

Central District Business Meeting
Wednesday November 8, 2017

6:38pm – Barb called meeting to order

Attendance: (Underline notes voting members)

Barb Walley (District Chair), Christina Bates (District Co-Vice Chair), Heather Zumwalt (District Co-Vice Chair), Lani Wyman (District Treasurer) Patty Neumann, Mt. View, Jenelle Neumann, Mt. View, Kathy Russell, LaPine, Charisa Homan, LaPine, Gayln Snair, Ridgeview, Halee Snair, Ridgeview, Mike Trammel, Redmond, Kylee Trammel, Redmond, Ann Dill, Crook, Andria Lindsey, Bend, Stephanie Yenne, Summit, Ani Husaby, Summit, Juliana Yenne, (Via Phone) Jaeden Biehn, The Dalles, Lissa Biehn, The Dalles, Julie Vosberg, Sisters

Approval of October Minutes Mike Trammel motioned the October minutes be approved. Patty Neumann 2nd the motion. Motion passes unanimously with 15 votes.

2017-2018 Budget The budget was passed around. Because we ordered less cherries to sell to more accurately reflect the number of athletes we have, and not have cherries left over, we are looking like we will be short about \$6000-\$7000 for the year. We will discuss how we are able to make up the difference later in the agenda.

Registration Reminder, no athletes may practice until the team has turned in the following information: Team Registration (Must be signed by the school), Team Roster, and \$100 towards each athletes fee. Once those are turned in the team is free to practice. Please communicate with Lani about the best way to get this information to her. The total \$295 for each athlete is due to Lani NO LATER than January 10th. Please make life easier for everyone involved and get items due in BEFORE the due date.

Cherries THANK YOU to each and every person who participated in the cherry packing last weekend. We were able to pack 2610 bags of cherries! The majority of these have been distributed to the teams. If you did not receive your set 25 per athlete please be in contact with Barb to get them ASAP! If you sell out of the cherries you currently have and need more, please contact Barb or Lani to get more. We also have cherries from last year that we will be selling as well.

Co Op Lakeview who is looking to be a team of 7 or 8 would like to allow Northlake who is looking to be a team of 1 to join them. Andria Lindsay motioned the Co Op be approved. Patty Neumann 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously with 15 votes yes. Barb will contact the state board to let them know we at the district level have approved the Co Op.

There is a potential that The Dalles and Dufur would like to be considered for a combo team for team events. Dufur who is looking to be a team of 2-3 and The Dalles looking to be a team of about 4 athletes. Kathy Russell motioned the combo of The Dalles hosting Dufur for combo team be approved. Mike Trammell 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously with 15 votes yes.

Arena List Barb emailed out the current list of arenas that are in use. Please review this list and ensure that the arenas you are using are on the list, have current up to date information, and that any arenas you are not using taken off. Please note this needs to be done and back to Barb no later than Saturday November 11, 2017 as she needs to send it to the state board.

Proposed Rule Changes

Page 23 Rule 3.3.7 Submitted by Parent

Change: The student athlete must meet the scholastic requirements and/or athletic guidelines of the OSAA or their school in order to be eligible to participate in OHSET. Charter and/or home school students shall be held to the same standards.

Reasoning: A past situation has proven the standards to be different. Place the responsibility on the team advisor to provide the scholastic requirements to the charter school and ask for confirmation that the athlete is eligible to participate under those guidelines.

Judge's Committee Comments:

NOTES:

Central District Vote: State laws currently set so nothing to vote on

Page 24 Rule 3.3.12 Submitted by Coach, District Officer

Non-Competing Athlete: Student in 9 - 12 grade. . .

Change: Students in 8 - 12 grade

Reasoning: This would help us in recruiting new athletes as well as help those incoming athletes get a better idea of what exactly equestrian team is and what will be expected of them. It would get the program out to more potential athletes. In addition, it would provide the team with more help and involvement.

Judge's Committee Comments:

NOTES:

Central District Vote: YES

Page 26 Rule 3.6.5.2.1 Submitted by Athlete

Remove Teams may not apply for combination status on any event for which they have enough athletes on their team to participate regardless if athletes choose to participate in the event or not.

