

TREASURE VALLEY WHIPS – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – 1/21/23

Meeting called to order by President Merry Jo Schreffler at 4:01 p.m. at Casa Mexico in Middleton. In attendance were Merry Jo Schreffler, Mary and Lee Van DeBogart, Jamey Robbins, Donna Bernardelli, Leo and Dana Van Sistine, Brenda Palidini, Tess Eastman, Wendy Coome, Valerie and Bethany Ellis, and Jill Wickander. In attendance via Google Meet were Kathy DeLong, Robin DeLong, Melinda McCallister, Sharon Dudley, and Sue Todd.

Minutes of the October meeting were read by Valerie. Minutes for that meeting and the December meeting will be published soon. Leo motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Mary. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Kathy reviewed the financials for 2022. Last year's income was \$9396.57 and expenses were \$7768.62. The current balance of the checking account is \$6021.01. Kathy also presented this year's potential expenses with playdays, clinics, insurance etc. Kathy made a motion to pay this year's insurance and accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Donna. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Mary was contacted by One Mane Ranch about doing our Bombproofing playday with them at their facility. Mary brought this idea to the executive board and a few other TVW members. The facility at One Mane Ranch has a smaller indoor arena, parking isn't as good as Birt Arena, and the cost would be double for participants since they would pay One Mane Ranch in addition to TVW. It was decided that we will keep the Bombproofing at Birt Arena for now. If, at a later date, it does not work to have it at Birt Arena, we will consider moving to One Mane Ranch.
- Amanda Horton put Mary in contact with the NW Chapter of ADS about getting our calendar of events and newsletter on their website. Mary will work on getting this done.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Merry Jo thanked Mary for the excellent organization of the Fall Driving Show, Leo for being the assistant judge, and the members who volunteered to help out at the show. Feedback from the show was positive.
- Open driving at Birt Arena has started. Fun has been had by all. There are two more: February 13 and March 13.
- The December 10 Christmas party at Mr. V's Restaurant went well. We had some great food and a fun gift exchange.

NEW BUSINESS:

- This year's events have been planned:
 - February 25 – Beginner's clinic
 - March 25 – driving playday
 - April 22-23 – Bombproofing Playday
 - June 3-4 – Theresa Bron Clinic
 - October 28-29 – Fall Driving Show

- The idea of having a harness fitting clinic on March 25 was discussed at length. Due to safety concerns, more time will be needed to work out the details of such a clinic, so we will continue with the driving playday for this year.
- Mary has been in contact with Theresa Bron about being this year's June clinician. Donna made a motion to have Mary get the ball rolling on this clinic, seconded by Brenda, motion passed. Mary will work on details, clinic flyer, etc. Jamey will work on putting together the sign-ups with the 50 minute time slots.
- Since feedback from the Fall Driving Show was positive, we will do it again this year.
- Merry Jo proposed we spread out the job duties at this year's events so more people are involved and/or can build their confidence. She wants to make sure that there's a chairman and assistant chairman for each event with several members who are willing to help. Cathy agreed to be in charge of this year's beginner clinic. Leo and Dana said they will help.
- Wendy has been in contact with a landowner in Nampa/Kuna area who may let us do a trail drive. She will be in contact with one other landowner and will work on putting together a trail drive event. She also mentioned that the Weiser River Trail group is working on a grant for a clean-up of the area. This may be another potential place for a trail drive.
- Kathy found some more driving books to add to our library. Contact Kathy if you'd like to see what books there are in the library.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Jamey, seconded by Dana. Meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m. Next meeting will be March 18 at Casa Mexico/Google Meet. 4:00 for food, meeting to start at 5:00.

Respectfully submitted by Jamey Robbins.