KCDS Board Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2017

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:36

2. **Members present:**

 Jennifer Heck, Deborah Johnson, Debbie Gregoire, Chrissie Simpson, Angie Cumberford, Annetta Hudson, Cindy Neuman, Alexis Losey, Kathy O’Brien, Melissa Allen, Kindra Wilson

3. September 20 minutes were approved.

4. **Extension Changes:**

 a. For a number of reasons, including feedback from the membership, the executive board decided to go in a new direction with the editor. That decision was voted on by the executive board.

 b. We have tried to improve the content of the extension, but we continue to receive feedback that it is still not meeting expectations. Additionally, it is expensive. We will go forward in a different way with the extension.

5. **Banquet:**

 a. The owners of Pine Del have offered KCDS a rate of $500 for the facility and auctioneering services for the banquet. Catering would be a separate charge

 b. The board voted for KCDS to pay the $500 for the venue and the auctioneer.

 c. Cindy has found auction software, which may be of interest to KCDS in the future. Alexis commented that the current software is cumbersome and difficult to use.

6. **October Schooling Show:**

 a. There was very good feedback on the October championship show. The victory laps and special ribbons were well received.

 b. Maida Hulston wanted everyone to know that she is very appreciative for the help that her mare, Tess, received at the show. Tess flipped over in her trailer. Several KCDS members came to Tess’s aid and were able to get her into an upright position, without any serious injuries. Jennifer pointed out that we probably need to have an on call vet for schooling shows.

 c. One problem that arose at the show was that someone from the Mission Valley Pony Club let the EMT leave early, around 4:00. They were contracted to stay until 6:00 pm. Because there was no EMT, riders were not allowed to school after 4:00.

 d. An additional problem was that a horse was left behind with a teenager. Nina had to stay at the horse park until 7:00 pm, when the horse and teenager could be picked up.

7. **Website:**

 a. The new website is operational.

 b. It includes a photo gallery, calendar, a news section, awards and volunteer information. Each horse show has its own page.

 c. The “become a member” page is still under construction.

 d. There is a general email for KCDS: KCDSDRESSAGE@GMAIL.COM. There was a discussion on how to get each email to the proper board member.

8. **Volunteers:**

 a. There was a discussion of how to recognize the volunteers at the year end banquet.

 b. It was agreed that some free snacks and drinks should be available for the volunteers at the horse shows.

9. **Education:**

 a. There are 4 RSVP’s for the rider fitness event. Another email and constant contact will be sent out. Flyers have been put up at area barns.

 b. Saddle and Sirloin has been chosen as the location for the Allison Brock clinic. The location for the meet and greet will probably be at Saddle and Sirloin on Saturday after the rides. Kindra requested help with publicizing the event throughout region 4.

10. **USDF Convention:**

 a. USDF and USEF are substantially raising their fees.

 b. USDF will not continue to administer the Dover medal program.

 c. The USDF executive board will talk about trying to revamp the convention process. People would like the symposium to come back.

 d. USDF is trying to increase direct communication with members.They are trying to develop a standard for delegates to communicate with members in their region.