

# Minutes for OHSET Southern District Meeting

## Via Zoom

Sunday, October 23, 2023, 7:00 PM

Call to Order 7:06pm

In Attendance: Kim Ries – District Co-Chair, Coach Klamath schools, Korey Hamilton – Vice Chair, Treasurer, Registrar, Coach Rogue River, Samantha Henricks, District Co-Chair, Coach Grants Pass, Deena Tippin - Secretary, Points Chair, Anna Kruse, Coach HV, NV, Alexis James, Coach NM, Gabrielle Laitinen, Coach SM, Calista Jones, Coach Crater, Jessica Rollins, Coach Phoenix, Sutton Guyer, Assistant Coach Ashland, Jessica Debrick, Coach Eagle Point, Laura Kahl, athlete, NV, Taylor Gorden, athlete, Henley

Vote Count – 12

Ash -1 Bonanza/Henley – 2 Crater – 1 Eagle Point -1 Grants Pass -1 Hidden Valley -1 North Medford -1 North Valley -1 Phoenix -1 Rogue River -1 South Medford -1

### Minutes -

Deena Tippin sent out Minutes from September 17, 2023 via email – No comments or changes were given. Sam Henricks, Grants Pass made a motion to approve the Minutes, Taylor Gorden, Henley, seconded the motion.

No discussion. Vote: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed

**Treasurer Report** – Korey gave the financial report that she has paid a deposit for stalls and the Expo for Meet 1. Kim reported that she also signed the contract for Meet 1.

### Old Business

**2023 Coaches Training** – Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> – 10am-4pm – Springfield High School, exact location on OHSET website. Reminder to RSVP via email by 11/11. Kim reported that she will be attending and Bart will be attending. Others required to attend are Korey Hamilton, Samantha Henricks and any 1<sup>st</sup> year Head coach or second year Assistant coach. Kim also reported that there would NOT be a lunch provided, please bring a lunch. Kim went through all teams and noted that Ashland, North Medford and Hidden Valley have listed assistant coaches that need to attend the training. Anna Kruse of HV informed District to remove Kyra from list as she has moved. Anna will be attending the training and also Jessica Rollins of Phoenix stated she would be attending also. Kim reminded coaches to check their teams and make sure that anyone that needs to attend is present.

**Arena List** – Kim let everyone know that the Insurance Certificates will either be emailed or snail mailed soon. Deena informed group that she received hers this past week via email. Sam confirmed that Additional Insured status determined method of receipt. Kim noted a concern for Josephine County Fairgrounds and noted that anyone could email Denise at State if they needed theirs sent via email to practice, if they haven't received via snail mail by their practice date.

**Registration** – Korey informed District that Crater and Ashland paperwork was just received Thursday and therefore, since she needs time to verify, probably would not be able to start practice on November 1. Additionally, no athlete registrations were received for Phoenix so they will not be able to start on November 1 either. Jessica Rollins,

coach for Phoenix stated she should be sending in on Monday and acknowledged her team would not likely be able to begin on the 1<sup>st</sup> as Korey needs time to review and verify.

**Website** – Sam reported that the District website is up and running and you may give out the link now. Sam is meeting with website creator this week to finalize some changes and learn how to operate in the site so she can make changes/additions going forward. Believes it was done well. After voting on SOG change at this meeting, she will adding District SOG's to website. If anyone sees any errors or has questions or additions to make, contact Sam. If anyone has pictures throughout the season they think would be good on the website, forward to Sam.

#### **Fundraising-**

**Wreaths** – Korey reported she has received majority of orders and has to turn in order tomorrow, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Kim noted she would contact her person and make sure they get sent in to Korey.

**Auction** – Sam put on Facebook page there will be an Auction and general fundraising Committee meeting Monday, October 30, 2023 at 6:30pm via Zoom. Anyone interested in joining the committee or just wants to know more information, please inform Sam or post on Facebook chat. Kim will send out Zoom invites to those who let Sam know they are interested. Sam stated the District is leaning towards having the auction at the Expo again and tentatively a March 2, 2024 date. Anyone can help out and they do not have to be affiliated directly with OHSET. Hoping by the following meeting will have secured a date so can then move forward with the planning.

**Meet 1** – Sam was successful in hiring judges for our Meets and therefore we will go forward with the schedule that will split Isola for some events. The only thing that needs to be finalized is a third judge for Meet 2, however, she does have Cassie Soule available, even though she will be judging Meet 3, if we do not get another judge. Sam will make sure she is not judging any of the same events at either Meet. Good news is that for Meet 2 there would then not be any judge's hotel fees as Cassie is local, one of the judges stays at the RV park and the third will be staying with a friend.

#### **New Business**

**Sog's – Senior Recognition** – Korey made a proposal to the group to remove the language regarding Senior Recognition from the District SOG's. We will still have the Senior Recognition ceremony each season but do not want to be held to specifics and want to be flexible in the implementation of it. Korey made a Motion to remove said language from SOG's, Taylor Gorden seconded the Motion.

