

TSDS Minutes Sept, 2020 Board Meeting

Board Members Present: Amy Rockaw, Rhonda Chavis, Anna Amidon, Gwen Swanbom, Marsha Murray, Samantha Luttrell, Michelle Burgoyne, Carla Johnston

Minutes from the previous meeting were presented. One correction was noted regarding measuring for a new judge's stand. Amy motioned to accept the minutes and Michelle accepted.

Executive Committee Reports

1. President's Report, Amy Rokaw: TSDS currently has 60 members, including 3 that joined at the K9 show.
2. Treasurer's Report: Rhonda presented the Treasurer's report (see attached).

Committee Reports :

1. Programs/Activities: Michelle reported that the dressage freestyle clinic with Cynthia Collins at Holly Hill has been rescheduled for May 7-9, 2020, as Ms Collins is not currently comfortable flying. The clinic will consist of two mounted sessions for each rider, with a lecture and demonstration the night before (Friday night). Auditors are welcome to attend the lecture as well as the clinic sessions.
2. Publicity: Carla reported that the status of the LA Equine Council newsletter is still uncertain; she has received no response as to when or if the publication will resume.
3. Shows: June show was well attended and went smoothly.

Old Business:

1. Judges
 - a. September 26th: Julia Handt
 - b. November 14th : Mary Mahler
2. Show Organizers:
 - a. Samantha, Gwen, Carla: Sam reported that everything was on track for the upcoming show. Decided to use the walkie talkies due to difficulties with cell phones last time. Organizers will wear yellow vests so as to be easily recognized. Will continue COVID mitigation procedures of minimizing contact in show office.
3. Sponsors: Received 11 sponsors at \$100 each, adding a total of \$1040 to the scholarship fund (banner cost was \$60).
4. Update of bylaws postponed due to COVID
5. Sound System: Michelle and Marsha spoke to a professional, and reported that our current sound system was more than adequate for our needs. We now have a kit that will allow it to be hooked up to phones/laptops, allowing music to be played.
6. Judges stand: Amy will get measurements so that we can get an accurate estimate for something similar.
7. Anna Claire has created an Instagram page (tristatedressagesociety). Currently have just under 90 followers, so everyone is encouraged to follow and promote.

New Business

1. New walkie talkies were purchased for volunteer use during shows.
2. Fall Holly Hill Horse Trails Oct 24-25: Gwen Swanbom and Samantha Luttrell will coordinate volunteers for the dressage element.
3. Year End Awards Banquet
 - a. January 16th, 2021 at the Shreveport Club. Meals will be served to attendees at the table rather than buffet style.
 - b. Will revisit banquet committee at next meeting
4. A general membership meeting will be held at the Sept 26th show
5. TSDS will host an end of show season party at the November show. Decided to do a catered meal rather than a potluck due to COVID concerns. Open to all show participants/attendees. Did not have good participation in games last time, so will just host dinner this year.
6. The Region 9 Summer Meeting was held August 1st, via Zoom. Amy attended on behalf of TSDS.
7. A COVID 19 waiver will be added to the general release of liability by Amy Walsh.
8. Decided against holding a make up show, due to the short time frame for planning, other conflicting events, and lack of availability of Holly Hill.