

Board Meeting May 4th, 2022

Attendance:

Silja, Kelly, Kellee, Sue, Sandra, Didi

Treasurer Report

Sue has the check book and all the records from the Robert Dover symposium.

It was suggested that we look into changing electronic payment services. PayPal is great for fraud protection for businesses. For us though, it was very difficult to work through the issues they flagged us for. If you're not regularly running money through it, they automatically assume something is going on when you suddenly start moving money through it (like for events). You can't easily talk to a human. Also the address for taxes is the RMDS and our club address is Kellee's so they also flag us for this.

Robert Dover Symposium

Sue gave a short summary of how well the symposium went. The whole event was very well received, from the venue to the content. Natalie Mendick, a freelance writer, is going to submit it to the USDF connection. We need to get some photos out to Andrea to put on the Facebook page.

Refunds. Even with the refunds with some of the auditors that didn't make it (due to Covid), alternative rider fees, a few other things here and there, then we still are going to come out nearly \$5k ahead. Kellee mentioned that we need to detail everything in case we ended up getting audited by the IRS due to our non profit status.

Do we want to refund Kathy any of her donated money and the auditors who couldn't attend? Kellee suggested that we wait until everything has been paid to make sure we can cover all the bills. We do want to give Kathy a gift. It was suggested that we give her a gift rather than refund her the donations.

Symposium account is \$22,000 but spread sheet says \$24,000. The difference is due to the dates that the report was run, things that have deposited, and checks that have been written since. There will be a more complete balance sheet when everything is all settled.

Ride a Test with Sandy Hotz

May 14th

4 confirmed signed up; 1-2 who have expressed interest. None from Blue Roof Equestrian Center (hosting the event). 10 is the max for Sandy; 35 mins per ride; won't start before 9:00. BREC is donating the facility (and no porta potty needed); we are being charged by the rider; so we won't really lose money if we don't have more riders signed up.

We pay her 75 and we charge less than 100 so we will make a little per ride.

Volunteers? Someone reached out to Silja and wants to scribe (Sarah?). We should be pretty much set otherwise.

Coggins and vaccine records are required and some of them have been sent in. Sandra will check in with Sandy to see if she prefers the outdoor or indoor. Entries close on Monday. Didi will ask Andrea to send out a mail blast; Sandra will get the word out at BREC.

What is our plan for Zoom or not Zoom?

Silja and Kelly both like Zoom meetings due to convenience. A few months ago there was a conversation some people said no and some people say yes. We can talk about it for the fall session; maybe a hybrid version

High Point Awards

There was a discussion on how to improve communication for qualification for year end awards (YEA). It was decided to put the information on the web page as well as include in the mail chip blasts that an event is a qualifying event.

Year end awards are kept as simple as possible for tallying the results. Didi reported that most members only participate in one or two events and only a few participate in all three events. For every event, the top score of the event earns 3 points towards YEA; the second highest score at the event earns 2 points; and the third highest earns 1 point towards YEA. At the end of the year, the member with the highest points earns the High Point Award for the year.

A discussion was started, and tabled for the summer meetings, about potentially dividing the awards up into classical/western; junior/adult/pro.

For our summer meetings:

Topics for the summer board meetings were discussed as:

- clarifying/changing year end award qualifications and divisions;
- review bylaws;
- documentation on how the club runs;
- Year end awards

Next Board Meeting: June 1st.

Since it is just the board meeting this summer, it was decided that the first of the month was easiest for us to remember.