

WDAFL BOARD MEETING

November 24, 2019 7:00 PM Conference call

Meeting was called to order by Joanne at 7:02 PM. In attendance were Marie-France, Susan, Lauren, Natalie, Wendy and Marjie. Rachel and Patty have resigned from the board.

Secretary/Membership Report:

Susan presented the November 3 minutes for approval. Wendy moved to approve the minutes, Marjie provided a 2nd. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report:

Wendy submitted a financial report on the Championship Show. The report showed receipts of \$19,269.50 and expenses of \$17,710.40 for a net of \$1,559.10. However, Show Manager, Gayle Witty, has yet to submit her bill. Likely to break even, or have a minimal amount of expenses above the income. Susan moved to accept the report, Natalie provided 2nd. Report approved.

Old Business:

Championship Show

Joanne led the discussion. Overall comments are to continue to host the show at Grand Oaks. Joanne have discussed next year dates with Gayle Witty. Gayle will be getting back to her but the likely dates will be November 7 & 8.

Bills Coming up

Joanne reported that our insurance is due in February. We will also be paying for year end awards and any expenses for an education event and annual meeting. The year end awards have included level awards and overall awards in the categories of youth, open and amateur that have been director chairs that cost about \$100 each. These awards have traditionally been purchased through Hodges. We had about 40 participants in the awards program this year with 24 currently qualified for consideration. Lauren will be taking over the High Point program next year. She has also volunteered to monitor our social media efforts. These expenses will be reducing our financial status below what we have been carrying for the last few years.

Education Event/Awards/Annual Meeting

Discussion was had with regard to this event. Susan reported that the meeting typically was held the third weekend in January, however, that weekend is the first 2 day show in the Horse Park USEF series. Wendy moved that we host this meeting in conjunction with the USEF show on Saturday, January 18th. The motion included hosting a dinner (hopefully we can provide that free) with the education portion being a discussion with a judge (maybe Charlotte Trentleman) on the judges perspective now that Western Dressage has evolved for a few years. Susan provided the 2nd. Motion approved. Marie-Frances will call the Horse Park about what facilities we could use there at the Horse Park. Wendy generously stated that she will sponsor the meeting up to \$500 with the affiliation covering expenses beyond that amount.

Board Nominations

Susan stated she will head up this effort. Nominations will be open for a 2 week period, ending around December 4. After nominations are closed, Susan will issue the website and social media announcements about elections being open with regard to the nominations. The election consists of announcement of the nominated members and instruction to send a message with any objections against those nominated. That period will also be 2 weeks. This schedule will result in the new board being set before the end of December. Organizational meeting should be scheduled early in January so that the board can determine the executive committee (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary) and directors.

In review, Marie-Frances, Patty and Susan's 3 year terms have expired at the end of this year. Marie-Frances has served 2 consecutive 3 year terms and is ineligible to continue. Susan announced she is willing to serve on the board for another 3 year term if the board agrees.

Susan discussed serving on the board with members Lisa Walter and Leah Marshall. Both are willing to serve and Susan will nominate them. Joanne nominated Susan to continue for a second term.

Joanne reported that we need some new advisory board members. She will be nominating Holly Winkeljohn and Brian Myerhoff. The board discussed the need to involve these advisory board members in the regular business of the group. It was suggested that at a minimum, quarterly phone conferences with the advisors should be done. One call should be held in December for input prior to our education/annual meeting/awards event. Marjie volunteered to be the advisory board liaison. She will contact Charlotte about being the speaker for the annual meeting. Marie-Frances moved that we remove Karen and Kathy from the advisory board as they have not been responding to efforts to reach out to them. Wendy provided a 2nd. Motion was approved.

Membership Renewal

Susan has been working with Natalie who volunteered to handle membership in the future. The annual statement about needing to renew membership has been drafted. It was suggested that the message also ask members about any advisory board nominations. The website will be reset to handle 2020 membership. Natalie will be coordinating this effort with Becky. The board determined that the membership fees will remain at a very affordable \$25. Susan will update the paper membership application that is on the website with Natalie's address for those that don't want to join through the website.

Next Meeting: December 29, 7:00 via conference call.

Adjourn: Marjie moved to adjourn. 2nd by Marie-Frances. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.