

December CTDA Board Minutes
December 5, 2011
6:30 TGI Fridays in Cool Springs

Present—Chris Saia, Luanne Wagner, Michael Foster, Beth Huff, Jessica Roberson Wright, Lori Hoos, Ashley Gregory, Carolyn Foster, Mimi Bliss

Absent—Jen Thompson (excused)

Call to order 6:20 p.m.

Minutes from November were approved.

Ashley Gregory was introduced and welcomed to the Board as the newest Member at Large.

Reports of officers and committees

--Membership— we have 21 members for 2012; those who paid the full amount on the online form with PayPal will get a \$5 Dressage Bucks. Jessica will contact those members who have not yet renewed but have Dressage Bucks to encourage them to use them for the membership fee. D Bucks can be obtained by referring a member and can be used for schooling show fees, CTDA products (t shirts,etc.) and membership fees.

--Treasurer— we have \$11, 600 in SunTrust and \$972 in PayPal. This is about \$3000 more than we had last year at this time and puts up in better shape to start the year.

--Ads and sponsors— all Ole South bills have been paid and monies collected. Because of the confusion of ads vs sponsorships that we had this year, Michael will review our current policies and will recommend changes for 2012. Lori is teaching an Ariat representative and may be able to get some support from them.

--Volunteers—recommendations for Volunteer of the Year were discussed and agreed upon.

--Communications—Suggestions to Mimi about future newsletter articles: Dressage Bucks—how to get them, how to use them; the difference between a PM (participating member) and a GMO (we want to encourage membership in the GMO); Board of Directors members; maybe a Ferrier's Corner/ Vet's Questions/ Nutrition Spotlight. Mimi would like to get names and addresses of potential (or lapsed) members and send a hard copy newsletter to them. Website- Michael and Chris will delineate the needs of the website and talk to Linda about payment for those services. Another suggestion is to provide a link on the website to the 2011 Tests.

--Awards—Micki was not able to be at the meeting but we think we are in good shape for Year End Awards

--Schooling Shows— we need to broaden our show base although there may be some restrictions for judging some breeds. We still want to have a breed show, perhaps at one of the schooling shows but will need a judge that is capable of that.

--Hospitality—Year End Awards Celebration January 22, 2012. TN Equine Hospital will be the venue and we will consider a BYO beer or wine if okay with the facility. Carolyn will do an evite and we may be able to print some fliers to put up at the barns—a good way to get new members! Price is still to be determined but looks like around \$15-17 pp

Old Business

- 1) Election results—Congratulations to Ashley Gregory

New business

- 1) Officer positions :

Chris Saia, President
Michael Foster, Vice-President
Beth Huff, Secretary
Luanne Wagner, Treasurer

We need to change our Bylaws as this information has to be submitted to USDF by Dec 1. Beth will submit that change next Board meeting. Many thanks to Lori Hoos who has served CTDA well as an officer. She will stay on the Board.

- 2) Fill Member At Large position – two candidates were discussed to fill Cathy Holmes resigned position and Chris will follow up to see if either are interested in filling the one year term.
- 3) Championships 2012—Chris had many discussions with Sandy Donovan at the Convention and has proposed that we combine the State Championships with the Ole South Show, August 24-26. This will be an economically efficient way to put this show on. It will be 3 days: Friday Ole South Prelude; Saturday and Sunday will be Ole South Dressage and the State Championships. All riders that would have qualified for Championships in 2011 will be “grandfathered in” to be allowed to qualify for 2012 as well.
- 4) There was discussion about changing one of our schooling shows to a one day rated show. An Exploratory Committee made up of the officers will get more information on this. With the early State Championships, this would give local riders another opportunity for scores.
- 5) Report from USDF Convention—Chris came back with great ideas and a lot of enthusiasm for the upcoming year. There will be a 2013 National Championship which will be in Lexington for the first 3 years. Some changes coming up: 2012 shows will use half points; all Juniors must wear helmets; Dr Bristol bits will no longer be legal; Reg 3 Finals may be moved from Chattahoochee Hills. Para dressage classes are being encouraged and we will talk to saddle up about possibilities there

Next meeting -----January 9 2012 (2nd Monday due to holidays). Will announce venue later
Adjourned @ 8:25

