



## Next General Membership Meeting

**\*\*Tuesday November 20th 6 PM\*\***

**Location: Bill and Sue Gentle's**

Address: 1008 E Ole Maverick Rd

### **Annual Holiday Dinner!**

**Ham and/or Turkey will be provided. Please bring a favorite side dish or dessert!**

**\*\*\*Please note new date!!**

### **Minutes of the October 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

Members Present: Val Siegel, Angie Cover, Veronica Harris, Sue Gentle, Laurie Box, Jane Swanhorst Ringolsby, Julie Daniels, Lori Monchecci.

The program was held in Gentle's area where we had an informative program by Dr Chad Zadina. Using live models (Sue's horses ranging from 3-30 years of age) he was able to demonstrate the changes a horse's teeth go through as he ages. He also explained conformational flaws of the mouth and dental problems and how they can affect a horse's usefulness or quality of life. He also brought handouts for everyone to take for reference. We had some Pony Club families join us for the program.

### **Old Business**

In the past month, the Show Committee convened and recommended hiring a show secretary for the 2011 recognized show. We will be hiring Camille Griffin for our August show. Her fee is on a per entry basis and we expect the cost to be \$800-900. Bitsy Heckert has agreed to be Show Manager since we were able to hire a Show Secretary.

The Show Committee also recommended offering "Opportunity Classes" -These classes allow a rider to experience the atmosphere and quality of a recognized show, without all of the USEF/USDF rider and owner membership requirements. As well, Opportunity Class competitors are exempt from paying non-member and drug testing fees. All riders still must comply with USEF/USDF rules and regulations for dressage competition. And any scores cannot be used toward national awards.

All attending members agreed with board recommendations.

A Bylaw Committee consisting of Laurie Box, Angie Cover, Veronica Harris and Ashley Breton reviewed the existing Bylaws. The committee had no recommended changes.

Jane Ringolsby reported that the Nominating Committee has a slate of officers that will be voted on at the next meeting.

### **Treasurers Report**

Sue Gentle reported the Club's Certificate of Deposit has matured and will renew for an interest rate of 1%. The balance of the CD is \$6623.35. The checking account has a current balance of \$7376.33. Sue also reported that we made a profit of \$2857.52 on the 2010 recognized show.

### **New Business**

Veronica Harris reminded the Club that our website hosting was coming up for renewal. It was decided to renew at a cost of \$60. Discussed website capabilities and possibilities. Veronica is continually updating and improving the website. Please send her any information that should be posted for the club ([veronica.harris@bresnan.net](mailto:veronica.harris@bresnan.net)). She would also be happy to post any photos you can send her.

Julie Daniels recommended buying a second flash drive to back up documents for the club. Laurie Box agreed to purchase it and load club documents (membership form, newsletters, etc) on it.

### **Announcements**

There will be a Peter Borggreve Dressage clinic at Gentle's arena Monday November 29 and Tuesday November 30. For info call Sue at 634-1743 or email [sbgentle@hotmail.com](mailto:sbgentle@hotmail.com) . NEED RIDERS! Auditors welcome.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

December- No meeting held in December

January- Bitsy Heckert will present a program on her trip to Lexington KY to attend the World Equestrian Games.