

# On The Bit Meeting – August 2015

We met at Altitude Chophouse on August 4th at 7:00. In attendance were Jessica, Kelly, Tom, Connie, Jennifer, Anna, Mary, JJ, Tammy, and Stephanie. At 7:45 the meeting was called to order. Jessica read the minutes from the July meeting. Corrections were “Jennifer” should be changed to “Jessica” Nape. The balance given for the Treasurer’s report did include the donation made. Tammy moved to accept the minutes with corrections. Connie 2nd, motion passed.

Tammy gave the Treasurer’s Report. We currently have a balance of \$3621.54 and have 2 new members.

## Old Business

### Show Locations

Jessica reported that we did not explore show locations or tour potential barns. Her barn was uprooted in July and everyone was too busy relocating horses and getting established in a new facility to take time to tour potential venues. She reported that the new indoor arena at the Osbourne facility is large enough to accommodate a full size dressage ring with room for a judge’s table, but we would realistically need to wait until late summer or early fall to hold a show there because at this time there isn’t a second arena to serve as a warm up arena. The outdoor arena, once completed, will also be large enough for a full size dressage ring and we could then have two arenas for a show. Osbournes are open to hosting events, but Jessica does not yet know what the rental fees will be. She will report back to the club at the next meeting with those figures.

### Cheyenne Show

Stephanie read Jane Swanhorst’s email from July 27th. In summary, it provides that they’re June 4-5, 2016 recognized show is scheduled and they are happy to have volunteers or sponsors for that event from OTB. They are not doing the September 26 schooling show because there isn’t enough member interest and Jane didn’t feel as though she could do the show on her own. Instead, Jane is hosting Jessica Greer (judge and FEI rider) September 26th at her place. Lessons are \$75/ride (see [Events](#) for more information). Jane offered to promote anything we do this fall and offered her facility for schooling. Tammy moved to invite Jane to our December meeting (so that if the weather is bad, she can come in January) to discuss their June show and what role we could potentially play. Anna 2nd and motion passed.

### Working Equitation

Jennifer thought maybe a clinic would be better than a show and get more participants. To do a clinic, we need: jump standards and poles, straw bales, cones, pole bending poles, barrels, and various smaller items. Working Equitation competitions are made up of 3 phases: dressage, obstacles with precision, and obstacles with speed. We then discussed maybe doing a 1 day clinic with 2 groups – 6 participants in the morning and 6 in the afternoon, and a ride-a-test event the second day. We would just do the obstacle portions of the competition rather than all three phases. After some calculations, we determined that we could do as many as 30 rides (for each phase) and it would take roughly 3 hours in the morning and 3 in the afternoon. We discussed charging \$20/horse + \$10 office fee. We determined that we need a committee chair to head the clinic organization and the consensus was that it needed to be a member who was interested and involved in Working Equitation. Jennifer volunteered to be the chair. She will come to the next meeting with an idea of what she would charge as the judge for the ride-a-test day, how much the clinic fee will be (not including the area fee), as

well as a list of tasks that need volunteers. We then discussed dates in September and October that would work for the clinic. Tammy moved we hold the clinic on October 24-25. Jennifer 2nd. Motion passed.

## **New Business**

Jessica asked the group how they would feel about moving to a pot-luck format for our meetings. A member could volunteer each month to host and prepare the main dish and other members could bring sides, salads, and beverages. The discussion was positive that this was a more relaxed environment and a way for us to save money on dinner costs. Jessica offered to host the September meeting at her new apartment (watch the Events page for address and list of things you can bring).

Connie moved to adjourn the meeting. Kelly 2nd and motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:54.

## **On The Bit Meeting – July 2015**

We met at Mizu Sushi at 7:00 July 7, 2015. In attendance were Tammy, Jessica, Ginka, Connie, Jessica N, JJ, Kelly, Stephanie, Rachel, Anna, and Mary Lynne.

The meeting was called to order at 7:23. Jessica read the June minutes. “Unloved” should be changed to “unlevel” (autocorrect error). Tammy moved the minutes be accepted with the noted change. Ginka seconded. Mary Lynne had comments about the schooling show to accompany the minutes. She would rather see the judge’s trailer as a closed horse trailer rather than a stock trailer and would like the banner on the trailer moved to somewhere else.

Tammy provided the Treasurer’s Report. We have a current balance of \$3621.21. OTB donated \$60 to the Anne Heather Berendsen Memorial Fund and that donation was not reflected in the balance.

## **Old Business**

### **Dressage Show**

We discussed facilities that could be used for our next dressage show. It was decided that we would explore Osbourne’s new barn and Snowy Range Livestock (west of town) as potential venues and report back at the next meeting.

### **Working Equitation**

Jennifer was not at the meeting and while there was some discussion, the consensus was we needed to table this until the August meeting so we could hear from her. The discussion was that maybe a clinic would be better than a show because there hasn’t been consistent participation in the clinics. Another idea was to do a clinic one day and a “ride-a-test” type of event on the second day. There also might be enough interest for 3 or 4 people to compete as a team at shows in CO.

### **Windy Wyoming Recognized Horse Trials**

The Horse Trials are August 2nd (Sunday) and Jessica said that there was a need for scribes for the dressage portion. Jennifer Nape volunteered to scribe.

## **New Business**

### **Cheyenne Schooling Show**

Jane Swanhorst-Ringolsby contacted Stephanie through our club email about co-hosting or assisting with a September Schooling Show in Cheyenne. We discussed the level of involvement we could commit to as a club and decided that we would ask Jane for more information about what she wanted from us. We decided that we couldn't commit to putting on a show, but would be happy to send volunteers if that would help. Stephanie will respond to Jane and report back at the next meeting.

### **Fall Event**

Do we want to do a fall event? Do we want to do a recognized show next year? First on the agenda is to find a venue, which we will have more information on in August. There was discussion about doing a schooling show or ride-a-test in the spring and maybe a recognized show later in the season.

Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00. Tammy 2nd the motion. The next meeting is August 4th.