

OTB February 2023 meeting minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:14 p.m.

Present were Ginka, Anna, Kelly, Tom, Stephanie, Hillary, Jessica and JJ.

Treasurer's Report:

Two transactions have occurred: RMDS ad for \$150, and \$105 fees to RMDS for show recognition. Current balance is \$8973.26. Moved to approve by Stephanie, seconded by Kelly. Approved.

Old Business:

Ginka contacted RMDS for reimbursement for changing our show date (\$200 fee) to August 12 and 13, but has not yet been resolved. We need to get that paid to make sure our show date gets on the calendar.

Thanks to Jessica we have replacement judges Joan Darnell (S, WA) and David Schmutz (S, CA).

Heather probably will not be able to be at our show, however her assistant Sarah will attend, and Victoria will be our TD again.

The Wolfe's new facility (where we are hoping to host our shows beginning in 2023) is on schedule to break ground in April, weather dependent.

Need to figure out how to best advertise for good attendance. Anna suggested perhaps we could personally contact previous competitors to say we'd love to see them again and remind them of our show date change. And Jessica suggested we emphasized the new venue!

New Business

Show Management Training Feb. 7, with Heather on Zoom. Ginka suggested that maybe somebody attend this to have some help for Sarah in the office? Maybe somebody who won't be showing?

If you didn't go to the RMDS banquet and want your rider plates, don't forget to send \$2 to get them mailed!

We need to plan educational events for this year! Suggestions?

Stephanie brought up the possibility of Steve Foxworth doing another clinic, with specific topic TBD. It would cost \$1000.

Stephanie raised the point that folks often spend a lot of time preparing, only to have very few people attend!

Kelly volunteered to do a presentation next month focused on EMS.

2023 (and beyond) clinic discussion:

Christie Wysocki, Janet Foy and Maureen Sterling were mentioned as potential big-draw clinicians to host. Maybe we should think about someone not from CO such that we would have the potential of more regional interest? Jessica put some feelers out.

We first should check availability of potential clinicians, then match the timing with the possible venues etc.

We should line something up and then prepare a Dressage Foundation Grant. Grants due at least 3 months before planned event.

Could consider another clinic or ride-a-test at Jane Swanhorsts' barn in Cheyenne in the spring.

World Equestrian Games in Omaha Nebraska: Dressage final is Friday night April 4 – 8.

Move to adjourn at 8:33 by Kelly. Seconded by Stephanie. Thirded by JJ.