

OSDS Board Meeting May 11, 2022

Meeting called to order
Quorum is present

Board Members attending:

Laurene
Donna
Amelia
Nancy
Linda
Bonnie
Dave (via Phone)

Treasurer report

Treasurer's report sent out via email to all board members.

Balances of all accounts:

Money market is 5 cents more than last month: \$6,630.55

New balance checking accounts: \$3,192.49

Vote to accept treasury report

Linda motions to accept treasurer's report

Bonnie seconds the motion

motion passes

Secretary report

Secretary Minutes sent to all board members via email.

How many new and renewal memberships? 4 new

How many does our membership total?

72 single 2022

31 lifetime single

7 lifetime family

TOTAL : 110

How many more new members than last month? 4

Vote to accept minutes from last month's meeting

Bonnie motions to accept secretary minutes from last month

Nancy seconds the motion

The motion passes.

Old Business

1. Update on Kelly's proposed 3-clinic series Kelly was not able to attend the meeting but sent an email to update the board. "as for the clinics; I think we are going to have to move to July, August, Sept. It is so wet and muddy it's way too slippery to work sheep anyway"

2. Bonnie to update on Shanahan clinic at her place

Bonnie informed the board that she will have to call it off for this year. She has received a grant to put in irrigation so there will be too much digging/construction this year to be safe for hosting a trial.

3. Amelia still needs receipts from Donna to check on double payments to BNT Promotions for last year's awards.

Donna informed the board that she has one canceled check and the other payment was done by debit card. Donna will send them over to Amelia so we can get a refund of the second payment.

4. Year end awards-What is the status?

Dave reported that there is a handler (Karen Jo Mason "Jo") who just started to work for Pendleton and she thought she could get a discount for purchasing the blankets for this year's awards. The board would like for her to get us a discount. The board needs to decide what exactly they want to order so we can get prices. Donna suggested setting a shawl from Pendleton for the top awards and a blanket for the reserve winners. Donna reports that the shawls are really nice and they have fringe. They lay over a couch nicely. Amelia asks Linda (who knows Jo Mason personally) to get a price for 6 blankets, 3 championship blankets and 3 shawls for reserve. She will get back to the board next month with the costs. Donna will visit the pendleton shop by her place and check out the prices so we can compare.

Additional Information: Linda talked to "Jo" Mason and she will send pictures tomorrow. She said the blankets are in low supply. For the Jacquard robe, Jo thinks she can get 40 - 50 % off. Linda will send the photos to Amelia. Donna will get a specific product for blanket and shawl and get us prices for them from the Pendleton Store near her.

5. Continue to offer year end awards. Follow up to last month's discussion about eliminating them.

Amelia poses the question: Are we getting enough benefit from the awards and do we want to continue giving awards? Discussion on how to discontinue awards from OSDS. If awards are included in the bylaws then there must be a vote of the general membership. If it is not included in the bylaws the board can vote to discontinue the awards program. Donna is opposed to eliminating awards Dave agrees with Donna and does not want to eliminate the awards program. Nancy wonders if there is a simpler way of tabulating points and determining award winners? Nancy suggests using the WASH protocol for obtaining points-using any trial that is held in Oregon, Washington or Idaho. Also, Nancy suggests the handler bear some of the responsibility for tabulating awards by informing the board of their accrued points. The time consuming part of point tabulation is comparing the handlers with the updated member list and tracking down whether the trial was sanctioned by OSDS or not.

Amelia asks :What are the benefits of offering year end awards? Dave shared that if it was not for the year end awards Viklunds would not be members. Donna added it was a prestigious thing in the past. Handlers would pursue the points and there was competition to get the awards. It brought new people into the sport. That competitive race has changed now. There is a whole different group now. We also have a decrease in the amount of trials. We have lost Vashon, Cake by the Ocean, Utah trials, and Lacamas to name a few. Amelia feels like we want to make points relevant and we need to promote it. For example getting info out to handlers: OSDS is offering really cool awards. Please look for OSDS sanctioning at your trials. OSDS need to promote the awards on Facebook and social media to hype it up. Linda will ask "Jo" for a photo of the blankets (pdf form) from Pendleton so OSDS can promote them on social media. Board discussion on the equality of earning points. The points you receive depends on the number of dogs there were in the trail. OSDS needs to do a better job of informing handlers

how points are awarded. There is a discrepancy of the number of trials in Washington state vs Oregon. Sanctioned trials also need to be on the website for 30 days prior to the trial according to the bylaws. OSDS needs to do a better job getting them up there. It has been hard because Liz, our webmaster, has had family obligations and has not been able to devote time to the website.

