

WDAFL Board Meeting  
April 22, 2018  
7:30 PM Conference Call

Call To Order – Patty called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm with Marie-Frances, Susan, Terri, Rachel and Stephanie present. Amy was excused.

- I. Approval of Minutes – Susan stated that the March meeting minutes had been previously sent to all members of the board and no corrections/edits were provided. Terri moved to approve the minutes, with 2<sup>nd</sup> provided by Marie-Frances. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.
  
- II. Treasurer Report – Terri stated that she is still trying to reconcile accounts after the transition from the previous treasurer. She indicted the Regions account has balance of \$8,250. Susan accessed PayPal during the call and reported that the balance there is \$1,400.65. Terri reported she recently received a bill of \$400 from Becky Melton who is our website manager and asked if this bill should be considered reasonable and paid. Marie-Frances and Susan reported that this is a typical billing and it should be paid. Terri stated that she will reach out to the past treasurer to clear up her final accounting questions regarding reconciling the accounts and provide a better report at the next regular monthly board meeting. Susan moved to accept the report with 2<sup>nd</sup> provided by Stephanie. Hearing no objections, the report was approved.
  
- III. New Business
  - a. Dog Trials Info – Susan recently discovered that there will be a dog luring championship held at Grand Oaks the same weekend as our championship show. Patty and Susan both reported on what dog luring is and that it will be held in an area of the grounds that should not prove to create any complications for our show. Patty reported that the actual luring course is completely surrounded by orange plastic netting so that if a dog goes off course, it cannot leave the immediate area and cause a problem for our horses. However, Susan reported that Grand Oaks told her that all of the larger homes on the property have already been rented by the dog event. We will need to make other arrangements for a location from which to base WDAFL activities at the show. All board members agreed this should not be a problem for our show.
  
  - b. Keep or Suspend USEF at Championship Show – Marie-Frances reported that only in the last week or so it came to our attention that our show manager, Gayle Witty, had a report filed against her in relation to our last year's show. That show was a USEF show, however, we also allowed participants that were not USEF amateur card holders to compete in amateur classes for WDAFL purposes only. The reports on the show sent to USEF properly reported all results with non-cardholding amateurs placed in the open class results. For WDAFL purposes, we reported the results for our awards only with non-cardholding participants in the amateur classes on our website. That information was used to file a report against Gayle for violating USEF rules. Thankfully, she was not penalized or sanctioned by USEF in any way, however,

she was told that how we ran things last year cannot happen again. Thus, we need to determine whether we want the show to be USEF sanctioned or only WDAA/WDAFL sanctioned. There are consequences either way with the possibility of losing participants that we cannot afford to lose. Also, a non-USEF show could save a substantial amount of money remembering that the first year we ran the show it made money, the second year it just broke even, and this past year we lost some. The board determined more information was necessary before making this critical decision. Specifically:

Marie-Frances will hold a conference call with the WDAFL professional advisors to get their input and advice on the issue.

Marie-Frances will contact Carlie Evans (last year show secretary) to obtain accurate numbers with regard to how many amateur participants held USEF amateur cards and how many did not. (Note: Patty stated that last year the participants from their barn actually purchased an USEF amateur card but that they had all decided that the \$85 was too much added expense and they will not be doing that this year.)

Terri will pull together an accurate accounting report with regard to the expenses incurred for a USEF show vs. a WDAA/WDAFL only show.

Susan asked that as each of the above obtained their assigned information, it should be shared with all board members as soon as possible so that each may give proper consideration to the information.

The board determined that this decision is time sensitive and needs to be made immediately. Therefore, the board agreed to hold a special conference call solely on this topic on April 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm.

- c. Sponsorships for Championship Show – Patty reported that she has reached out to the Western Dressage Tack Company, Troxel, and Newport Hay requesting corporate sponsorship of the show. She will also be contacting Tribute Feed and Purina. She urged the entire board to think of other corporations that we could ask for sponsorship and to get the ideas to her so that she can contact them. Terri reported she may have a few that she will contact from her area as well.
- IV. Old Business – No old business was brought forward.
  - V. The next regular monthly board meeting will be May 20, 7:30 pm, via conference call.
  - VI. Adjourn – Stephanie moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terri. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.