No discussion. Vote: 12 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed

**Parades** – Kim wanted to make sure that all coaches are aware that OHSET does NOT ALLOW participation of any kind by OHSET athletes in any parades on or with horses. This is not in the rule book but is an insurance issue. Discussion was held as to participation not including horses, ie, floats, etc, and riding in parades not representing OHSET or any Equestrian Team in any way, shape or form. Phoenix coach discussed that her athletes do ride in their homecoming parade but not as an organization. Kim just wanted to make sure that everyone is informed of this and will be making sure that this is communicated each and every season at the beginning of the season so there is no misunderstanding about this issue.

**Proposed Rule Changes** – There have been meetings regarding proposed Rule changes. Sam and Korey attending recent Annual Retreat. An email has been sent out with approximately 10 pages of rules changes. Sam also attended the recent Judges training. State has asked that several of the proposed changes be brought to the attention of the Districts, discussed and then brought back to state with input. There will be a rules meeting next Sunday,

November 5<sup>th</sup> that anyone can attend. If you are interested in attending, send email to Korey and she will get you added to the link email. There will be a vote on 11/28 at 7pm, and in the interest of time, will try to bundle all of the assumed “yes” votes and “no” votes together so as not to have to go over each and every one again. One of the proposed changes is in regards to Uniforms. An option to allow a Western style snap up shirt to be worn in Western only events, instead of the team polos. All requirements for the shirt would be the same as the current polos, just the different style of shirt would be allowed. Secondly, Re-rides are being looked at for Performance events, like in gaming. An athlete would need to request a re-ride before leaving arena or before event has completed. There have been some extenuating circumstances during performance events that may permit a re-ride – example given of a loose horse outside an arena during a performance ride, causing horse performing to have issues.

There were five specific proposed changes the State asked for input from the Districts.

1 – At State Meets, only registered athletes can ride or school a horse. No trainers, coaches, parents, etc. Our District already has this rule but at state it has not been so. The proposed consequences could be a DQ for the day, next event or prior event. Question was asked about lunging horses by Jessica Debrick. Discussion was held regarding that sometimes being a safety issue, especially for new or inexperienced athletes. Some Districts don’t care who rides or schools horses, other than there has to be a Volunteer form on file. District rules cannot be less than State rules but can be stricter. Our District is in agreement as we already have this rule.

2 – Regarding Drill – proposing that the penalty for a crash with a fall be much greater than just a crash. OHSET currently follows Drill world rules. Discussion was held. District seems split over this rule change.

3 – Use of Rubber Bands- some athletes use rubber bands to keep their boots in their stirrups during gaming events. The proposed rule would either allow or not allow the use of rubber bands. There was discussion regarding allowing if a certain size, however, judges are not in favor as this would be something else they would have to look for. Korey believes this one will go to just a yes or no vote. Our District would like to keep as is.

4 – Canadian Flags – only event that allows a rider to dismount and remount. This occurs when a flag is dropped or knocked over. The change would be to not allow the dismount anymore but assess a 20 second penalty for each rider who could not get their flag without dismounting. Discussion was held as to the affect of the penalty and the safety issues related to this event. District agrees this has been a safety issue and is in agreement with changing to adding penalty time.

5 – Cattle – Sorting – This rule change would apply to State Meet only. Matt, cattle provider, proposed that because at State, 3 herds are used, but teams only get 2 gos, so there is an unfairness in that each team does not get each herd. The proposal would be that any team that has both successful gos would then go to an Invitational round wherein they would have a go with the herd they did not see in the original 2 gos. How this would be implemented would be decided later. The initial discussion is to even offer this “third go”. Matt and Sam were the only two who voted yes on this at the meeting. Discussion was held and our district determined they liked the idea.

Sam will take the results of our District discussions to the next meeting.

Kim asked if anyone had any additional questions or comments. Sam was excited to report that Taylor Gorden, Athlete representative, has been doing some initial sponsorship work. Taylor informed the group that she has approached several large companies and would also like to propose that all athletes get sponsorships/donations of \$100 for the District. Sam reminded everyone that there is a Sponsorship packet that gives the different levels of sponsorship and

what each one entails. There are also Buckle sponsorships for \$100 each available. Could be an alumni, or family, doesn't have to be a business.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:13pm

IMPORTANT DATES:

NOVEMBER 18, 2023 – COACHES TRAINING – SPRINGFIELD  
NOVEMBER 19, 2023 – DISTRICT MEETING – ZOOM  
DECEMBER 17, 2023 – DISTRICT MEETING - ZOOM  
JANUARY 20, 2024 – EVENT REGISTRATION DEADLINE – MEET 1  
JANUARY 21, 2024 – DISTRICT MEETING - ZOOM  
JANUARY 26-28, 2024 – MEET 1 – CENTRAL POINT  
FEBRUARY 25, 2024 – DISTRICT MEETING – ZOOM  
MARCH 24, 2024 – DISTRICT MEETING - ZOOM  
MARCH 29-31 – MEET 2 – CENTRAL POINT  
APRIL 14, 2024 – DISTRICT MEETING - ZOOM  
APRIL 19-21 – MEET 3 – CENTRAL POINT  
MAY 9-12 – STATE MEET - REDMOND  
JUNE 14-16 – PNWIC – MOSES LAKE, WA