through social media.

V. 2017 Championships

- a. Review – in general, the show went very well. Volunteers were great! Some participants commented negatively with regard to the facility and distances on the property, others love the venue. Discussion revolved around how to increase participation, structure of Championships, location, and possible qualifying requirements. A membership survey was discussed to get feedback on WDAFL activities including Championships.
- b. Cancellation Policy – The policy for this event was unclear and resulted in 2 cancellations that were given refunds. Refund policy needs to be clearly stated in the show bill. Further discussion in the future with regard to how much to refund, for what reasons, and with date deadlines will occur before the event next year.
- c. Member Questionnaire – Members will be asked for comments on the show at the annual meeting. We may also send out a questionnaire.

VI. 2018 Board Slate:

Amy Fleming & Stephanie Mosely have agreed to be on the slate. A couple more names were discussed. Daryl will reach out to those people to discuss their willingness to serve.

VII. 4-H decisions:

Clinics / Clinicians to help area 4-H'ers get going will be worked on. A survey of association professionals will be done to create a list of willing clinicians that will do 4-H clinics for reduced fees.

VIII. Grant Program:

Only one application for the championship show was received. It appears people are not interested in applying for grants. The board will consider using these designated funds to provide more education/clinic opportunities throughout the state.

IX. 2018 High Point Program

Lots of discussion was had on this topic. This past year's program required a minimum of 6 tests (1 must be test 4 of the level) from three different shows and three different judges. It stated evaluation would be based on the median score of only the highest 6 tests submitted. This does not represent a true median score since all submitted scores are not considered. Marie-Frances made a motion that the 2018 program will use the true median score of ALL tests submitted. One must still be test 4 of the level. 2nd by Andrea and the board approved. Karen Abbattista administered the program the last two years and has been asked if she would be willing to continue. If she is not willing, Susan has volunteered to administer it for 2018. The 2018 program has been updated on the website along with the registration forms for 2018. Marie-Frances will write an article for the upcoming Newsletter on this program.

X. Next meeting will be 7:00 on January 14 via conference call.

Adjournment – Andrea moved to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Amy. Meeting adjourned at 9:29 pm.