Reasoning: The matrix is illogical and defeats the purpose of the co-op which is to allow an athlete to do any event. For example the Banks Team has a rider who wants to do all of the team events but can't since one of her members will only ride English and the other comes for one day and is not very safe. Another case is that on Westview, we have one athlete that has a yearling and is very new to horses and riding. You cannot force someone to lease or buy a horse to ride because they may not be able to afford it. Athlete amount should not dictate participation.

Judge's Committee Comment:

NOTES:

Central District Vote: NO

Page 26 Rule 3.6 Submitted by Parent

Add: The sponsoring team may combine with one applying team only.

Reasoning: Allowing more than one team to combine has the potential to create an unfair points advantage over other teams within the district. It also raises questions about recruitment and whether a school is actively promoting their team within their own walls and seeking to expand numbers to form their own team.

Judge's Committee Comments:

NOTES:

Central District Vote: NO

Page 28 Rule 4.1.2 Submitted by: Coach

No decorated (adornments of any kind) helmets allowed.

Change: Allow rhinestones on helmets

Reasoning: Helmet covers are already allowed, which are different colors and designs. Helmets with rhinestones should also be allowed.

Judge's Committee Comment: Judges voted NO.

NOTES:

Central District Vote: YES

Page 37 Rule 10 Submitted by State Officer

Add: Once awards are announced, no changes can be made.

Reasoning: There needs to be a finish line

Judge's Committee Comment:

NOTES:

Central District Vote: NO

Page 46 Rule 13.12.1 Submitted by State Officer

Remove: No refund will be given once campsites have been reserved.

Reasoning: Not how we operate.

Judge's Committee Comment: .

NOTES:

Central District Vote: YES

Page 51 Rule 15.7 Submitted by Parent

Change: Two (2) loops will be permitted. Two loops are allowed only if the athlete is carrying a second loop. Rebuilding the loop is not allowed.

Reasoning: To give the athlete a chance to catch with their original rope and not have to carry a second rope while having the original rope drag behind them. If they are allowed to carry a second rope why not let them rebuild with the original rope?

Rule Book References: None

Judge's Committee Comment: Judges voted NO

NOTES:

Central District Vote: NO

Page 61 Rule 18.3.4 Submitted by Athlete

Add: 18.3.4.2. Rhinestones on tack is acceptable.

Reasoning: Rhinestones on tack are allowed in USDF, USEF, and ODS rules. Many dressage riders have tack that has rhinestones on it and to find alternate pieces of equipment to replace what they already have in fear of disqualification is expensive and unnecessary. Also, rhinestones are allowed, if not encouraged in Western Horsemanship.

Rule Book References: USEF DR 121.6 . ." .. At any level of competition, a browband may be multicolored and may be decorated with metal, beads, gemstones and crystals. Non-metal decoration on the surface of the noseband is permitted."

Judge's Committee Comment: Judges voted YES

NOTES:

Central District Vote: YES

Page 67 Rule 19.7.7.4 Submitted by Rules Chair

Add: When teams are allowed a 2 minute warm up in the competition arena before their ride and run over the 2 minute limit, the amount of time over the limit will be added to their time for their actual drill performance to determine their final ride time.

Reasoning: To insure that teams are respectful of the request to leave the arena when their warm up time is over and not take advantage of the lack of penalty to extend their warm up time.

Judge's Committee Comment: Judges voted YES

NOTES:

Central District Vote: YES

Discussions: We like seeing the penalty for overage, however there is a concern some teams who are on the other end may use it as an advantage to get more time on their drill causing it to be within the time allowed, when originally they would not have been.

Page 68 Rule 19.10.2. Submitted by State Officer

Changing: All references of 6+ to 5+

Reasoning: Housekeeping

Judge's Committee Comment:

NOTES:

Central District Vote: YES

Page 92 - 93 Rule 23.10.2 & 23.10.4 Submitted by Pattern Committee

Change: 23.10.2 Time starts when the first part of the handler/equine breaks the plane of the starting line.

23.10.4 Time shall end when the last part of the fourth handler/equine rear end crosses the start/finish line.

Reasoning: This allows more flexibility in designing patterns for this class. Athletes may be asked to start a or finish a pattern backing their equine, without confusion over when the time starts or ends.

