

OTB Meeting minutes August 2021

Meeting called to order at 715. Present were Ginka, Tara, Tom, Kelly, Stephanie, Jessica and Anna. Minutes read. Moved to accept by Stephanie seconded by Kelly. All approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Total income from the show (including \$5500 from sponsorships) was \$18,431, and expenses were \$12,570, with a net income of \$5861.06. Leaves a balance of \$9989.43. Move to accept Treasurer's report by Stephanie seconded by Anna. Approved.

Old Business:

Show recap:

Great job everyone on pulling off a good show! Everyone worked very hard.

Discussion ensued about the costs of the fairgrounds in relation to the quality of the arena. Some representatives from the club (Tom, Ginka and Jessica) will plan to attend October Fair Board Meeting, as suggested by Mark the president of the fair board. At that time we need to bring up the approximately \$1000 that we had to spend on additional sand, and emphasize that in order for us to want to use the facility again and for it to be acceptable for equestrian events many loads of sand need to be added. And ideally, the site would be scraped and leveled first. But Jessica mentioned that a good grooming machine goes hand-in-hand with the maintenance of good footing. We will do some research on footing and alternative plans with good, better, best options to present to them.

We also need to address the management of the overnight horses and people on the grounds during the show that our show manager, Heather, had to deal with which was inappropriate. Also, there must be an a priori plan for transient horses for which we had no health histories such that our show horses are kept safe. Finally, we need improved clarification and communication about the length of time the grounds manager and water truck would be available for future shows, as they left at noon on Sunday.

We also discussed whether renting the Range indoor arena will be necessary in the future as few people used it (footing was deep) and complained about the sheep which we had no control over. If we do not rent it we will likely need to enlarge the outdoor arena and improve the footing a bit.

We need to obtain judges for next year soon. Ulf Wadeborn was suggested. Jessica will contact. Ginka suggested that a local judge for the second day would be ideal.

Stalls: We have only 10 backs, whereas we have more sides and fronts. Should we look into additional backs or convert some of the other panels to backs? Kelly potentially found the manufacturer online and will look into it. We have enough fronts and sides for 32 total stalls.

Stall storage: Should we look into purchasing a used flatbed clunker (minimum of 25') such that we can keep the stall panels on the trailer year-round? Consensus was yes!

We also discussed the possibility of renting out our stalls for other shows which could allow more shows to occur at the Fairgrounds since they do not have stabling.

There are some shavings leftover, @ \$5.50 per bag.

New Business:

We have rented our dressage arena to Estes Park. Ginka will transport it there and Tom and Kelly will pick it up.

Clinic with a well-known clinician for 2022? Maybe Janet Foy? Or Emilia Newcomb out of CA? May need to start planning now for 2022 or 2023.

RMDS canceled championships and is struggling financially. Should we contribute? Kelly suggested a \$500 donation. Stephanie seconded. Three in favor, two opposed. Motion passed. But suggestion was to send a letter with the check asking them to consider Wyoming for future venues.

Upcoming events:

Estes Park show needs volunteers.

Upgrade your judging eye clinic with J. Foy (continuing education for L graduates) with silent auditors allowed on Sept. 7th at renaissance hotel in Denver.

Motion to adjourn by Tom at 9:37, seconded by Kelly.