



MEETING MINUTES FROM September 10, 2013

Location: Harbor Covenant Church, Gig Harbor, WA

Attendees: Jerry Whitlow, Carrie Whitlow, Tina Hansen, Sharon Scott, Christine Erikson, Mary Grady, Anne Montgomery and Cheryl Rife.

Meeting Called to Order at 7:11 pm

Minutes from August 13, 2012 meeting approved as read

Correspondence:

- 1) Meredith Crawford requested feedback be sent to her MBA program about her performance as judge at the September Show. Tina will provide a response.
- 2) ODS has two open positions on the Board. One is the regional representative responsible for communicating with region clubs and the other position is an "at large" position. The positions will be responsible for meetings via conferencing and for 4 meetings in person in Oregon. Information is available for any interested volunteers.
- 3) Application deadline for Carol Lavell Gifted Fund Scholarship is Sept. 15.
- 4) ODS has \$1000 scholarships for an adult camp. Information to be forwarded to Sandra Schugren.

Treasurer's Report Current balance is \$13,644.41

Membership: 40 ODS members; 222 Facebook likes and 21 Youth Facebook members

Show Committee:

- 1) Tina reported that there were 60 rides down the center line at the September show.
- 2) There have been requests for refunds of class fees by several members who scratched for various hardships at the last show. The current rule is that refunds are given only when the horse or rider is unable to participate because of death or veterinarian/physician documented illness. It was unanimously agreed that no exceptions would be made to this rule.
- 3) Ride times: Currently the "draft" ride times are published Thursday evening before the scheduled show. After that time many scratches are received and the final schedule may change. Some people may not know before they arrive at the show, what the final ride

times are. It was decided that the rules would be changed as follows: The final ride times will be posted on Friday morning. No changes will be made after that time. This means that the show may have ride times that go unused. Motion made by Jerry and seconded by Cheryl. All present voted in favor of the motion.

- 4) Eliminations: A horse with a wound in the spur area presented. The ride was continued without spurs but the initial test was eliminated. The same horse and rider competed in a later class and the ride was scored and not eliminated. What is the policy about horse welfare? After discussion the issue was tabled and Cheryl agreed to do further research for discussion at the next meeting.
- 5) Show Committee: The new show committee includes: Tina Hansen, Carrie Whitlow, Christine Erikson and Sharon Scott. Tina is resigning as show committee chairman. THANK YOU for a job well done. Volunteers are needed for this position for 2014. The committee will have its initial meeting on Tuesday, October 1st at Christine Erickson's home.

Old Business:

BBQ: Jerry reported that the Member Appreciation BBQ was a rousing good time! Thank you Sandra for hosting this wonderful event. Let's make it an annual time for playing and socializing.

New Business:

Awards Banquet:

Cheryl and Anne have agreed to co-chair the awards banquet this year. The board agreed to honor this commitment by awarding volunteer hours. They have begun to search venues and will have a recommendation soon. It was agreed that it is appropriate to raise the ticket price since the price had not changed in years. The amount suggested was \$45 for adults and \$35 for junior riders. The budget for the 2013 banquet will be used as a guideline for next year, and the group agreed that it would be good to subsidize this event if needed. Final budget to be determined.

Next Meeting: October 8, 2013 at the Schugren residence.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM