

Mid-Ohio Dressage Association

Minutes of Meeting

01/09/23

Via Zoom

Officers/ Board Members present:

Jessica Miltimore, Christine Talbert-Bash, Angela Tewksbury, Anna Cluxton, Vicki Milliron, Phyllis Stevens, Kara Corpman, LuAnn Grover, Nancy Wentz

Also Present:

Joe Hull, Sherry Hull, Jayn Bobick, Amy Rothe-Hietter

Jessica Miltimore-Kuhnash opened meeting at 7:03 and declared this meeting to be a Board meeting at which only Board Members may call for motions or vote.

1. Jayn Bobick joining and introduced as proposed for Western Dressage Liaison. **Anna Cluxton motioned to approve this; Christine Talbert-Bash seconded; motion passed**
2. Previous meeting minutes from 11/14/22 were reviewed. **Phyllis Stevens motioned to approve the minutes. Angela Tewksbury seconded. Motion passed.**
3. Treasurers Report – Angela Tewksbury
 - a. \$48,454.35 current balance
 - b. Please use Treasurer@midohiodressage.com for all communications
 - c. Please use reimbursement form; or at least provide address when submitting for reimbursement.
4. Housekeeping:
 - a. FYI that if you get an email from “MODA president” asking for pressing matter or urgent need, just ignore. These are called phishing emails.
 - b. Please use president@midohiodressage.com for communications with Jessica Miltimore for MODA business.
5. Show committee – Vicki Milliron
 - a. Discussing a June schooling show and an October schooling show
 - b. East Meets West sept 23-24 (will be AQHA approved)
 - c. Classic –need one more S judge
 - d. LuAnn Grover led discussion about lead line class at Classic:
 - i. Falls under exhibition section so it's separate class
 - ii. Charge? We don't need to – we can look for a sponsorship
 - iii. Prize? Look for sponsorship, photo op with Winslow
 - iv. Day?
 - v. Horse coming in only for? Charge? We don't need to – we could look for a sponsor. No charge but still meet vet records/Coggins
 - vi. Age? Discussion about this – split it? Joe Hull suggested imposing a minimum age. Big discussion about age minimum and maximums and for handler as well. Needs to have a handler; could also be unmounted to allow for meltdowns.
 - vii. Tack/attire?
 - viii. LuAnn Grover will research and bring back to next meeting.
6. Education Committee – Volunteer workshop: LuAnn Grover talked with Kentucky Dressage Association members and learned they do a February volunteer workshop, so that volunteers are ready to go when show season starts. They are willing to help do this. Thinking focus on positions of scribe, ring steward, equip checker and scoring. Julie Kotlarz-Franzen willing to host. 3-4 hours. Cost – fee for venue, printing. Maybe have stations set up for each position. Looking at end of February maybe mid-March (Nancy Wentz and Phyllis Stevens volunteered to help)
7. YEAP update – Amy Rothe-Hietter

- a. At Celebration approximately 63 members and guests, consistent with years past
 - b. 34 riders participated, 28% of membership, lower than in years past (but membership number is higher than in previous years)
 - c. Expenses (reference attachment) @\$5,000; income \$3,000
 - d. Reminder to remind members to say members when shopping at MODA and thank Equus Now! for donation
 - e. Discussion held about participation rates.
 - f. Christine Talbert-Bash – a driving show that is applying for YEA participation as an approved show, and also wanting to have their volunteer hours count. Discussed that this is a policy that only hours for MODA activities count. Christine Talbert-Bash will take this back to them
8. New test zoom update – Amy Rother-Hietter and Jessica Miltimore will be doing this on Monday February 6th, 7pm, zoom to go over new test changes. Will work with Anna Cluxton to communicate out.
 9. Reminder for all Board members to join MODA - it's a requirement per bylaws
 10. Board education:
 - a. Bylaws and Policies on website under Membership tab, Online Membership Manual; please review them! NOTE: approved minutes are also available here!
 - b. Reach out to Jessica Miltimore if questions;
 - c. Discussion about convening into an Executive Session (Board only) after meeting adjourns as a standing agenda item. Angie Tewksbury supported this, LuAnn Grover likes idea to take one thing of bylaws or policies.
 - d. Jessica Miltimore asks everyone to read through bylaws and policies;
 - e. We will add executive session to end of every call. Not recorded and no minutes. No motions or decisions
 11. Anything else? No
 12. **LuAnn Grover motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:22. Kara Corpman seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted by Anna Cluxton

Upcoming 2023 Meetings, subject to change

Please check MODA Website and Facebook page to confirm details

(2nd Mondays of every month, 7pm via Zoom)

February 13th

March 13th

April 10th

May 8th

June 12th

July (usually skipped due to Classic planning meetings)

August 14th

September 11th

October 9th

November 13th (Annual Membership Meeting)

December (usually skipped due to Year End Celebration and Awards)