



WESTERN DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION® OF FLORIDA

Annual Meeting Agenda

Saturday January 20, 2018, 12:00 pm

Canterbury Showplace Newberry, FL

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at approximately 12.30 PM after lunch was served. Board members present included Marie-Frances Davis, Susan Butler, Andrea Browning, Amy Fleming, and Rachael Ory. In total, approximately 40 members were present for the meeting.

1. Welcome & Introduction

VP Marie-Frances opened the meeting and welcomed all.

2. Reports

President's Report – Marie-Frances discussed the activities for the year and thanked the board members leaving the board. They included Andrea, Carole, and Daryl's resignation. The board member election will be held soon.

Treasurer's Report – Andrea reported that that income for the year was \$24,693.37, with expenses totaling \$21,611.04.

Membership Report – Susan reported that as of December 31, the association had 120 members. As of today, only 57 had renewed their membership. Renewal reminders were sent out December 1 and January 1. Individual members not yet renewed will be contacted after February 1. The High Point program has been changed for 2018. Enrollment cost remains the same, as well as requiring the minimum of 6 tests from 3 different shows and 3 different judges. However, this year, we will calculate the median score from all tests submitted, not just the highest 6. Still required to submit tests within 30 days of competing.

Education Report – Marie-Frances reported that education will continue to be a major emphasis for the association going forward. This will include clinics and we will try to hold them throughout the state. The next education opportunity is a 2-day clinic with Jec Ballou to be held at Rebel Ridge Farm in Ocala on February 10-11. Riding spots still remain available for this event.

Championships Report – The past year's event was a break even endeavor, as compared to a money making event in the past. Participation was down, possibly due to the unfavorable weather leading up to the event this year.



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Format – Many comments were received about this coming year’s event. Great ideas which included considering a rookie award, championship classes with qualifying requirements (take a look at the system used by NE Florida), and a 2 day USEF show vs. one education day and 1 competition day.

Survey – A survey about the championship show is open on the website and will be available until January 31. It asks about location, dates, and format. Membership is encouraged to participate in the survey. As of today, results are leaning towards keeping the education day/competition day format, at the same location (Grand Oaks Resort in Weirsdale) on the same dates, and to continue to use out of state judges as we have in the past.

3. Grant/Scholarship Program – Not much discussion was had on this topic. Board will discuss what to do with this program.
4. Moving Forward – What should 2018 and beyond look like?

A suggestion brought forward was to consider having quarterly association meetings rather than just the 1 annual meeting that includes all membership. Look into broadening the advertisement for the championship show to increase participation. Keep membership more informed and up to date with activities. Continue emphasis on education and consider more competition. Continue with the new format for the annual meeting as was done this year, during an education day and over the lunch break rather than as an evening banquet.

High point awards were then presented and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:40 PM.



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