INDA Minutes

**March 17, 2017**

Perkins Restaurant, Spokane

Meeting called to order by President Susie Merritt.

Present: Susie Merritt, Lorraine Heath, Julie Loudon, Barb & Violet Gradin, Jaye Jones,

 Melissa Kossuth, Chris Schaller, Janet Walker

 \* Previous meeting minutes approved

 \* Membership update from Jaye: 33 current members. Membership list to be sent to show managers and board but not to general membership due to privacy concerns.

**Old Business**:

 \* Newsletter volunteers: Pam Rhodes and Lisa Pearson.

 Members encouraged to contact them with necessary info and announcements.

 Joy Terry will do mass emails if needed.

 Possible news items: President Pasture, USDF/USEF news, List of Officers, Show dates/info, Articles of interest, Pictures, General calendar, Clinics, Clubs,

 Facilities list, New WDAA tests. These may also need to be sent to the website.

 \* Show dates for 2017:

 May 20 at Spokane Sport Horse. Two rings.

 Judges Christel Carlsen, and Melody Miller

 July 8 at Prairie Sky. Judge Jane Judson.

 August 5 at Liberty Grove. Judge Mary Brown.

 Sept. 16 at Pleasant Valley. Judge Allison Allbough-Cino.

 \* Western Dressage will be at the July and August shows. Discussion of offering Western Dressage classes at the May show. Decision was to not try it this year due to this being our first go with a 2-ring show and our new structure of individual show management teams. Issue is open to discussion for next year depending on level of interest and on how things go this year.

 \* Discussion of placing classes separately for youth riders to encourage participation. It was decided to only offer a high point youth rider for each show in order to minimize problems with extra ribbons and difficulty with the scoring program.

 \* Shows to have themes if decided by show managers. Show team picks winner. They should notify website.

 \* Show managers listed as:

 1. Julie London. Possible show theme of “Patriotic”

 2. Christine Schaller

 3. Melissa Kossuth

 4. Susie Merritt/Nina Olson. Theme of “Cancer” Colors

 \* Show secretary is Lorraine Heath.

 \* Show Team Duties. Managers received info and discussed need for people in charge of:

 Ribbons/Awards: Joy orders them. Susie has them in storage and can bring them

 Lunch coordinator: Need to follow up with Jessica Gahn

 Ring stewards: Need at gate, possibly at warm up. INDA has clipboards, etc

 Scribes: ½ day minimum is best

 Runners: 1 is sufficient

 “Apple Scooper:” Note that SSH likes us to clean up the grounds/warmup area, not just the arena.

 \* Other Show Business

 Average number of classes is about 20.

 Check with Lorraine for any questions on budget.

 Susie can buy supplies or managers can be reimbursed for prizes, supplies, etc.

 Proof of insurance can be supplied by Lorraine if venue requests it.

 **ALL stabling questions and reservations MUST go through Lorraine.**

**New Business:**

 \* Susie will look for a portable sound system for freestyle music.

 \* Susie will look into simple vests for volunteers to improve their visibility to newcomers or anyone who has a question.

 \* Volunteers at shows will be entered in a year-end prize drawing. Managers will notify

 Lorraine of volunteers so she can keep a record.

 Minimum of ½ day (4 hours) to be entered.

 \* INDA shows are now registered with the statewide Washington State Horsemen and

 the Northeast Zone of WSH for points and awards.

 Contact for NE Zone is Jolie Chick at 509-954-3913.

**Next Meeting Date is May 5**. Any members are welcome to attend.

**Adjourned**