

OSDS Board Meeting August 10, 2022

Meeting called to order

Board Members present:

Elaine

Laurene

Amelia

Dave

Maggie

1. Treasurer report: Treasurer was not in attendance

Old balance of all accounts Income and expense

New balance of all accounts

Vote to accept treasury report

James Mcgee Webinar made \$740

2. Secretary report

How many new and renewal memberships? 1

How many does our membership total? 116

How many more new members than last month? 1

Discuss removing names from item mentioning NSF check from the fair: This was completed and revised

minutes reattached to the forum

Do we need to vote to accept the minutes before posting them to the website? The board agreed that in

the future the secretary will wait until the minutes are voted on and approved before making them public.

Maggie motions accept the revised minutes

Elaine second the motion and the motion passes

Old Business

1. Year-end awards update from committee:

Maggie reports that she has purchased all the prizes and is waiting to get them embroidered. In addition Maggie informs the board that she has done so within her budget of \$600 set by the board June 2022. She purchased Pendleton wool blankets and zip up waterproof picnic blankets. The prizes still are waiting for the winners' names (tabulated by Janet) so they can have their embroidery done. Amelia asks Maggie to please reach out to Janet to get the names of the winners. Maggie asks for clarification of how to be reimbursed for the prizes. She guesses she is to send the receipts to Donna and that is confirmed.

2. Results of McGee webinar \$740 and 117 people attended the webinar. Donna paid the \$79 for the zoom add-on for the webinar.
3. Report from Laurene on any communication with Jill, the fair coordinator
There has been no contact made by Jill at the Marion Co fair so Laurene will now make contact and find out how the fair felt about the trial.

New Business

1. Welcome Elaine! The board really appreciates your willingness to assume a vacant board position. Elaine is a long time member of OSDS and has sat on the board previously for many years. Board discussion of searching for other members who would be willing to serve on the board.
2. OSDS memorabilia Box: Laurene was sent a large 45 pound box from a past secretary of OSDS Janet Applebee. It contains past documentation of members and other memorabilia from the club. Laurene is not sure what to do with the items in the box. Elaine suggests that we should scan the memorabilia and add it to the forum.
3. Maggie proposes starting an OSDS lending library. It would include books, resources, videos or whatever members will donate to share with others in OSDS. Maggie asks members to donate items or exchange items between themselves. We could make a page on the website and facilitate conversations between club members. OSDS could send out mass emails and get interest. Amelia will put it in the September President's letter. Dave states that he might not have gotten the President's letters every month. Elaine does not think she got them either. Dave re-checked and found he only got the June letter from the president.

4. The Mohawk incident

Amelia read her letter to the board for inclusion in the minutes. It is as follows:

I entered the Mohawk trial at the farm of Scott Kennedy's family and arrived to run Thursday. On Friday I encountered Ian and said hello asking if he was still mad at me over the arena trial. He said yes, and I suggested we have a conversation to clear the air and move forward. He agreed to do it later as he was getting ready to run his dog.

On Saturday after the handler's dinner we began the discussion. Scott Kennedy asked if he could join in as he wanted to better understand what took place and I agreed.

In clear view of all the dinner guests still there and over the next hour or so I answered all their questions truthfully and transparently. I told them the run-up to voting to produce the arena trial was covered in the minutes of 3 monthly meetings previous to the vote and are publicly available on our website. I asked if they had read them. They said no.

In particular, Scott became increasingly dissatisfied with my answers to his questions. At no point did I lose my temper or raise my voice, nor did Scott or Ian, but Scott's irritation and Ian's anger were apparent.

At some point the discussion became an interrogation with the outcome predetermined. I was a liar, I was weird and I was personally liable for all perceived wrongdoing. Several times I explained that the board discussed conflicting dates between the 2 trials and that we had agreed the arena trial would not detrimentally affect Ian's trial. I stated it was that belief which informed our decision to proceed. I assured them that no one intended to do harm to Ian or his trial and that none had been done since his trial filled with a wait list.

During our discussions Ian and Scott claimed that, as President of OSDS, I was solely responsible for the decision to proceed with the arena trial. They claimed it made no difference to them that Ian's trial was successful and stated the only reason for Sheepthrillz success was what Ian called "the promotion." I took that to mean the Facebook discussion he had initiated denigrating me and OSDS.

Ian asked why I hadn't called him prior to voting for and committing to the arena trial. Ian and Scott both stated to do so is protocol for trial hosts in the area. I replied that it hadn't occurred to me to do so, nor had it occurred to anyone else on the board, including experienced area handlers, like Dave Viklund. In unison, Ian and Scott asserted that Dave isn't an open handler. It was never explained to me why that would make any difference to Dave's area trialing experience.

Ian asked how the fair representative had initially contacted us. I told him either OSDS Facebook or OSDS website. I couldn't remember. He then asked who responded to the inquiry and I told him that I had. This was meaningful to both Ian and Scott.

Ian questioned why I had invited his wait-listed handlers via a Facebook post to the arena trial. I replied I had done so because they were not able to run at his trial. Ian replied asking what if they would have gotten in off the wait list? I replied we would have cancelled their entry and returned their money, which we had done for a few others on a case by case basis based on circumstances. For instance, we had refunded Maggie McClure's entry fees when she was asked to judge at Sheepthrillz.

Ian was angered by the fact that we had not included his 4H friends to be part of the arena trial. I explained that I had nothing to do with 4H and

that the board had no discussions about 4H. I don't know what he was referring to with this line of questioning.

Ian and Scott asked why I was not willing to take responsibility for what had occurred. I asked them what it was they wanted me to do. Scott deferred to Ian who did not immediately have an answer. At a later point, Ian stated that OSDS should write an apology to trial hosts and post it to the OSDS website. I stated that if he would put in writing to me what he wanted OSDS to post, so that I would be sure and not make any mistakes with what he wanted, that I would take it to the board for a vote. He agreed to do that, then later said that he would do that after discussing it with all other trial hosts. He never made clear which trial hosts he was referring to or why he would need to discuss it with them since his was the only conflicting trial.

I suggested one or both of them run for a position on the OSDS board and told them I would vote for them. There was no reply to this.

Scott asked me why I didn't want to be part of the area sheepdog community. I replied that I didn't care about being a part of any community, and this seemed to anger Scott. He said that I was "weird." Scott asked if I was aware that everyone would be mad at me if we went ahead with the arena trial, and I answered no.

I explained that I had written an email to the board suggesting we cancel the trial after Ian began his Facebook post denigrating me and OSDS and it became apparent some were upset with me. I stated that no board members had been willing to make a motion to do so.

Scott then stated that I must have known everyone would be mad at me and so I was lying. He called me a liar, using that word, repeating it several times throughout the discussion. Eventually he stated that if I am a liar I was not welcome there, and so, at 8 o'clock at night, in spite of some night blindness, I left the conversation and without speaking to anyone, went to my trailer, packed up and drove home.

5. Dave reminds the board that now is the time to start thinking about the year end elections. We need nominees for the board for next year.

Board discusses which positions are open for next year:

secretary?

webmaster?

Treasurer?

Stats? (not a board position)

Elaine will run for treasurer if Donna wants to retire from treasurer as she previously stated. We will reach out to Donna and see if she will remain treasurer or wants to retire from that position.

We will add board positions for next year to the September board meeting.

This meeting is adjourned.