

The Region 9 Director, Bess Reineman, called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. on Saturday, August 15 2009.

Those present included Jan Colley; Leslee Covington, FWDC; Doreen Cutts, DDC; Joan Darnell, DDC; Teresa Deeter, FWDC; Sherry Guess, ODS; Richard Howard; Susan Howard; Jennifer Jarvis, CTDS; Kathy Jones, HDS; Paul Kathen, HDS; Marilyn Kulifay, HDS; Kathryn Kyle; Ed Lavalley, SWDC; Barbara Lewis, DDC; Sarah Jane Martin; Janice Maureen, DDC; Donna Meyer, BACH; Vera Muckleroy; Marsha Murray, TSDS; Bess Reineman; Diane Richey, FWDC; Lynn Seidemann; Ashley Shaw, CTDS; Renee' Smola, LEDA; Evie Tumlin, MSED A;

Kat moved that we accept the 2008 December minutes as written. Jan seconded the motion and it passed.

Bess presented the regional balance sheets. Regional finances were discussed. Kat moved that we transfer \$5000 from the omnibus account to the regional general fund. The motion was seconded by Evie and it was passed. The omnibus made \$12,165.06 after expenses. The profit occurred because the printing costs were less, and because of the pre order we knew how many to print. Bess said that the girls that are doing the omnibus were very helpful. Net profit for the region for the year was \$5500. In 2008 we were in the hole because of lack of advertising as late as 3 weeks before the omnibus deadline. The advertising deadline for the 2010 omnibus is September 19<sup>th</sup>. The 2009 proposed budget was discussed. Susan moved and Jennifer seconded that we approve the 2009 travel budget of \$5606.80. The motion passed. Kathy moved that we accept the financial report. Susan seconded the motion and it passed.

Kathy moved that this year only, the proceeds from the silent auction at the Regional Championship go to the bench fund and that the GMOS, other than HDS, be recognized as the donors. The GMO must donate an item to the silent auction and send at least one volunteer. The more volunteer hours worked the bigger percentage the GMO will be recognized as donating. Leslee seconded the motion. Discussion followed and the motion passed.

The Region 9 fundraising committee was discussed. Vera is the chair. Kat, Susan and Ginni are on the committee. One of the ideas is to have Schooling or Recognized Shows to give funds from one of their classes.

Kat is chair of a committee consisting of Sherry and Laura to update the Regional Policies and Procedures. The update should be ready in December

The quote for the Insurance for the region is \$400.00 for one year. The renewal is due this Monday. Our current blanket policy covers all riding days. The only riding day we have is the JR/YR Benefit. We have no other riding meetings in the region. Therefore we have only one day of riding events that has to have a certificate of insurance. Discussion followed. We have no riding events through December. Kathy moved that regional events with riders whenever possible be hosted by a GMO or an individual and the region be covered by their insurance policy. The region would reimburse the GMO for the insurance. This would be through the December meeting. Sarah seconded it and it passed. We tabled renewing the regional insurance, thus saving the region \$400.00 for awhile.

The Region 9 teaching excellence award was discussed. We have had 14 nominations. Applicants received a letter to go to the website and send in applications. Their applications are due September 1, 2009. There are five people on the blind committee that will decide the winner.

We had a Regional service pin update by Vera. Her Committee recommends that we do not implement it. It has become too complex and we have better ways to spend the dollars. Jan moved that we table the pins for now. Jennifer seconded it. Discussion followed and the motion passed.

The 2009 championship report was given by Kathy Jones. The theme will be Phantom of Dressage. There will be a Battle of barn baskets which will benefit the JR/YR s. The Great Southwest Equestrian Center was sold again this year. The new owners are making improvements. Fees will be going up minimally. There will be a Saturday performance. It will be an extreme \$12,000.00 freestyle. There will be a competitor welcome party on Friday. There will be hotel rooms for the volunteers. Volunteers need to let know they are coming so HDS can book rooms.

We then had the 2010 Championship report. USDF is having problems with the two arenas next to each other indoors. There is a USDF regional championship oversight committee which is saying that we cannot have the championship with the two arena arrangement. There will be a survey of competitors this year by HDS about having two arenas in the center ring.

In 2010 the AA clinic is in Hernando Mississippi March 20,21 with Charlet Bredal .

The Region 9 timeline is on the website.

Check the Region 9 website your information and send in corrections.

The E newsletter has a new editor, Carrie Schwab. She is sending them out almost every week. She is a volunteer.