Amelia will try to touch base with Liz. If needed, the Webmaster board position can be changed by a vote. Elaine will help with a new webinar and Elaine might be willing to help and possibly take over the duties of webmaster if Liz is unable to do it. We will table this topic for now and revisit it next month.

Jo Roach received the donated lifetime membership for Nationals Auction. OSDS also received a thank you note from the Nationals committee.

7. Update on arena trial at Marion County Fair Saturday, 7/9

Amelia has been incontact with the woman from the board at the Marion Co fair. Amelia is asking the board if they would like to do an arena trial at the fair on July 9, 2022. The fair board will give \$500 (or possibly more) to hold the event. We do not have an arrangement for sheep at this point. The date of the proposed trial is the same date as Sheep Thrillz (Ian Caldicott's trial in Scio). Dave points out that Sheep Thrillz is not OSDS sanctioned. Discussion on coordinating event entries in order to not compete with Ian's trial. The board feels like Ian will not agree to coordinate with us. In the past he has not been favorable to working with OSDS. In the past Amelia gave him a letter and self addressed envelope to join OSDS but he refused. Board discussion on if OSDS is too rigid in the rule that for the trial to be sanctioned the host must be a member of OSDS. Donna responded with the reason. OSDS sanctions a trial only for a member because of insurance. Laurene thinks it would be a good thing for OSDS to do the Marion Co fair trial. It will be similar in format to the Calgary Stampede. Time and obstacles only. No open field work, no drive and no judging. Laurene volunteered to be on the trial committee. OSDS will need to rent about 50 head of sheep for the trial. We could possibly charge \$45 dollars for entry into the trial as a way to pay the sheep rental fee. Amelia will try to schedule a zoom meeting with them and the board and kick we can discuss it.

8. Ad in finals program costs has not been determined by the finals committee as of 5/11 Amelai connected them and they have not determined the costs yet. We will table this topic until next month.

New Business

1. Condition of our statistician:

Amelia shared that our statistician has had a heart attack but is not in recovery and doing well. She would like to continue as our statistician for the rest of this year but would like to be replaced for next year.

2. James P. McGee webinar request :

Jill Hackett contacted Amelia about having James McGee do a webinar for OSDS. Elaine has agreed to help if we would like to do this webinar. Board discusses how much work it was to do the first 2 webinars. Amelia volunteers to do it again. OSDS will need to buy 2 month of the zoom webinar platform this time. It would total \$158 dollars. However, the club would split this cost with the speaker this time. The webinars are good for the club and benefit the membership.

Scott Glen would also now be interested in doing a webinar with OSDS after Finals are complete.

Amelia will contact James McGee about doing a webinar and give more information at the next OSDS board meeting.

Bonnie motions to adjourn the meeting
It receives several seconds.

Adjourn

Amendment
Email Motion and Vote 5/14/22

I move that OSDS sponsor a webinar on July 24 with James McGee. Collected fees will be split 50/50 with James and will be net of Zoom and PayPal expenses. In addition, OSDS will sponsor a USBCHA and OSDS sanctioned arena trial in connection with the Marion County Fair on July 9th. The trial will consist of 2 qualifiers and a final. OSDS will have no expenses and receive no income in this connection. OSDS will only provide expertise and on-site planning and set up. Sheep have been arranged and will be paid for from the Marion County Fair directly to the provider. The fair board will provide \$500 added prize money and together with trial entry fees will be used as prize money.
Laurene

Nancy Barrows second
Yes Votes:
Laurene
Kelly
Liz S.
Nancy
Amelia
Bonnie
Donna

Motion passes.