

INDA Meeting  
October 23, 2015  
Perkins Restaurant  
6:00 PM

In attendance: Linda Wood, Nina Olson, Susie Merritt, Lorraine Heath, and Joy Terry

Website Discussion: We decided that our website needed no changes or modifications at this time. It is easy to navigate, has current photos, and contains all pertinent information and links to USDF. Thank you to Lorraine for continuing to update the site.

USDF Convention: Joy Terry will be attending the USDF convention in Las Vegas this year from December 2-5. The club will sponsor \$1500 for flight and hotel expenses. Linda will check to see if she sent in the delegation form. It can still be sent in if it has not been done yet.

Treasurer's Report: Full report to follow from Joy, but we are doing well financially. The horse shows have all been profitable this year and membership continues to grow.

Election of officers: We need to elect a new President and Treasurer this year. Nina Olson offered to step into the president position, and Joy has agreed to remain Treasurer for another term. Elections will be held at the December meeting.

Board Membership: The club also needs 2 'members at large' to fill board positions. We have heard from Lynda Walter and Melissa Kossuth about wanting to assist in small roles with INDA. Melody Miller has also offered to help with club activities. Nina will contact.

Jaye Jones has offered to take over membership and we appreciate her willingness to take on that responsibility.

We need a membership committee chairperson.

Schooling Shows: Our shows have been very successful, and we have had waiting lists for the May and September shows. We had scratches in the June and August shows secondary to the heat and poor air quality from the fires, but the shows were both filled.

\*We need to find more volunteers on show day (and to help with arena set up and take down), to include scribes, gate keepers, and test runners. It would be good to find 2 scribes for each show and offer them a free test (if they ride) or a choice of something out of our prize box as a thank you for helping. Scribes don't need to have previous experience.

\*Joy will continue to purchase ribbons and prizes. We discussed purchasing some more ribbon boxes to keep ribbons from getting wrinkled on show day. Joy offered to inventory current ribbons, prizes and equipment, and will look to see if we still have a sound system for freestyles stored somewhere. Susie offered to look into buying new arena letters since ours have seen better days and won't stay standing anymore.

\*Nina and Lorraine will continue to run the show office.

\*Susie and Joy will assist with coordinating volunteers and organizing lunch.

\*We need additional volunteers to set up and take down the arena.

Joy's husband graciously dropped off and picked up our arena (twice!) and we should provide a thank you gift. A bottle of whiskey was suggested. :)

\*Since our shows have been filled to capacity, we decided to limit the number of rides per rider to 2, exclusive of freestyles. We need more catch up time, so decided to add an additional minute to each test to allow more breathing room. We should aim to finish the shows by 6:00 at the latest.

\*We discussed coordinating a second show ring for the May and September show. It would require a second judge and scribe, and we would need to find someone local to keep expenses down. We talked about a half day for the second ring. Mary Brown or Christel Carlson are possible local judges. We decided to try a second ring for the May show and see how it goes!!

\*We decided to keep the same venues for next year. Spokane Sport Horse for May and September, Prairie Sky for June, and Medicine Horse for August.

Scholarships: Nina will take over as scholarship coordinator from Kathi. She will contact last year's recipients to get a small write up about what they did with their scholarship money.

Gena Loper of Post Falls Equestrian Center has asked us to consider becoming a Washington State Horseman approved show for all of our dressage shows. Our shows would then qualify for the NE Zone awards. We decided to look into the requirements and decide at a later meeting.

We are in need of a judge's stand, particularly if we are going to continue to utilize Medicine Horse stables. Linda Wood offered her husband Gary to look into some possible designs that would be portable and offer sun/wind protection for our judges.

Tack Swap Evaluation: Overall, the tack swap was successful. We agreed to do it again at the SSH show in September. Perhaps vendors could have a jar for money on their tables if they need to be away from their tables.

Continuing Education: It was agreed that because of poor attendance that we just have an annual 'Spring Thing' event (to be decided). We will have further discussion at our December meeting/Christmas party.

Christmas Party: We will have our Christmas party at Janet Waker's lovely home on December 12th. We decided on an ornament exchange this year. Joy will send out an email with details.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43.