

WDAFL Board Meeting
Monday, April 22, 2024
7:00 PM Conference Call

The meeting was called to order by Melanie at 7:07 PM. In attendance were Melanie, Amanda, Brenda, Jackie, Susan and Holly.

Secretary Report

Approval of the 3/18/2024 Minutes previously emailed to the Board: Brenda made a motion to approve the Minutes, Susan seconded the motion, the motion was passed.

Treasurer Report

Approval of the March 2024 financial report which was previously emailed to the Board: Holly made a motion to approve, Susan seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Brenda gave us an update on the rates offered by a few financial institutions for their Money Market accounts as we discussed at the last meeting to invest a small part of our funds as an "emergency fund". Edward Jones offers 5.3% (the highest she found). Discussion ensued and a vote was taken to invest \$5,000.00 into a Money Market account to be used for emergencies. All Board members agreed. Jackie made a motion to approve, Holly seconded the motion. Motion was passed. Brenda will go ahead and open this account and keep us updated.

Brenda advised we received a notice from the IRS for 2021 990N filing. She spoke someone at the IRS, and they want a formal filing. Board was advised that this will cost somewhere around \$50 to file as it has to be done with the proper software. Susan made a motion that we go ahead and with that expense to get this taken care of, and Jackie seconded the motion. The motion was passed. Brenda will get this filed ASAP.

The following was discussed:

Annual horse show: Judges have been chosen and contracts signed. We will have Jodi Eli and Lillian Phelan-Evanow judging on Saturday and Sunday. Lynn Newton and Patti Thompson will be judging/scribing on Friday for the rail classes and Musical Freestyle, and they will also be scribing on Saturday and Sunday. Sally Struss will be our show Steward.

Our show secretary, Stacia Wert-Gray, will be putting together a showbill for us the month of May. The Board will review once received. Discussion ensued regarding where to hold the Annual meeting in conjunction with the horse show. Even though it was very cold for our 2024 meeting, the Board felt most people would like to have it at the show venue instead of going elsewhere. Discussion of possibly renting a small tent with sides (in case of cold weather) was discussed versus doing it under the Pavillion again. This will be getting more research regarding if FHP would allow us to do that, as well as the price difference between the two options. Food options were also discussed.

Discussion on voting in new Board member Henry Watson. His bio was emailed to all Board members after the last meeting. All questions were answered and a vote taken. The Board voted unanimously to vote in Henry Watson as a new member of the Board. Brenda made motion to approve adding Henry, and Holly seconded the motion. The motion was passed. Welcome Henry!

Melanie and Brenda gave us an update of the Charlotte Trentelman clinic that was given on April 21, 2024 to the "New to Western Dressage" group. There were 9 riders with various riding backgrounds who were all new to Western Dressage. Charlotte worked with each rider individually, explained thoroughly and encouraged all riders to do their best! There were 5 riders on the waiting list, so we are considering doing another clinic like this again. Lunch was sponsored by WDAFL, and consisted of sandwiches, chips, cookies and drinks. Charlotte answered questions during the lunch break. Thank you ladies for putting this clinic together.

New discussion about Year End awards was started. Since the time between the end of the award year and our Annual meeting is very short, getting prizes engraved or embroidered might be a bit tricky. Jackie will inquire at Tack Shack of Ocala, which has an embroidery department, to see what their turnaround time would be and will give an update at the next meeting.

The next Board meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Jackie made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with Brenda seconding. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.