

## TSDS Minutes from September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Board Meeting

**Board Members Present:** Amy Rokaw, Lisa Phillips, Grace Sharplin,

Marsha Murray, Samantha Luttrell, Mary Beth Turner, Michelle Burgoyne, Carla Johnston

### Executive Committee Reports

1. Minutes from previous meeting were presented and approved.
2. President's Report, Amy Rokaw: Currently TSDS has 66 members, an increase from last year of almost 30%
3. Treasurer's Report: Marsha compared estimated costs for 2019 to actual costs YTD (see handout).

### Committee Reports:

1. Programs/Activities: Michelle reported that there were 16 ride requests for the Mary Mahler Biomechanics clinic. Mary Mahler agreed to teach 4 lessons on Friday afternoon as well as 10 lessons on Sunday so that all riders could be accommodated. USDF GMO Education Initiative grant of \$1000 was applied to this clinic; final ride cost for participants was \$75/private lessons and \$55/ semi-private lessons.
2. Publicity: Carla reported on the status of an article she submitted to the Louisiana Equine Counsel this summer. The LEC newsletter is experiencing delays and there is no word on when it will be published.

### Old Business:

1. Discussed the need for a TSDS membership drive at Holly Hill Fall Horse Trials. We will need volunteers for a booth and flyers/information to distribute.
2. TSDS Apparel: Discussed different options for shirts and hats. Will check into Bonfire or businesses that will make only the amount of apparel that is pre-ordered. Other print shops were discussed, including Cascio's, Classic Designs, and Tommy's Tees. Cascio's has a minimum order; Tommy's and Classic Designs may be able to keep a digitized copy and print on demand. Carla will contact CD.
3. Board members will each develop 3 survey questions, to be used in the end of year member survey.
4. Marsha will develop a flyer for members/show attendees demonstrating how fees are spent

### New Business

1. May/ June show recap: Both went smoothly; small turnout for June show
2. September Show: Waiting for ride schedule to finalize volunteer schedule
3. November show: Discussed having fall themed games (relay races, costume contest, bobbing for apples etc.) and potluck on Friday afternoon or during Saturday lunch. Could encourage farms to form teams for competition.
4. Volunteers for Fall HHHT: Amy Rokaw will be organizing volunteers for the dressage portion of the event
5. Judges stand for small dressage arena: Holly Hill proposed that TSDS build/acquire a judge's stand for the small dressage arena and a pass through gate to access it. Discussed different

options (permanent vs portable); initial estimate for pipe/metal construction is \$2000+. Amy will discuss details with Tracy, including asking other groups that will utilize it to participate in construction cost.

6. Clinic Teleconferencing: Discussed options for tele-clinic, possibly with Dave Thind.
7. Board members will begin using GroupMe App for communication.
8. GMO's member fees to USDF will increase on December 1<sup>st</sup>; TSDS individual dues will increase by \$5 in Jan 2020 to offset this cost. New individual memberships will be \$45. Family dues TBD.
9. Show fees will remain the same.
10. Banquet Committee: Discussed finding a new place to hold the banquet in 2021; currently have the Shreveport Club reserved for 2020.
11. Other: Discussed printing a flyer with upcoming dates and TSDS events to be distributed to local farms/feed stores/vet clinics etc. for 2020, to raise awareness.
12. Discussed signing up for Regional Schooling Show Awards (new USDF program): Costs \$25/show for TSDS to register that show, then each rider that wants to participate pays USDF an annual \$35 fee. Amy made a list of questions for USDF – what, if any, prizes or recognition are involved, do competitors need Safe sport certification to participate, etc.
13. Carla reported that there will be another LEC Recognized Dressage show on November 9<sup>th</sup>.