

On The Bit Meeting – July 2018

Meeting called to order at: 7:27 p.m.

Present were Ginka, Mary Lynne, Stephanie, Jessica, Anna, Robert, Tammy, Tom, and Kelly.

June meeting minutes read. Robert Moved to accept minutes with one amendment. Stephanie seconded.

Treasurer's report:

\$149 less than last month. Lost about \$150 on Simard clinic. Our balance is \$1393.66. Tom passed out a spreadsheet, available upon request. Stephanie moved to approve, motion passed.

Old Business:

Show Report (Jessica):

Talked to Didi (TD): If don't go really late on Saturday, she would appreciate accommodations. Will drive and just charge mileage. Provided a checklist to Jessica for what she needs to complete for show. We need named Safety Coordinator for day of show, and an emergency phone in an advertised place (in office). Anna volunteered provided she can get a replacement during her 1-2 rides/day. Kelly is working on an on-site EMT. Two judges and their contracts are good to go. Kelly talked to Double Dubs, but requested more than just chicken! E.g., burgers, salads, breakfast, drinks, coffee. Please let Jessica know asap if you can volunteer! (paladinviatoni@yahoo.com). Volunteers should be determined by end of July. Entries are open, and closing dates for entries is July 31.

Mary Lynne talked to a photographer in Cheyenne who would be excited to come to show: Kathleen Bryant. Would not cost club anything. Brian Wachholtz can come as farrier. Donations: Ginka passed out donor forms. Anna will run silent auction. Please let Anna Know if you have any silent auction items to donate! (chalfouna@hotmail.com or 307-690-5826). We are also still looking for monetary donations (see attached donation level form). Stephanie got an estimate for caps from Laramie Screen Printing. Black/grey, low-profile trucker cap with logo with be \$8.50 looked good for a sale item. No minimums. We can get one with a brighter color for volunteers. Stephanie will push for good price and possible donation of embroidery. Contact Stephanie at info@onthebitdressage.com for hat options/colors and to put in requests. They are really cool!

Prizes: Jessica's preference is not to lose money on show... so won't have a huge prize buffer as before. Her and Stephanie's recommendation is a pop-socket for winners. \$5.08 each for 100. Other option would be travel mugs. \$15-18/mug with our logo...Kelly mentioned she had another source that might be cheaper. Kelly and Tom would be willing to order and donate chapsticks with our logo on it to include in packets. Jessica suggested we be conservative this year with expenditures since attendees might be somewhat limited because not USEF recognized. Baby steps! What will bring people back is probably going to be having a good experience, good footing, friendly people etc. Robert moved that we get pop-sockets at best price- Kelly suggested the show committee meet on Friday at 11 a.m. to go over prizes. Tammy seconded. Motion passed. Stephanie also presented options for high-point prize options for open, amateur, youth for both days. Motion to purchase 6 prizes passed.

Kelly and Tom will put together a budget for the show. Still need some volunteers. Contact Jessica, or if have ideas for people please send Jessica their email addresses. Ginka mentioned we also could request volunteers through RMDS. Basic ribbons have been ordered. Jessica is going to donate judges' baskets. Crystal from Gem

City will be on-call vet. Stephanie will start working on the program. Please send relevant announcements to her. Reminder that even local horses will need a negative coggins, health certificate within 30-days, and proof of vaccinations (equine influenza and herpes virus).

Kathy Simard Clinic, Feedback:

Kelly rode and loved her. Jessica indicated positive feedback including from her students. Mary Lynne indicated that she was very focused and had great comments. Taught rider and horse that was in front of her; adapted well. Ginka indicated that she did a good job of involving auditors too. Mary Lynne agreed to write an article based on the clinic for the Centaur. If anyone has any testimonials and/or pictures, please send to Mary Lynne at .

Ginka suggested that in the future we have sign-up and pay deadlines in advance and/or instruction grants such that we do not lose any money.

Jubilee Days:

Robert and Tammy are preparing a chili entry. Beer tent volunteers for Saturday morning, July 14, 10-1 p.m are Ginka, Anna, Jessica.

Club Calendar:

Kelly is preparing

Ride-a-Test in Cheyenne:

Judge Jessica Greer, Saturday, July 21 at Jane's place

New Business:

Una Schade, RMDS member and marketing co-chair, had a bad car accident; individuals can make donations to her Go Fund Me page.

Should we consider having an official USEF show for next year? Must be on USEF calendar by November 1st, and judges often booked way out. This option will be much more expensive for us. We will have more information on which to base a decision following this year's RMDS show.

Clean up day at Spur Ridge:

Sunday, July 29th 3 p.m to 7 p.m. and will conclude with a bbq. Would be nice for OTB participation since they are providing venue at good price for show.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.