

Action Items

Motions Voted On

Minutes for OHSET State Board Meeting November 8, 2015 11:00 AM Salem Shilo Inn Hotel

In Attendance: Sue Lowe – South Valley, Kelly van Baggen – Tri-River Valley, Donna Espelien – Northwest, Chris Dinsmore – Northeast, Barb Walley – Central, Marty Hopper – Central, Wendy Bernards – Willamette, Sonya Kunkle – Willamette, Deann Fetting – North Valley, Michelle Michelson – North Valley, Candi Bothum – State Chair, Scott Chauncey – State Vice Chair, Bill Weir – Co-ops and Eligibility, Denise John – State Treasurer, Jan Harer – State Secretary

Vote count – 10

South Valley – 1
 Tri-River Valley – 1
 Northwest – 1
 Northeast – 1
 Central – 2
 Willamette – 2
 North Valley – 2
 Southern – 0

Minutes –

- No additions or corrections were made known.
- Barb motioned to accept the October 2015 state board meeting minutes. Deann seconded the motion.
- No discussion.
- Vote: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed.

Patterns –

- Donna motioned to accept the 2015-2016 OHSET patterns with the changes that were discussed – with the exception of the Dressage Test. Sue seconded the motion.
- No discussion.
- Vote: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed.

Brochure –

- Wendy motioned to allocate up to \$5000 for a new OHSET marketing brochure and poster. Sonya seconded the motion.
- Discussion –
 - Does this need a 2/3 vote to pass or a 1/3 vote to pass? Regular vote.
 - Question because of the dollar amount.
- Vote: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed.

Coaches' Trainings –

- Donna motioned to change our two (2) coaches' trainings to take place between September and November (starting with the 2016-2017 season). Kelly seconded the motion.
- Discussion –
 - Where will these trainings be?
 - Will keep everyone informed as to where they will be.
- Vote: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed.

Scholarships –

- During work session it was discussed to increase the dollar amount and to award an additional scholarship to each district at the state level.
- Would like to see how much of a savings is generated from the printing of less rules books.
- Would also like to see how the new marketing brochure goes.
- Could allocate additional dollars as opposed to how much is given.
- Have awarded all scholarships in the years of OHSET.
- Did not award a NE scholarship this past year. Those dollars will be dispersed evenly to the other 7 award winners.

Dressage Test for 2015-2016 Season –

- Do we want to offer a Training Level Test or a First Level Test?
- Deann motioned to have the Dressage Test be First Level for the 2015-2016 OHSET season. Kelly seconded the motion.
- Discussion –
 - We don't have enough information from the athletes to make this decision.
 - Will be a hardship for some of the athletes.
 - Will have to step up.
 - Will have to perform at what they are capable of.
 - Don't feel we have enough coaches with expertise to move up to First Level.
 - Can't ask for comments on this proposal since can't reveal patterns until December 1st.
 - 4-H does offer up to First Level, Test 3 – so there are other opportunities to learn and be challenged.
 - Need to look at what we offer the athletes. Not how we schedule our meets, arena lay outs, etc.
 - Athletes can warm up inside the court.
 - Some districts will have issues with arena space and usage.
 - There can be warm up time in arena before starting.
- Vote: 9 Yes, 1 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed.

Co-ops and Eligibility –

- Standard Co-op
 - Northwest district.
 - Southridge wanting to co-op with Beaverton.
 - Approved by district.
 - Donna motioned to accept this standard co-op. Sue seconded the motion.
 - Discussion –
 - Beaverton has been contacted by two other athletes from Southridge that want to ride.

- No one willing to be advisor.
 - **Vote: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed.**
- Non-Standard Co-op –
 - Northeast district.
 - Charter school athlete. Lives in Sandy High School boundary.
 - Athlete wants to ride with Sandy High School.
 - Normally would be allowed to.
 - However, Sandy High School will not allow any other school outside their boundary to compete on a Sandy High School team.
 - If athlete can't ride for Sandy High School, where would the next closest school be?
 - Sam Barlow High School would be closest school – however, they have 14 riders this season.
 - Would ride with Estacada High School, the next closest school with 8 riders.
 - This exception will be for any athlete that goes to a charter/private school outside the Sandy High School boundary but lives in the Sandy High School boundaries.
 - Will stay this way until Sandy High School changes their policy.
 - **Chris motioned to allow this non-standard co-op between those schools (private/charter) outside the Sandy High School boundary to ride with Estacada High School until Sandy High School changes their policy. Deann seconded the motion.**
 - No discussion.
 - **Vote: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed.**
 - Might come up within other school districts – will have to wait and see.
- Eligibility –
 - Northwest district.
 - Candi read a letter from the AD from St. Helens High School concerning an athlete.
 - AD asking for athlete to ride on the Scappoose High School team.
 - **Donna motioned that an exception be made to allow this St. Helen High School athlete ride on the Scappoose High School team. This is contingent on the approval of the Scappoose High School administration. Sue seconded the motion.**
 - **Vote: 7 Yes, 1 No, 2 Abstain. Motion passed.**
 - There was a discussion and the decision to allow the exception was based primarily on previous year's experiences, the school's request, and private details of the situation.

Miscellaneous –

- Be prepared for conference calls as there are other outstanding co-ops.
- **Candi will get together RFP's for both Executive Director and Cattle Contractor for State Meet.**
- Hood River/The Dalles Issue –
 - Hood River High School will not allow an equestrian team anymore.
 - Had 2 seniors from Hood River High School that co-op with the The Dalles High School last season.
 - Said there were no other athletes interested in riding for Hood River.
 - There were actually some other athletes from Hood River High School that co-op with White Salmon High School in Washington State.
 - The seniors knew what was happening – have since graduated.

- The athletes that rode in Washington State are thinking that they can do this again since Hood River High School will not allow a team.
- The The Dalles High School would prefer not to take these athletes at this time.
- If there are new athletes at Hood River High School and the other athletes (those that went to Washington) did things correctly this year – will the The Dalles High School team take them? Might.
- Washington state board needs to communicate with the Oregon state board.
- Will need to get more information to Candi about the situation.
- Candi will contact Washington State Chair.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.