

WDAFL Board Meeting
Sunday, September 17, 2023
7:00 Conference Call

The meeting was called to order by Joanne at 7:06 PM. In attendance were Joanne, Jackie, Amanda, Melanie, Holly, Chris and Susan. Wendy was excused.

Secretary Report

Approval of the 8/20/23 Minutes previously emailed to the Board: Melanie made a motion to approve the Minutes, Susan seconded the motion, the motion was passed.

Treasurer Report

Approval of the August 2023 financial reports which were previously emailed to the Board: Holly made a motion to approve, Chris seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

The following was discussed:

Amanda sent Joanne information on the Florida based ribbon company (horseshowribbons.com) for review of her offerings. Her ribbons are less expensive than our previous supplier and she is local to Florida, the only negative is that she does not offer the gold edging on her ribbons. The board was asked if this was a deal breaker, and to send Joanne photos of ribbons that have won in the past so we can get ideas for our ribbons: rosette style and streamer length. Deadline to order ribbons is December 1, 2023 (for our year end awards and our show ribbons).

A reminder to all Board members that we are WDAFL, and NOT WDA of FL, as this has been an issue in the past. Please make sure you refer to our group as WDAFL.

Wendy (via text) confirmed that she paid for WDAFL to sponsor two classes at the WDAA World show, Junior Basic test 4 and Junior Level 1 test 4. Amanda confirmed that she has certificates to present at the WDAA show for the high score WDAFL Junior, Amateur, and Open riders. Their gift will be presented at our Annual Meeting in January.

The following breed awards for our annual show have been sponsored: Pinto, Paint, AQHA, Solid paint, Appendix, Palomino and Freestyle. Silver Spur award is also sponsored. Wendy of Shady Oak Farm has sponsored the second day of belt buckles!! Thank you Wendy! We are still looking for more breed award sponsors.

Joanne and Jackie will be scheduling a conference call with our Show Secretary regarding our show bill and particulars regarding the possibility of getting Friday afternoon for rail classes and freestyle. Once we get that finalized we will reach out to Kim at FHP to amend our contract.

Discussion regarding how many freestyle rides to offer: we usually have only 12 spots as we schedule 10 min per ride. Last year we had a waiting list. A vote was taken on how many rides we should offer, and we agreed upon offering 15 Musical Freestyle rides. We would also offer a leadline class as long as we had more than one entry.

The possibility of offering "WDAFL bucks" to our Junior riders at our show (to be used show weekend on raffle, food, etc) was discussed. The board voted unanimously to offer ONLY Junior riders \$5.00 per class. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Since we have used the same show Steward for the past two years we need to find a new one, as you can only use the same one twice in a three year period per USEF.

Costs for a Friday evening judge (and she will also scribe both days on the weekend) was discussed. We will further discuss depending on the Friday night schedule being approved.

There will be NO use of the covered arena on the Thursday prior to the show, grass rings will be available.

Chris advised she has gotten two grant applications for our WDAFL show in January, one youth and one amateur. If we do not get an open rider to apply, we will give out a second amateur grant.

The next Board meeting was scheduled for Sunday, October 29, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Susan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with Chris seconding. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.