

January 3, 2010 First Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by president Amber Abrecht. Many people with in attendance, as following: Katie Keim, Becky Tomko, Jacquie Gable, Victoria Burt, Denise Schmidle, Katherine Schmidle, Karla Forrer, Diane Baker, Mary Baker, Beth Harper, Sarah Suppon, Jen Seeling, Liz Lendrum, Michelle Hoskinson, Cat Dukles.

Minutes from the November 14, 2009 meeting were read by Michelle Hoskinson, minutes amended were as followed:

The bylaws have been written by Sarah and must be reviewed by an attorney. Currently, Cathy Suffecool's nephew will review the bylaws with a copy of our show bill and then will be posted on the website.

GMO Delegate- a CADS representative is needed to attend GMO meetings. Meetings may be in another state, possibly could budget in some of the traveling expenses and work with NODA/MODA to share hotel costs.

GMO is supporting "going green," therefore all monthly newsletters will be updated on the website. NO hard copies will be mailed out.

Sarah Suppon discussed the budget. Clinic expenses went up in hopes of better clinicians. GMO budget increased. Website expenses increased. Saving money by no longer sending out newsletters. Show expenses have been adjusted. Arena/Ring dues went up. Predicted 100 members this year, 20 member increase. Taxes will be filed for 2009, need to make less than \$2500 to remain a nonprofit organization.

Becky Tomko has been working on changing streamers of ribbons. Since it has been contracted that our ribbons say "Stoney Ridge" on them for advertisement old streamers will be changed and some buttons replaced. This will save the club money to use the excess ribbons. Becky asked if anyone would disagree with switching ribbons throughout the year, it was approved to switch ribbons when one style runs out.

Diane Baker motioned to make an Audit committee. Approximately \$20,000 circulates throughout the year and the club has not been audited to anyone's knowledge. Diane Baker has stepped up as a member auditor and Dave Rucki (CPA) will also audit. Amber Abrecht needs to contact Mr. Rucki for audit. The club has agreed that the budget must be audited once a year and a committee of 3 people would be ideal.

Next a committee must be filled for 2010 Banquet and Awards. The Banquet Committee makes arrangements on location, food, door prizes. Melissa Rennecker was said to have expressed interest.

The Awards Committee takes the master copies from the show managers to calculate and purchase awards for the Year End Ceremony.

Tabulating Committee is as follows: Denise Schmidle, Diane Baker, Karla Forrer.

Michelle Hoskinson has taken the responsibilities for the education part of CADS. There will be a RIDE A TEST in April. She is also taking suggestions for clinicians. Local talent was an idea discussed, this would reduce the charge for the clinic and attendees would still gain a lot. It would

provide just as much information and possibly encourage more rides. A list was formulated on possible clinicians, as follows: Sarah Diggin, Deb Gasser, Sue Hines, Jackie Smith, Terry Case, Charolette Bailey, Barb Soukup, Amy Rother Heiter, Dagmar Zimmerman, Roy Toppings, Nancy Smith.

Next discussed was the CADS show entry form. Amber Abrecht motioned that a line be added to include horse 1 and horse 2 for those that show more than one horse.

The contract for the use of facility through Stoney Ridge Stables was then discussed. This year changes that have been made are as follows: the indoor arena will be used for training level and up rides. The sawdust pile will be moved from the corner and placed under the C behind the judge's table. This allows rides to be performed in a legal size arena. And introductory rides will be performed in the outdoor ring and be judged by a local, or unrecognized judge. Since they will be judged by an unrecognized judge their show fees will be less. Also, this should help with the time in which is spent on rides. The Intro classes should take approximately 4 minutes per ride whereas in the larger indoor arena rides were approximately 6 minutes.