Judges Committee Comments: Judges voted YES

NOTES

Central District Vote: YES

Page 119 Rule 28.6. Submitted by State Officer

Remove to SOG: Arena Safety.

Remove 28.6.2 - Athletes must enter and leave the arena demonstrating control

Reasoning: It occurs elsewhere

Move: 28.6.4 and 28.6.5 Equine that constitute a safety hazard may be eliminated and NO athletes may be coached from the inside of the arena during an event

Move to 28.9 Eliminations

Judges Committee Comments:

NOTES

Central District Vote: YES to both aspects of this proposed change

Page 138 Rule 31.1.2 Submitted by Coach

Change: Snaffle bits and rawhide bosals may only be used on junior equine.

Add: Snaffle bits allowed on horses over 5

Reasoning: I work with a lot of rescue horses in combination with beginning and intermediate riders. they would like to participate in the western performance classes but have not yet achieved riding with one hand in a shank bit. Shank bits are an advanced tool and are not appropriate for green horses or green hands. Many of our green horses are over 5 thus not eligible for snaffles and OHSET does not take into account green riders.

Rule Book References: USEF EQ 123 c. Hackamores as defined in WS105.4, all snaffle bits as defined in WS105.3 may be used on junior horses; tiedowns, running martingales, draw reins, and cavesson-type nosebands are prohibited. Silver equipment may be used but shall not be given preference over good working equipment. A hackamore or snaffle bit rider may ride with two hands. Horses shown in the Arabian, Half Arabian, Morgan, National Show Horse, American Saddlebred Divisions may not use hackamores or snaffle bits in the Equitation division and must be shown with one hand.

Additional Resource: USEF is consistent with other associations such as AQHA.

Judges Committee Comment:

NOTES:

Central District Vote: YES

Page 146 Rule 33.3.3 Submitted by State Officer

Change: Nosebands with and tiedowns (Optional)

Add: Nosebands and cavessons to the prohibited list.

Reasoning: Clarify interpretation

Judges Committee Comments:

NOTES

Central District Vote: YES

General, All Performance Events Submitted by Rules Chair

Add to Prohibited Equipment lists "No non-conforming equipment"

Reasoning: New inventions and gimmicks are popping up faster than most associations such as USEF can respond to them. Often USEF is forced to respond to these things with mid-year rules changes to prohibit many of these things. OHSET is not structured to respond as quickly to equipment that is not specifically referenced in our rules, leading to confusion with both judges and athletes. The wording suggested is vague intentionally to allow the Rules Chair flexibility to investigate and interpret the legality of unusual or new equipment as it is presented to judges during the season.

Judges Committee Comments: Judges voted NO

NOTES

Central District Vote: YES

Page 189 Judge and Judge's Committee Guidelines Submitted by Judge's Chair

SOG

Consider adding policy and wording re: In-Active judges.

What should be the process and requirements judges who want to return to the OHSET Judge's roster as an active judge after an absence?

Judges Committee Comments:

NOTES

Central District Vote: N/A

Heather will be calling in for the rules change meeting and voting according to how Central district wants the vote. We will then vote again at the state board level and will need one youth representative to vote as well. All finalized rule changes will be noted in the new rule book.

Annual Meeting It is strongly encouraged that every athlete attend the open meeting held on Saturday December 2, 2018. This will occur over in the Albany area somewhere and usually begins about 10am. This is where the new year's patterns will be shown and gone over to answer questions, the rule changes will be shown, and is the official kick off to the 2018 season! It is also a great place to sell cherries!

State Board Work Session Barb, Christina, and Heather attended a weekend long work session with the rest of the state chairs and vice chairs around the OHSET community. This was a great tool to be able to see what other districts are doing for fundraising, how they run their meets, how they solve problems in their district. Below are a few of the topics discussed.

~Team Versatility~ This will be an official event this year. The details are being finalized and will be out with the rest of the patterns on December 1st. There are going to be some changes from how it was done in the past so be sure to read it completely!

