

## **OHSET State Board Meeting via Conference Call – January 13, 2011**

### **In Attendance** (underline denotes voting)

Phil Armstrong, Chris Dinsmore (NE), Bill Weir (Co-ops), Ray Hickman (W), Dawn Keeney (SV), Peggy Smith, Val Hackett (S), Don Pack (NV), Donna Espelien, Scott Chauncey (NW), Anne Geser (C), Karissa Dishon (Vice Chair), Candi Bothum (Chair), Debi Ferrer (Secretary)

### **Co-ops - Standard**

- Northwest District: Host School – Vernonia, Co-Op – Jewell
- Central District: Host School – LaPine, Co-Op – Gilchrist
- North Valley District: Host School – Perrydale, Co-Op – Sheridan
- North Valley District: Host School – Perrydale, Co-Op – Willamina
- Northeast District: Host School – Wilson, Co-Op – Gladstone
- Dawn moved to approve all these standards co-ops, Ray seconded. Vote – approved unanimously

### **Props in Drill**

- Are props allowed? There's no specific rule against it. A team has requested to use a smoke machine. The consensus was a strong "No" to this.
- Are costumes on riders allowed? Rule book p. 61 – ribbons, glitter, sparkles on equine are optional. In Working Pairs, rules specifically allow costumes are allowed on equine only. The consensus was that since rules do not specifically allow for costumes, they should not be allowed.

### **Rule Book Corrections**

- Team Penning, bottom of page 51 – "split reins are allowed for team penning" was accidentally omitted.
- Keyhole, page 85, section 3 – change to say "stepping on our outside of line is considered OFF COURSE." Get rid of section 4 about all four feet, etc.

### **Dressage**

- For clarification – we are using a Training Level test this year so we can use the small dressage arena.

### **Fall City Team**

- Don Pack said Fall City A.D. will let him know tomorrow what they plan to do about their team. No decision yet.

### **Complaints/Conflicts**

- Candi said District Chairs are getting a lot more complaints. She thinks this is because we are holding more firmly to our rules and people are somewhat used to getting around rules to have things their own way. She said she's sorry for the difficulty and stress it

creates for District Chairs, but that she believes it is the right thing to do, and that it gives more credibility to our organization.

- Candi said she recently got a call from a state representative who contacted her to find out why a particular athlete's request was turned down by the state board. They talked about it and Candi felt it turned out very positively, and that the state representative was impressed with the organization.
- [Discussion of a specific complaint omitted in public document for privacy reasons.]

### **Medical Insurance**

- Our medical insurance is now in place. A Philomath rider broke her arm already this season, and will be the first one to use the new insurance.
- Candi created an accident report form which is now online. Claimants should turn it in to their District Chair who will turn it in to Candi, who will file the claim with the insurance company.
- People who aren't affiliated with a team, like Candi, JoAnn Oswald, etc. can be covered, but we need to generate some paperwork for them to complete to provide them with coverage. This would only provide coverage when they are working as a volunteer for the organization, not when they are working as a contractor (ie while judging).

### **New Points Program**

- Don says this is coming along fine. The new version will be ready in a few days. Most districts already have the program. They have discovered a couple of bugs, but no major problems. He expects to have it fixed this weekend.

### **Priorities in the Coming Weeks**

1. Insurance registration form
2. Finish SOGs
3. Finalize work on new logo
4. Arrangements for National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium

### **Liability Insurance**

- Candi will send cover sheets for our liability insurance for now and will send actual certificates as soon as she gets them as some practice facilities are requesting them.

### **Website**

- How does it look? Consensus is that it looks very good.

**Next Meeting – Saturday January 29, 2011 at Gateway Mall in Eugene, 9:30 am**