The Dr Bob Fund has 7 applicants. They will probably do two grants @ \$1000.00. This Fund is for declared JRs and Yrs. We have 16 declared riders (9 JR/YR and 7 Juniors). Melanie Pai gave \$1500 to the fund this year

We discussed the Adult Ed grants. Attendance for ad ed this year is down. Money is out there but we have no applications as of now.

Joan Darnell gave the FEI Jr/YR and the NAJYRC report. Our riders need help to be more successful. We discussed what will help them. Susan moved that Richard, Paul and Joan constitute a committee with Joan as the chair to write up the ideas we have discussed and send to GMOs as guidelines for activities and fundraising for juniors and YRs. USDF controls how we use the JR/YR money but a GMO can start a slush fund to help riders. The motion, seconded by Donna passed

Judge seminars were discussed by Marilyn. There will be continuing education for judging. Marilyn is currently updating the L Graduate and Judge list for the region omnibus. Houston and Alamo are planning to start an L program. We need to get interested people to sign up.

Lynn Seidelmann gave a Para Equestrian report. A US Para Equestrian association has been created. They are trying to get certified US paraequestrian judges.

PM delegates to the convention are Sally Chionsini, Leslie Cummings, Paul Kathen, Kat Kyle, Sarah Jane Martin, and Evie Tumlin, The GMOs need to get their delegates sent to USDF. The deadline is October 15, 2009. If you don't get your delegates in you won't have a voice.

Horseperson of the Year nominations are due September 16, 2009.

Sport horse finals were discussed by Jan Colley. She said we need a link on website to the prize list.

Susan Howard discussed the freestyle committee. Susan would like feedback on getting money for freestyle demos during the symposium. She also wants feedback in finding out if there is any interest in having a freestyle clinic in late 2009 or 2010. It would concern how to present a musical ride for judging.

There were no GMO report additions. USDF acknowledges that we have three GMOs in compliance with 501c3 status, ODS, CTDS, SEDA. There are GMO travel grants for convention. If you want to send a board member you have to be a small GMO or low on finance and submit an application.

We went to New Business. The 2010 Summer meeting will be the Aug 14<sup>th</sup> weekend. There are two interested GMOs for hosting the meeting. One would be in New Orleans the other College Station. We discussed the two venues.

Sherry moved we go to New Orleans . Kat seconded it. The motion passed with Barbara and Richard opposed.

The USDF 2010 National Convention will be in Jacksonville, Florida.

The 2009 Convention will be the first week of December. Jan Colley announced that theme is the stars are big and bright deep in the heart of Texas. We discussed regional shirts and posters. It was suggested that the GMOs put a UPS vouchers in the GMO basket so winner can ship it home. Jan discussed volunteers. We have 33 volunteers already. USDF puts it in 2 to 3 hour increments. At any one time there needs to be 20 to 25. This year the Gala and awards banquet are together. Anybody volunteering working at the symposium gets to go per Jan.

Region 9 will have a desk at the Austin Convention. Jan discussed that there will be no vendors at the convention only at the symposium. We will have a bulletin board that anyone can post on. We can put up an 11 x13 poster “ Region 9 welcomes you”. We can have handouts at our desk. We can put handouts and items in the convention packets. We need a 1000. We discussed convention pins. The cost is \$457 for 500. ODS will sponsor the pin. We will have a Welcome party. TGI Friday across the street say now they will give us half the restaurant. Hopefully we can get the whole restaurant. It will cost us \$9.00 a person with a cash bar. CTDS will give \$2000.00 toward the party. HDS possibly will give \$1500. It will occur on Wednesday 6:15 to 7:45 pm. We will call it the Lone Star Welcome Party Jennifer is going to look into lone star flag scarves. We will had out with pins at party. Other convention donations include BACH for \$500.00, ADA giving \$200.00, and Sally Chionsini \$250. We need table decorations and favors for gala. There will be 35 to 45 tables. The hotel will furnish a candle. For a Region 9 banner, Joan will bring the YR ‘s banner. We discussed a gift for Jan Brink

Bess asked for suggestions as to how can we improve the regional communications?

Bess asked for job descriptions for regional coordinators and chairpersons.

A future USDF dues increase was discussed.

We held the drawing for the free Life USDF Membership. The five people who donated \$1000.00 to the bench fund were eligible. The winner was Bess Reineman.

We adjourned the meeting at 3:50 PM.