

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

**MAY 9, 2018**

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:45 P.M. at L'Italiano in Bossier City. Members present were: Marsha Murray, Lisa Phillips, Michelle Burgoyne, Amy Rokaw, Rhonda Davis, Yvette Harrell, Grace Sharplin, Carla Johnston, Beth Turner, Tracy Hewlett, Samantha Luttrell and Gwen Swanborn.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the May 5 General Membership Meeting were approved.

**Discussion of Old Business:** Treasury report by Marsha Murray stated a balance of \$9,468 as of May 9, 2018. \$3,690 was deposited from the May 5 show. Show Secretary was paid \$595.45 for that show that included \$5 per entry plus mileage and expenses.

The Equine Bodywork Symposium and Demonstration by TeAh Pheonix to take place on May 19, 2018 had 12 confirmed participants. The invite for the Lunch and Learn was determined to be well received. Michelle Burgoyne said the meeting was to take place under the pavilion at Holly Hill at noon. Demonstration will be on Paddy

Hanna Gamble's Eightfold Farms sold several items at the May 5 show and will definitely be invited back for future shows.

Reminders will be given to reserve a spot for the Bill Woods Clinic. The club will need someone to run the clinic on June 3.

There was discussion of the number of rides allowed on one horse. The USEF rule is 3 rides on same horse through training level and 2 rides on 4<sup>th</sup> level and up. This rule will be put on the website and possibly on the show entry so people will know. Also, show organizers were reminded to get liability releases signed.

**Discussion of New Business:** Michelle obtained a grant for \$1000 for the Ride a Test clinic by Barbara Lewis for a minimum of 9-10 riders. Michelle also is going

to attempt to get a grant for next year for Up the Levels. Requests were made for instructors to lead such training. Grant money for Youth Programs was also noted to be available. TSDS wants to start a JYR scholarship program. Michelle and Yevette will head up a committee to establish and direct that program. An ages 6-9 Youth Clinic is coming up at Jodi DeStefanis' WV Dressage LLC. WV Dressage LLC is also hosting a George Williams Clinic on June 22 and 23.

In reference to future shows, the suggestion was made to have an obstacle course in September. It would be an intro class with obstacles in it for the youth. A suitable horse would be needed.

An article has been written and submitted by Carla Johnston to the Louisiana Equine Council. It was suggested that the same be done for the Bossier Press Tribune.

Amy Walsh has stated that for the next show if show entries are emailed to her, she will be able to email an invoice via PayPal. Board must decide whether to charge 3 or 5% for such use.

Problems with the May 5 show were addressed including Western Dressage wrong year test given the judges, judges not having the correct test in their personal group of tests and late scratches with no notification of test change.

In the future, there will be a \$30 change fee for late entries after the closing date. No changes will be allowed after ride times are posted.

President Amy Rokaw will discuss with Show Secretary, Amy Walsh, what needs to be done ahead to have the show run more smoothly and on schedule.

TSDS is going to prepare a budget based on the last 2 years of show. The club will then discuss reducing clinic fees based on that budget.

Using Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts to do lead line classes or be involved was suggested.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10.