

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

**SEPTEMBER 26, 2018**

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:30 at La Fogata Restaurant in Arcadia, La. Members present were: Yevette Harrell, Grace Sharplin, Michelle Burgoyne, Samantha Luttrell, Amy Rokaw, Gwen Swanborn, Carla Johnston, Lisa Phillips, Beth Turner and Tracy Hewlett.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the May 9 Board Meeting were approved.

**Discussion of Old Business:** Amy reported that TSDS had sent flowers for the memorial for Donna Kroenke.

Treasurer Marsha Murray was not present but sent of report stating there was a current balance of \$4,733.67. There was also a breakdown of income and expenses covering 2015 through June 2018.

Michelle Burgoyne reported the Ride-a-Test Clinic was well attended with 14 rides. She is looking for other clinicians to invite in the future. Edel Baker was one name mentioned. She wants to do another clinic next year when the new tests come out. Next time she suggested we do a re-ride after judging the first ride and discussing with the judge. She also provided breakdown of budgeted costs and actual cost for the clinic with TSDS only having to cover \$67 in the end.

Michelle also reported the is a clinic with Janet Foy to be held in Oklahoma by the Central Plains Dressage Society They will be doing demonstrations of tests the first day and a ride-a-test clinic the 2<sup>nd</sup> day. Cost is \$365.

Michelle will try to obtain another \$1000 grant to do another Ride-a-Test clinic with Barbara Lewis or another clinician, who does not have to be a judge.

Yevette Harrell provided a report covering the TSDS Youth Scholarship Fund. It outlined eligibility requirements, application requirements, deadlines and also what is considered acceptable for use of the educational funds. It was suggested that we wait on further funding until a budget is approved at the end of the year.

The awards will be based on the money available. It was also suggested that we present the criteria to the General Membership Meeting so the members will know what we are looking for in candidates.

Carla Johnston gave a report and had copies of all the advertising from schooling shows that had been in local newspapers and the La. Equine Council Newsletter. The articles were very interesting and several pictures were shown of contestants at recent shows.

Grace Sharplin provided a detailed example of what the Dressage Trail for Kids test will look like and exactly how it will be laid out. She also supplied the actual test for scoring including the number of points possible.

**Discussion of New Business:** Scores for year- end awards will need to be in by December 1.

TSDS recognized LEC WDAA show in DeRidder on November 10 and points will count toward year-end awards.

Rhonda Davis now had administrator code to the TSDS website and will help with updates.

A TSDS GMO report was submitted to the Region 9 Summer Meeting in Fort Worth on August 22.

PayPay is available for show entries. Must upload entry to use PayPal.

U S Equestrian has announced new Safe Sport Training Requirements for 2019. All USEF Competing members must complete USEF's Safe Sport Training to be eligible to compete in USEF activities. Go to USEF.org for more info and to where and how to complete this requirement.

USDF has increased Group Member dues from \$20 to \$24 for the 2019-2020 year. This applies to the individual/primary family member will be effective 12-1-2019.

Suggestions were made for social activity for the club. OWL (Outdoor Wilderness Learning Center in Dubach was suggested for a trail ride. Painting with a Twist was suggested for a possible gathering on 11-16-18.

Yvette and Padaer will compete in the Region 9 Championships. A beautiful TSDS Ad was entered in the Region 9 Championship booklet by Susan Shattuck-Fryett and Doug Fryett.

TSDS will prepare a barn basket for Region 9 Championship and proceeds will benefit TSDS. Also, board members have been asked to furnish an item for the Silent Auction. These proceeds will benefit Region 9.

Schooling Show rides are down and TSDS is looking for new ways to fund the club. Getting people to sponsor classes was suggested. The club will no longer give gifts to the board members at year end. It was also suggested that we give a special ribbon instead of prizes as High Point Awards. No added shows .

2018 Banquet Committee will be Tracy Hewlett and Yvette Harrell. TSDS will honor Donna Kroenke with a \$100 donation to the Youth Scholarship Fund and name the fund the Donna Kroenke Youth Scholarship Fund.

Next board meeting is scheduled for November 28,2018.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40.