

Meeting called to order by Amber Abrecht. People in attendance were as follows, Amber Abrecht, Mrs. Abrecht, Cat Dukles, Liz Lendrum, Katie Keim, Victoria Burt, Mary Baker, Katherine Schmidle, Diane Baker, Jacqui Gable, Halle Clause, Sarah Suppon, Lori Moore, and Jen Seeling.

Minutes from the January 17th meeting were read by Cat Dukles. Minutes discussed were as follows:

We are still looking for someone to audit our budget from 2009 year. We have been unable to reach Dave Rucki. Jen Seeling's dad may be another option, but may not work on auditing, also with Jen being the treasurer someone suggested it could be a "conflict of interest."

A contract with the Rucki's needs to be made/finalized. They work on the website and do all the editing. We discussed a flat rate fee, currently about \$25/month. Need to work on a contract.

Budget—Since we added more awards we had to look over the budget. We allotted \$300 for the scholarship award, which would be \$100 each. Therefore, the budget is okay.

The Treasurer Report was read over by Jen Seelings. We had \$960 come in from memberships in January. There were two outstanding checks and USDF dues to deal with. In February we had \$316 in membership dues. Also, GMO dues. Balance is \$3074.17. See Jen Seeling with questions or concerns about the budget.

Michelle Hoskinson has a few concerns that were discussed during the meeting, although she was unable to attend. The essay for the scholarship award is being graded as a separate test score on a 100% scale. 6 tests/6= Score.

The scholarship and Horse of the Year should be able to win both because we felt that no one should be penalized for their hard work during the season.

Everyone will ride 4th test in each level at the Championship Show. If you ride 1st and 2nd level you will have to ride 4th test in the 2nd level at the Champ Show!

If you don't want to ride 2nd level test 4 but practice at 2nd level you will have to ride "HC." You will be scored and will pay regular fees but you will not be placed. Therefore you wont have to ride test 4 in the second level. (Horse Concour? French term) Elizabeth Lendrum motioned the HC Policy. **HC rides needs to be added on to the Entry form** so that ride will not bump someone up at the Championship show.

Email Correction: Katie Keim: WKKKeim08@yahoo.com. Show Manager needs to be updated on website.

Education and Clinic: Charolette Bayley-Schindenholtz. Members can audit. Non-members audit for \$10. **Currently a few openings.** See forms on website.

We also discussed the idea of having a raffle for a Semi-private or private ride at clinics. Someone could sell tickets (volunteer hours) at shows and clinics and the winner would get to ride in the next clinic. Proceeds would go to club and pay for ride. Need to decide on raffle ticket prices. **Need to discuss further and decide on details.**

April 24th is a Ride-A-Test. There is a different form on the website. It is \$50 to participate. You will ride the test, get feedback, practice, and re-ride the same test. Need changed: flat fee of \$50.

Michelle is still looking for more clinicians. We need to contact Deb Gosser. Katie Poulin/Jackie Sharp? If you have ideas contact us or Michelle Hoskinson.

****Need to put Amber's address on the website****

Membership cards will be posted online. Everyone can print off their card if needed, they will not be sent to you this year.

Equine Massage Therapist: We need to know how long the demo will be so we have a better idea of when to plan this event. We thought if it was 30minutes to an hour we could combine with a show or clinic. Lunch and Learn? Have a raffle to donate horse in the massage demo if competing at the show? We have to watch out time with the judges because we don't want to keep them longer than 8 hours or we will have to pay them more.

POSITION OPENING: Currently secretary (Cat Dukles) is taking a job in Montana with Yellowstone Wilderness Outfitters to give horseback tours of Yellowstone from June-September. Robert's Law states to check what our bylaws state about situations like this. We will be temporarily filling this position until she returns. This would be a great opportunity for someone to get some experience as an officer. If more than one person would like to accept this position we will have a vote.

Halle Clause is working with Youngs Embroidery Company in Cuyahoga Falls. They can personalize apparel for a very reasonable price. We would get a portion of the profit. CADS won't pay out anything. Jen Seeling will be doing a cost analysis on this to see if it will benefit the club. TABLED until cost analysis is done. No more discount for wearing CADS shirts at shows.

**NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY MAY 24TH AT
KATIE KEIMS AT 2PM.**

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Meeting adjourned, motioned by Mary

