

## **MINUTES TO THE TSDS BOARD MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 4, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 2:10 P.M. at Ralph and Kacoo's. Board members present included Amy Rokaw, Tracy Hewlett, Marsha Murray, Beth Turner, Yvette Harrell, Michelle Burgoyne, Carla Johnston, Minou Olsan and Gwen Swanborn.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES :** Minutes from the November 12, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved by a motion from Yvette and 2<sup>nd</sup> from Michelle.

**Discussion of Old Business:** Treasurer Marsha Murray reported all bills have been paid as of this date with the exception of the CPA charge yet to come, leaving a balance of \$6,612.92 in Chase. \*The yearly tax form will be filed by Amy Walsh, the Show Secretary. (Correction made that the Club's CPA will file such form.) Web Master and Show Secretary for 2018 will continue to be Amy Walsh. Annual Report has been filed.

**Discussion of New Business:** Discussion of presenting ribbons for end of year awards in addition to prizes. Suggestion was to print certificates instead of ribbons.

Reminder to post signs at Holly Hill and other barns for upcoming shows.

Board members were given binder to keep current and pass to the next person filling that position.

Our bylaws state that only 30% of the board should come from any one barn. It was noted that more than 30% of current board is made up of boarders and owners from one barn. Attempts to rectify that will be made by contacting trainers and riders from Wildwood and other surrounding barns in our area. Vote was against making any changes to the bylaws regarding this rule.

Carla had submitted articles and pictures about the TSDS banquet to several newspapers and publications such as Shreveport Times, Monroe and Ruston newspapers and the Louisiana Equine Council.

Secretary Beth Turner was asked to prepare thank you letters to people who donated items for banquet and prepare a letter form to be used in obtaining donations in the future.

Once again we discussed having an educational speaker come give a presentation. Susanne May was suggested and Gwen offered to speak to her.

We discussed how to create interest in dressage and increase membership. One idea was to introduce a Prix Caprilli test, possibly at the lower levels. Another suggestion was a musical dressage test, not a freestyle, but a test ridden with music with possibly a costume. Also, offer a class for kids to ride with assistance in the ring from a trainer or someone. The class might be called Kids and Coach Class. The class would have an age limit.

Amy presented a new member incentive to show through a raffle entry.

1. One raffle entry for each show. 2. One raffle entry for a musical freestyle or pas de deux. 3. One entry for every 4 volunteer hours. 4. A large end of the year raffle that combines all of the above. The more you show and volunteer, the more raffle entries you get for the end of the year. Nice prize will be given at the banquet.

General Membership Meeting will be held on previously suggested dates of March 10 and September 29.

Show Secretary is working on creating a PDF Fillable Membership Form and a PDF Fillable Show Entry Form. Currently will still have to mail checks to treasurer but eventually will create Pay Pal and let the user absorb the 2 or 3% fee.

Secretary will rebuild the email list and obtain a directory of members from Treasurer. Amy and Michelle will submit a survey to members to get feedback and suggestions regarding club trail ride interest and what type of educational information is needed. Also, get responses regarding having the club sponsor a musical freestyle clinician. It was noted that grants are available to get interest and financial help regarding education in dressage. They will also prepare a separate survey and send to area trainers to generate interest and give information about the club. Barbara Lewis and Kim Brunson were suggestions to include in that list. Also Pony Club is to be included. Donna Canalas was noted as the contact person for that club.

The club appointed Yevette Harrell as a Point Person for shows for the coming year. She will be the person to discuss problems or situations that might occur prior to or during the show. Persons in charge of 2018 shows are as follows:

March 10	Tracy Hewlett	Gwen Swanborn
May 5	Beth Turner	Carla Johnston
June 2	Minou Olsan	Rhonda Davis
September 29	Michelle Burgoyne	Yevette Harrell

Judges for the 2018 season are scheduled as follows:

March 10	Aaron Wilson	Barbara Lewis
May 5	Bobbie Paulk	Diane Rochau
June 2	Bill Woods	Diane Rochau
September 29	Mary Mahler	

Clinics to follow the show will be given by Bobbie Paulk and Bill Woods.

Nomination suggestions for two board members to be added this year were:

1. Jessica Jones at Wildwood nominated by Amy
2. Samantha Lutrell nominated by Gwen
3. Lisa Phillips nominated by Gwen
4. Bonnie Williams nominated by Gwen

Junior Board members will be added this year. Nominations are:

1. Carson Crowell nominated by Tracy
2. Grace Sharpton nominated by Marsha

Standing Committee Chairs for 2018 will be:

Michelle Burgoyne – Program Activity Chairman

Minou Olsan – Newsletter Website Committee Chairman to create quarterly newsletter emails to all members.

Amiee will remain Volunteer Chairman if she so agrees.

By unanimous vote volunteer hours were decreased to two instead of four in order to receive an award.

The board discussed purchasing wheel covers for the TSDS trailer or building a cover for it. Yvette offered to research wheel covers. Also, we need to purchase boxes that actually fit in the shelves of the trailer to house the ribbons.

Jacko's Catering was suggested to use for catering at some of the shows. First we need to determine if he has any minimum and if so, is it \$250.00. Volunteer lunches can be obtained from him by using a ticket given to them when they check in.

Vote was put before the club to donate \$100 to the Dressage Foundation plus any money collected at the show for the foundation.

The board discussed starting a Perpetual Volunteer Plaque for general members for the most volunteer time each year. The volunteer's name will be put on the plaque and passed on to the next person each year.

Business was concluded and meeting adjourned at 4:15.