It was motioned that the large outdoor ring was to be used for training level and up and small outdoor ring to be used for the introductory classes. However, putting the introductory riders in the indoor and training level classes outdoors. That was voted on and passed. However, a Set Up Crew was needed for Friday Night and After the Show. Karla Forrer said she would be interested in that position. It was decided that any help prior shows and after shows will count towards volunteer hours. The ring committee/set up crew is responsible for checking set up, taking down set up, and communicating with Stoney Ridge. Also, Sarah Suppon has the arena stored in her basement, this would be used to set up the outdoor ring. This would make several changes to the Contract for the use of the facility. Currently, it has been agreed that \$750 will be paid for the indoor arena from 8am-6pm and the outdoor sand arena from 8am-noon for introductory ride for the shows in May-September. This would also change the legal to illegal size for training level/up. However, the indoor was never legal in the past for either intro rides or up. Having both the intro and high level rides outdoors was also discussed. These ideas primarily rested on the issues with the stalled horses making noises/kicking walls/hitting buckets, the wash rack scaring horses, the sawdust pile in an inconvenient location, and poor lighting for riders and on lookers. The problems arose with that ideas was the need for two tents for the judges, someone mentioned backing a trailer and putting chairs in there; however that would have to be approved by Stoney Ridge. However, President Amber Abrecht motioned that everything stays as it originally existed and that a committee will be made to explore the possibilities for outside rides next year due to the fact that the contract has been made and must be sent out and approved too soon for appropriate changes to be made. Therefore, the arrangements are as followed: Half day outside sand arena for Intro Rides and Full day indoor arena for training and up rides. This passed.

The committee to explore option for use of outdoor arenas is: Beth Harper, Karla Forrer, Elizabeth Lendrum, Cat Dukles, Amber Abrecht, and Diane Baker. It will be up to these people to figure out outside riding situation and asking the Wayne County 4H department for use of the arena in able to set up both outdoor arenas at Stoney Ridge.

The next thing on the agenda was the CADS Schooling Show Championship Rules and Requirements. Several changes have been made, as follows: The second rule now states that the show is open for **OPEN, ADULT-AMETUER (+Vintage), and JUNIOR CADS** members. And, an minimum of 8 volunteer hours needs to be completed. Motioned and was approved.

A category of OPEN has been added. This will also allow riders who would like to see how they place against the professionals if they chose to ride against them. If not, checking one's scores at the same

level would also show where one stands against professional riders. Therefore the categories are: Open, Adult Amateur, and Young Riders (Under 21). There will also be a vintage rider category; however there will not be a separate riding class, this will be used to determine the Vintage Rider Award at the end of the year. **IMPORTANT:** At the beginning of the year, each rider will select the category in which they choose to ride for the year. Once a decision has been made they can not change back to the lower division.

The sixth rule now states that the horse/rider combination who qualified in more than one division must compete at the highest test (test 4). Motioned and was approved.

The seventh rule was motioned that only the score from the Championship Show will be used. There will be no other score sent in to average and placings will rest on the Championship Show Ride. Rule Seven was deleted entirely. Motioned and Approved.

The eleventh rule was also changed to state that there will be a champion and reserve champion ribbon. Also, there has been support for “upscale” ribbons at the Championship Show and several people have decided to donate towards a prize. The people in that will donate/support the prizes for the Championship Show are: Karla Forrer (Hidden Hollow), Beth Harper, Diane Baker (Baker's Acres), Amber Abretch (Thundering Hills), and Sarah & Victoria Burt.

Becky Tomko is making the revisions of the Championship Show.

Next on the agenda was the Schooling Show Rules. Number 7 was changed to state that “CADS members will be given first consideration for any *unfilled* classes.” Approved.

Number 8, “Each rider will be allowed up to *two* dressage tests per horse show and a *third* if room permits.” Approved.

Number 17, Bedding will not be available for the stalls at Stoney Ridge.

Next, CADS 2010 Year End Awards Requirements have been amended. The qualifications will now include open riders, adult amateur, and young riders.

CADS members must volunteer in a minimum of 8 hours during the award year at a minimum of 1 hour increments. Approved.

The MEAN score will now be used to calculate the year end awards. Need to discuss if each award includes 3 different categories: Open, Adult-Am, and Junior Riders. **TABLED**

HORSE OF THE YEAR- Young Rider and Adult: Need a minimum of 3 different judges from CADS shows, and will allow 2 high scores from recognized shows. Can include 5 top scores from CADS judges at a single level. The average will be calculated to determine the recipient. Approved.

Champion and Reserve Champ will be based on the average. Three test fronts from CADS shows only, and 3 different judges. Approved.

Another award will be added for this year. The OPEN SHOW RECOGNIZED AWARD. Table this to determine the details for next meeting. **TABLED**

Scholarship of Excellence award will only be for CADS members and tests front must come from

CADS shows.

Another award that has to be further addressed is a “VIP” award, some sum of money or item to more “valuable rider award”- Haley. **TABLED**

Volunteer coordinator for the 2010 season is Jackie.

Meeting adjourned.

**NEXT MEETING IS JANUARY 17TH AT 2PM AT AMBER
ABRETCH'S.**

