

WDAFL BOARD MEETING

Special Championship Show Meeting

April 28, 2019 7:00 PM Conference call

Meeting was called to order by Joanne at 7:03 PM. In attendance were Marie-France, Susan, Lauren, Rachel, Marjie, and Patty. Terri was in travel status.

New Business:

1. Terri is talking to someone who may be interested in taking over the treasurer position.
2. Natalie Cox, a member from south Georgia, is interested in becoming the board member to replace Stephanie. She has also said she would be willing in becoming the membership director for the remainder of the year so that Susan can give her the training she needs before the end of the year. Susan moved to elect Natalie to the board to serve as the membership director. Patty 2nd. With no objection, the motion was approved. Joanne contacted Natalie immediately and she joined the board on the conference call.
3. Grants – Susan stated that only one grant request for the lesson/clinic grant was received. Member Emily Nolan requested to be granted \$200 to take some lessons. The board voted to approve this request by email. Susan notified Emily of the award.
4. Susan reviewed current membership status. We have 89 members. A review between WDAA and WDAFL found that 12 are not members of WDAA as required. However, all information on our website and membership form states the requirement to be members of both associations. The board made the determination that we will not chase these members at this time.

Championship Show:

1. Dates and Manager – Marie-Frances reported that she has been in contact with show manager Gayle Whitty who has agreed to do our show again this year. The dates of November 9-10 is confirmed with the location being Grand Oaks. Gayle is also aware that all aspects of managing the show, including obtaining all needed positions, for this year.
2. Schedule and Show Bill – Based on the survey, we will host a schooling show Saturday morning, have education Saturday afternoon, and host the championship show Sunday. Joanne will work with Gayle on the show bill.
3. Vendors – A few vendors have already committed. Board members will continue to seek out more vendors for the show.
4. Speakers/Education – Joanne has secured a speaker from Purina who will talk on gastric issues, without promoting their produce. They will also have vendor space. Linda Roberts is a USEF Inspector. She will discuss legal vs illegal equipment. She charges a fee of \$100/day. Marjie moved that her fee is reasonable and we should pay her. Rachel provided a 2nd. With no objection, the motion was passed. However, Marie-Frances pointed out that we have never in the past, paid for an educator. This would be precedent setting. The board determined that it was probably time that

we do pay something to get more quality speakers. Susan mentioned member Janet Cagle who presents professional programs on goal setting. Susan talked with her at a show a few weeks ago about her being willing to do this. Joanne will contact her. The idea of Gator trailers providing a trailer safety talk was brought up again. Joanne will contact them.

5. Timing – Schooling show will run from 8:00 am to noon. Lunch will be from 12:30 – 1:30. Education will begin at 2:00 pm. Open practice will follow after the education portion.
6. Luncheon – Last year the cost of the free luncheon was \$740 for 50 meals. We actually ran short so might need to order 75 this year. Susan moved that we again provide a free luncheon as this and the raffle were how we got people to stay and attend the education last year. Marjie provided a 2nd. Motion passed.
7. Raffle – Rachel and Joanne discussed that they have people willing to sell raffle tickets this year. Rachel moved that this year we actually sell raffle tickets rather than give them away free. She also moved that each board member get or sponsor at least one item for the raffle. 2nd by Patty. Approved.
8. Sponsors – We need to be contacting all of last year’s sponsors NOW!
9. Membership Requirements – After much discussion, Susan moved that all competitors must be members of both WDAFL and WDAA to be eligible to compete. Patty 2nd. Approved.

Joanne announced that she will not be showing at the show so that she can be available for whatever is needed. She also stated she contacted Dressage Illustrated about test books. They will sell to us for just \$12 each (retail is \$20) with delayed invoicing until after the show. He will also provide us one instructors manual book for free to do with as we please. Any books we don’t sell, he will buy back, although we may want to hang on to them to sell at other events. Joanne will order books.

The next meeting was scheduled for May 26th, 7:00 pm, via conference call.

Patty moved to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Marjie. Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.