



**March 16, 2017 6:30 PM.** Meeting called to order by Lauren.

**February minutes** approved.

**Claudia** submitted **2016 financial reports** for the record.

**Saturday night dinner** at Recognized Show

- *Motion made and passed:* move forward with plan for dinner, use Cody's as caterer, designate it and advertise as a fundraiser for education/ Junior Rider fund. Realistic goal is to provide camaraderie, fun event vs making \$.
- Claudia, Nichole, Andrew and Lisa will do set-up and takedown. Cody's will clean.
- Laura Swenson report on ribs for Saturday dinner by Cody's: \$17.95 + 18% gratuity.
- Lauren: Country Catering \$13.95 + \$30 delivery, \$17.95 served.
- Plan is to "Rent" tables from Chimps Inc. 8 person/table unless less expensive option available.
- Estimate 60-70 people based on last year.
- Group agrees that on-site barbecue ideal.
- Selling alcohol incurs liability, not a realistic option so BYOB.
- Potential raffle discussed but challenging to find items. Carrot buckets centerpieces one option. (Jean volunteers to make these). Also Nichole will acquire Carl Hester book, and get it autographed

**Budget presentation by Nichole-** see spreadsheet attachments. Most income estimates increased only slightly.

- *Motion made and Approved:* overall goal is to break even or within \$1000.
- *Motion Approved* to hold on previous plan to donate \$500 to ODS based on the fact that the Adult camp is in essence a contribution to state resources and ODS has not responded to the initial proposal.
- Suggested and approved that we change League show budget to \$8400 and Approved Show to \$24,600 based on Laura report below
- Awards Banquet cost: discussion in order. *Motion made and approved:* we should charge at least nominal amount for food- plan will be to charge what we spend for food/drink, pro-rating tickets, approximately \$25/ticket.
- Tabled for now: consideration of increasing Secretary/Manager fees.
- Report from Lisa re Adult Camp. She has applied for two grants, results in late April. Venue will be Shevlin, cost \$1500. Morgan Barrows and Ernst Herrman have committed as instructors, thus very high quality, approx cost \$2400@. Extensive discussion re value of the camp, costs, revenue. Tuition raise probably indicated to reflect the market and the quality. Also important to serve as many COCODS members as possible so we should potentially increase member registration period. Amount of food for lunch was possibly too generous and a place to tighten.

Marketing should be upped including that rides can be shared and auditing an option. \$8400 new value on budget.

- Nichole will prepare Adult Camp budget, with and without grant for next meeting
- *Motion made and approved:* final decisions on Adult Camp to be made at April Board meeting, based on grants, Lisa Koch, as always, invited to join the discussion
- **2017 Budget Approved!**

#### **Laura report, League and Approved shows**

- May 7 league show may face challenges from ECCO which is on May 6.
- Re: potential October site: \$500 Rafter J fees (\$250 damage deposit). (Stone Pony is \$400)
- To do: solicit someone to take judges out Saturday night.
- Paula Lacey will give Clinic on Monday following show, June 12<sup>th</sup>, \$95/ride.
- We need help with graphic design for approved show program. Jean volunteers to contact COCC art instructor.

#### **Reminder: Lisa is Volunteer Coordinator**

**Claudia** is designated **contact with Lisa Koch re adult camp.**

**Trainer Spotlight:** Thanks Lisa for making multiple efforts to reach trainers in the area, all that have responded have been included on the web page.

**Nichole:** Kimry Jelen is ok with using re-using **poster for approved show**, cost is \$50 + \$3/ unit. Laura to get Stein's feedback, Board is generally in favor of printing 30-40.

**Marketing.** Laura will work with Stein to finish rate sheet. Also need business card (Jean to do) with blanks for distributing members to fill in contact info.

**Nichole has professional graphics file** of helmeted rider, available prn.

**Congrats: Spring Social** great success, standing room only.

**Trailer needs cleaning,** Laura will try for Junior participation. Jean offers to park at their home.

**Lisa Bohard:** need to update **database** for newsletter, limit to ODS members.

- **Paula Lacey Clinic June 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Next Board Meeting** at Moose Sisters, in the private room April 14, meeting at 6:30, cocktail hour before

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Jean Carlton Secretary