~Rule Book Changes~ The 'Rules' portion of the rule book will now go to a 2 year book for printing. This means that none of the rules will change significantly for 2 years. It also means that any ads that are run will be run for two years. **It was brought up that we may need to figure out another way to recognize our seniors?** The 'pattern' portion of the book will roll out in two sessions. The first session will be this year that has all of this year's patterns. After the 2018 year, the 2019 book will have between 7-9 patterns. Each year the pattern numbers will be listed for what to follow for that years patterns.

~Updating Materials~ The state board is putting together a demonstration video of how to properly measure between obstacles so that there is more consistency between judges, arena crew, and those practicing at home. This should be out by January.

The state board is working to put together a 'Coach/Advisor Handbook' to help the first year and newer volunteers, as well as remind the veteran volunteers on what is appropriate and important things they need to know to survive OHSET.

Additional Fundraising It is clear that we as a district are going to need a second fundraiser to make up for the deficit in the cherry sales. We will receive a kickback from the state off of the raffle. This is usually about \$1.00 per ticket. We will be holding a contest to award the top selling athlete for the state raffle. Hopefully this will bring in a little more revenue. The following suggestions were noted for additional funds.

~Pizza Coupon~ Mike Trammell is working to get the flyers out for the district to do a Pizza feed on potentially Monday November 20th at the Bend and Redmond Pappy's Pizza's.

Once the flyers are made they will be distributed via email. Please send this to everyone you know and get the word out. Utilize 4-H community, FFA community, parents work locations, your friends, etc. The PAPER FLYER must be printed to hand the employee as you order. If you do not have the physical paper the amount will not be applied to OHSET's total.

We are going to see how this one goes before Patty Neumann checks into doing one at MOD.

It was suggested at our District Chairs Workshop that some districts to a 'Dessert Auction' to help raise money. Central district agreed that we would try this. Each team will be required to bring 1 dessert (this should be a pretty decent size dessert) to auction off. We will display them in the afternoon of team penning and then auction ½ off between rounds 1 and 2 and the other ½ off between rounds 2 and 3 of team penning.

It was also suggested at the District Chairs Workshop that some districts require each team to provide the district with \$30/athlete on their team. This money goes towards keeping their athlete rider fees lower, year-end awards, and keeps them out of a deficit. These are considered 'District Sponsors' not 'Team Sponsors' when looking for donations to cover the cost. Have it be per athlete hopefully helps the smaller teams allowing them to come up with less money. Patty motioned we accept this form of fundraising to help cover costs. Gayln Snair 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously with 15 votes yes. Each team may come up with the money in whatever way they see fit and then cut a check to the district for the total based upon number of athletes.

A few different ways to obtain the money were noted:

~SNAP Fundraising – Each athlete send out a certain number of emails asking for donations. There is a fee for the service. Summit has had success in the past.

~Pair up – This is answering questions for advertising. The more questions you answer 'yes' to the more points you get, the more money you get. Could be good for a certain age group. Redmond has had success in the past.

~Reaching out to your local VFW and Auxiliary branches. Usually best if you ask for a certain dollar amount. Be sure that multiple schools are working together if going after a district sponsorship.

Wilco has donated \$210 worth of gift cards to the Central district OHSET teams. We voted that these cards will be given out at each morning meeting to an athlete in attendance. We will also use a few to award the top raffle ticket seller.

As you are finding district sponsors please let them know that we would be happy to get advertisement out in the form of hanging their store banner, announcements throughout the meets, announcements at awards, and other ways.

Other

~Judges Evaluations: Please note that these are extremely important in how judges are

hired and the process of what events they should be judging in. We as a district will be asking the arena volunteers to fill out a judge's evaluation after every event.

~AYHC – The application is available online. Unfortunately this event falls during our central district third meet. Hopefully next year we can avoid this conflict.

~Coaches/Advisors Training – If you are a coach or advisor who is up for training (This being your first year, or you did not attend last year *Exception being if you have been in the program coaching/advising for at least 5 years*, you are required to go). The last one was in Redmond...The next one is on November 18th in Canby. If you have coaches/advisors attending the Canby session they need to RSVP to Candi directly ASAP.

Next Meeting December 13th, 6:30pm, Redmond High School