

OSDS Board Meeting January 10, 2024

Members present:

Laurene

Dave

Maggie

Elaine

Donna

Vicki

Hera

Alicia

Secretary's Report:

26 members paid for memberships so far for this year.

Minutes sent via email to board members

Maggie motions to accept minutes of the December 2023 board meeting

Donna seconds the motion

The motion passes

Treasurer's Report:

Financials sent to board members via email

Maggie motions to accept financials for the year that Donna sent to the board.

Laurene second the motion

The motion passes

Ratify the 2024 Elections

Maggie Yates: President

Cynthia Mills: Vice President

Dave Viklund: Past President

Vicki Avery: Western Director

Laurene Stepan: Secretary

Hera Minkove: Director at large

Donna Grimes: Treasurer

Liz Stenning: Eastern director

Alicia Gonzalez: Webmaster

Elaine LaRochelle: Director at Large

Donna moves to accept the recent election result for 2024 officers

Maggie seconds the motion

Elections accepted.

OSDS Trial @ the County Fair in LaGrande on Friday August 2, 2024

Trial is on track. Elaine will present the proposal to the fair committee at their January 22 board meeting. She will explain how the trial will support the fair's theme of promoting stockmanship.

Elaine will send an email to the board after the meeting with the fair board.

Webinar with Vicky Avery

Vicki has reached out to Levi Wahl for support with the webinar but he has not responded. The Wahl family is very busy. She is happy to do the commercial sheep operation webinar but wants to provide the best forum. The webinar would focus on the commercial sheep operations in the Willamette valley and how the industry and the sheep operations have changed in the last few years. Dave and Elaine could support Vicki on the webinar and we can get video and photos to support it.

We could possibly do a series on the topic because our mission statement is about education and supporting the sheepdog community.

Free webinar would be held on the wix platform on May 28, 2024

Another Free webinar

Dr. Rob Lewis lifetime member would make a great webinar host. He has extensive experience with herding and is a great storyteller. We could possibly offer another webinar featuring Dr. Lewis in the late spring. Donna will contact him and see if he is interested.

Bryan Webinar

We need to solicit more videos for this webinar.

We have 39 signed up and 29 people have paid (\$435)

Dave will be the moderator.

Donna will buy a webinar rider for zoom for the webinar.

Don Helsey Webinar

The Don Helsey webinar is in March also. Alicia will check in with him to confirm.

Donna will buy a webinar rider from zoom on March 4, two days before the webinar.

Cell Phone Numbers

Maggie has requested the cell phone #'s of board members to have "just in case" of emergency.

New Idea:

Maggie proposes a volunteer member directory that provides contact info in case another member is traveling and breaks down or runs into trouble and needs help of some sort. Only those willing to help out other members passing through their area would be included. We could possibly use an address and phone numbers and whether they could house an RV or have other accommodations.

Encourager trial

We have 6 entries in the trail at this time.

The board brainstorms possible Judges to contact.

Karen Child

Paul Murray

Corrine Berg (declined)

Ron Fischer

The board discussed that since we don't have many entries into the Encourager trial we should add Pro Nov and Nursery classes.

It might not be possible to add Nursery since the USBCHA requires 30 days before the trial for it to be sanctioned. Alicia will turn in our sanctioning form for USBCHA ASAP.

Motion to add Pro Nov and Nursery classes to the Encourager Trial due to lack of entries.

Donna seconds the motion

The motion passes

Donna will turn in the Insurance for the Encourager trial.

WASH Collaboration in April 6 and 13

Outrun/ Lift/ Fetch @ Fidos

Drive/ Pen @ Brigands

Alicia will contact WASH (Lisa) and inquire about the dates and the format for the clinics.

Alicia will send an email to OSDS updating the board on additional information.

Membership List on the Website

We have made a membership list on the website where we post the name and type of membership and status (active or inactive). We can make this available to the members so they can check their membership status. We can give the members until March 1st to update their membership. After March 1st members who have not updated their membership would not be able to log onto the website.

Laurene motions to make available the member directory with their type of membership and status on the website. Members will stay active until the first of March and then be deactivated on March 2nd if they do not update their membership.

Donna seconds the motion

Motion passes

Motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned