



**Ottawa Area Dressage Group
2009 Annual General Meeting,
November 29th, 2009, 2:30 p.m.
AGENDA**



Call to Order, Report on Attendance

Minutes from 2008:

These minutes were already approved at the first OADG meeting in January 2009 to save time at the current AGM meeting and so that the suggestions brought up at the AGM could be implemented during the year.

2009 Executive Summary:

- Reading
- Questions
- Accept/Reject

Discovery Dressage Days Awards and OADG Discovery Awards Consolidation:

- Review & Questions
- Accept/Reject

FEI Awards Consolidation:

- Review & Questions
- Accept/Reject

Commercial Ads in Newsletter Free of Charge:

- Review & Questions
- Accept/Reject

Business From the Floor:

Election of New Directors for:

- Secretary

Appointment of Committee Positions:

- Education and Promotions always needs assistance for events.

2010 Clinics – Discussion Only

Next Member's Meeting:

Sunday January 24th 2010 - 3 p.m. Munster Community Center

Adjournment:

Meeting Protocol...

- (Anyone): I so move that “report/motion” be adopted – Do I have a seconder
- (Anyone other than the previous person): I second it (or I second the motion)
- (Meeting Manager): Any Questions?
- (Meeting Manager): All in favour of accepting the “report/motion” (show of hands)
- (Meeting Manager): Contrary (show of hands)
- (Meeting Manager): Motion Carried
- Secretary to record first, second names, and moved accepted.



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2009 OADG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Manager:	Kiki Baggerman-Webster (613) 825-5370
Awards:	Basia Anders (613) 257-1914
Banquet:	Caroline Anderson (613) 257-2384
Education:	Cathy Gordon (613) 257-5145
Treasurer:	Cathy Gordon (613) 257-5145
Membership:	Anne Galt (613) 489-3262
Webmaster:	Darlene Grant (613) 433-5759
Sponsorship:	Susan Otto (613) 821-1428
Newsletter:	Diana Bayer (613) 283-8084
CADORA Rep:	Pierre Paquette (613) 733-1552
Promotions:	Diana Bayer (613) 283-8084
Secretary:	Susanne Vogt (613) 272-2597
Director at Large:	Heather Snipper (613) 253-1227
Library:	Dorothea Larsen (613) 489-2171



Hello, Welcome to the Ottawa Area Dressage Group 2009 Annual General Meeting. I would like to thank all the 2009 directors for their hard work over the year, the highlights of which are contained within this report.

I am Kiki Baggerman-Webster, the 2009 OADG Meeting Manager. There were 6 meetings in 2009 held at the Munster Community Center. The meetings have been well attended this year with many lively debates which have helped shape the club activities in 2009. I will be continuing as Meeting Manager for 2010. Meetings will continue to be held at the Munster Community Center in 2010.

Our Secretary for 2009 is Susanne Vogt. Susanne was new to this position for 2009 and did a great job trying to keep up with us at the meetings and capture the significant details. Minutes of meetings are available to all members upon request. Susanne will NOT be continuing as Secretary in 2010 but will be taking on the Education Director position from Cathy Gordon.

Our Awards Director for 2009 is Basia Anders. Basia was new to this position for 2009 and did a super job with her new assistants, Ginette Sheen, and Marilyn Anions. This year the final cost of engraving for the OADG awards was \$1357 which includes the cost of the Dressage Days Awards. There were 65 championship trophies awarded this year, 30 reserve champions, 8 third place awards, and 6 merit awards. New this year was monetary awards to the top Junior and Adult Amateur horse/rider at Discovery, top Junior, Adult Amateur and Open horse/rider at Silver and top Adult Amateur and Open horse/rider at Gold. Money for these awards comes from a bursary started in 2009 by the OADG and from clinics. Also new this year was the Horse Owner of the Year award, a long overdue award! Basia will be continuing as Awards Director for 2010.

Our Membership Director for 2009 is Anne Galt. We had a total of 219 members in 2009. There were 38 Junior members, 181 Senior members, and 4 Honorary members. Membership revenues for 2009 were \$9,565.00, of which \$1,400.00 is redirected to CADORA Ontario and \$2,959.00 is redirected to CADORA Inc. Leaving the OADG with \$5,206.00 in operating capital. This year the OADG sent out membership cards to both local members and CADORA Ontario members, this seems to have helped make people feel they belong, and has reduced the number of people asking “did I join, where's my card?” Anne will be continuing as Membership Director for 2010.

Our Banquet Director for 2009 is Caroline Anderson. There were 8 children and 167 adults for a total of 174 banquet tickets distributed in 2009. The total revenue from banquet tickets was \$5,942.00. The cost charged by CedarHill was \$6137.97. The OADG does not intend to make a profit on this event and cost overruns are paid out of the OADG membership fees and other OADG activities. This year our guest speaker was Simone Williams. Having a guest speaker at the banquet seems to be popular and we'll see who we can get for 2010! Any suggestions? Caroline Anderson will be continuing as Banquet Director for 2010.

Our CADORA Representative for 2009 is Pierre Paquette. There were 3 CADORA Ontario meetings in 2009, one conference call in February, one combined AGM and meeting in April and one final meeting in late September. Pierre was able to attend the February meeting, and the combined meeting in April. There continues to be problems with the fact that what's good for CADORA groups in the Toronto area is not good for the OADG. The OADG will be discussing this issue going into 2010. Pierre Paquette will be continuing as CADORA representative for 2010.

The Silver Dressage Championship Eastern Division was held at Starlit Farm in 2009. Another wonderful show put on by the Starlit farm proprietors and their many volunteers. Sponsorship donations were down this year (due to the economy), but the facility was still turned out beautifully for this event. Starlit Farm will not be hosting the Silver Dressage Championship Eastern Division show in 2010. This is one of the events where CADORA Ontario makes rules that the OADG has trouble living with. Discussions early in 2010 by the OADG will determine if the Ottawa area continues to host an Eastern Division Silver Championship show.

Our Education Director for 2009 is Cathy Gordon. This year Cathy put on an outstanding clinic with Steffen Peters. A real coupe for the OADG to have secured a world's top rider! The Clinic was held at the RCMP Rockcliffe Stables, which was a perfect facility for this, big a clinic. A special thank-you to Janet Boyes who was instrumental

on the actual days of the clinic to keep things running along smoothly, and a special thank you to Chris Windover and all the volunteers at Twin Pines Equestrian Centre for all their help. The revenue from this clinic was \$19,080.47, with expenses of \$15,102.13 for a net profit to the OADG of \$3,978.34. Cathy will NOT be continuing as Education Director for 2010; however Susanne Vogt will be taking on this position.

Our Library Director for 2009 is Dorothea Larsen. Since Dorothea has taken over the library there is renewed interest in the library items. The web site was updated with the current library information. Items continue to be added to the library and if you have something you would like to donate please contact Dorothea. Dorothea will be continuing as Library Director for 2010.

Our Newsletter Director for 2009 is Diana Bayer. There were 5 newsletters in 2009, with no paid advertizing this year. There still continues to be about 1/3 of our members that receive the newsletter by Canada Post Mail. This is a cost of about \$70.00 per issue, plus printing cost of about \$200 per year. This year newsletters were also posted on-line about 3 weeks after they were issued to resolve problems with “lost in cyberspace”. This seems to have cut down on the number of people saying “I never got the newsletter”. Diana will be continuing as Newsletter Director for 2010.

Our Promotions Director for 2009 is Diana Bayer. Many new items were purchased this spring at a cost of \$909.51. This year we purchased 24 Royal Blue T-Shirts, 24 cloth bags, 24 hats, and 24 golf towels. Hats, towels and cloth bags are given out as promotional prizes at Discovery shows, however due to lack of time to sell the remaining items; there are still a great many items left. Diana will be continuing as Promotions Director for 2010, but we could use some assistants to sell items at local shows.

Our Sponsorship Director for 2009 is Susan Otto. Susan sent out many letters and made many phone calls, and collected lots and lots of sponsorship items for the Silver Dressage Championship Eastern Division, and for the Awards Banquet Door Prize Table. Sponsors receive mention in the related event program, are posted on the OADG web-site are listed in the OADG newsletter and receive a thank-you letter (sent by Susan) with a picture from the event if possible. If you are interested in sponsoring OADG events in 2010 please contact Susan Otto and she will be happy to follow-up. Susan will be continuing as Sponsorship Director for 2010.

Our Treasurer for 2009 is Cathy Gordon. At the time of the AGM, the OADG had revenues in 2009 of \$52,926.48, with expenses of \$35,807.30 leaving a total balance of \$16,039. Revenues come mainly from membership fees, clinics, banquet, interest, promotions, and sponsorship. Main expenses are for membership fees paid to CADORA, clinics, banquet, printing costs, website, AGM costs, awards, promotions, insurance, newsletter, and incidentals such as postage. The OADG also provided \$1600 in sponsorship money to local area shows, and the new high score awards program was initiated this year, wherein the OADG awarded \$100 to each person who achieved the highest total of 3 scores for their respective division, for a total of \$700 in monetary awards. A detailed treasurer summary report is available at the regular OADG members meetings. Cathy will be continuing as Treasurer for 2010.

Our Web Master for 2009 is Darlene Grant. The website generates a great deal of interest when the show schedule is posted. Other pages are visited often depending on the time of year (Membership page in the spring, awards page in the fall...) Darlene will be continuing as Web Master for 2010.

It was suggested at the last AGM that we send out email “short briefs” occasionally to keep people up to date and as reminders for upcoming events. This started in the spring of 2009 but was not kept up due to lack of time. This is still a great idea and we'll see what we can do to restart this in 2010. OADG events are however posted on the equestrian web site: www.equistation.com and of course the OADG website: www.ottawadressage.ca.

Thank-you to Heather Snipper who suggested this format for the AGM. We hope that you enjoy the “Wine and Cheese” part of the gathering.

Discovery Dressage Days and OADG Discovery Awards Consolidation

The Dressage Days awards and the OADG awards for the Discovery series have many overlaps and also many gaps. The proposal for 2010 and forward is for the OADG to take over all the Discovery awards and have a single set of awards for the Discovery series which is open to all OADG members, and open to all Discovery shows. The Dressage Days Awards series will no longer be offered.

The full list of Discovery Awards offered in 2010 by the OADG would be:

- W/T Horse (JR, AA, O) – Taken over from Dressage Days
- W/T Rider (JR, AA) – Existing
- Equitation (W/T, W/T/C) - Taken over from Dressage Days
- Training (JR, AA, O) – Existing (Dressage Days award dropped)
- First (JR, AA, O) – Existing (Dressage Days award dropped)
- Musical Combination – Taken over from Dressage Days
- PeeWee – Existing (OADG Membership NOT required)

The Benefits of the consolidation are:

- Removal of duplicate awards
- Riders can earn scores at any Local Discovery Show recognized as “local” to the OADG
- Removes confusion for riders over what is a Dressage Days class, what is a Dressage Days show, what is an OADG class, membership requirements.
- Less awards calculations to perform for the OADG (The OADG does both awards calculations now)
- More awards will be given out because people will have a larger selection of shows in order to receive qualifying scores.

The Disadvantages of the consolidation are:

- Riders will now be required to be OADG members to be eligible for the awards. (In the past most award winners have already been OADG members)
- Additional expense to the OADG to support trophies taken over by the OADG and keeper plaques (This can be made up by a projected increase in membership levels required to be eligible for the awards, and by reducing the amount of sponsorship money available to Discovery shows).

OADG Financial Statement Jan - Dec. 31, 2009

Revenue	Revenue	Expenses	Balance	Comments
2008 Balance Chequing 201560121223	\$421.01			
2008 Balance Cashable GIC 1.7% 7165962	\$0.00			
2008 Balance Non-Reg Savings 4.1% 7165962	\$5,030.11			
2008 Balance Money Master 3.0% 50146 04649 29	\$8,507.99			
Interest Cashable GIC 1.7% 7165962	\$1.47			
Interest Non-Reg Savings BNS 4.1% 7165962	\$194.92			
Interest and Tx to Money Master 3% 50146 04649 29	\$3,049.33			Transferred \$3000 June 10, 2009 from Basic Banking account
Tx to Basic Banking 201560121223	\$1,390.00			
Banking Deposit Error	\$65.00			
Membership	\$9,544.00	\$4,549.00	\$4,995.00	54%
Education	\$19,080.47	\$15,102.13	\$3,978.34	Steffen Peters Clinic
Newsletter Ads	\$66.84			
Banquet	\$6,184.00	\$6,639.03	-\$455.03	
Awards	\$182.85	\$1,374.37	-\$1,191.52	Karen Good Trophy; \$60.95 x 3 deducted from OADG sponsorship for 2008 DD trophies; missing \$60.95 from Honey s; Ross Trophies \$1358.55; DD \$189.56; OADG \$1168.99
Promotions (OADG Clothing)	\$119.61	\$1,179.62	-\$1,060.01	EmbroidMe Promotions
CADORA Meetings	\$0.00	\$60.00	-\$60.00	
OADG Primary Classic	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Trillium Championships	\$200.00	\$212.42	-\$12.42	Sponsorship from Barb O'Grady, Chris Windover and Claire Smith
Sponsorship	\$222.50	\$2,423.00	-\$2,200.50	
Dressage Canada Calendars	\$110.00	\$300.00	-\$190.00	
Misc.	\$0.00	\$218.11	-\$218.11	Munster Community Assoc. Meeting Room
Total Revenue	\$54,370.10			

Expenses	
Money Master Account	\$1,399.50
Basic Account Tx to Money Master	\$3,000.00
Cashable GIC Tx to Non-Reg Savings 7165962	\$0.00
Cashable GIC Tx to Money Master 3% 50146 04649 29	\$0.00
Membership (CADORA)	\$4,549.00
Education	\$15,102.13
Printing	\$359.68
Website	\$157.45
AGM	\$155.41
Banquet	\$6,639.03
Awards	\$1,374.37
Advertizing	\$100.00
Promotions (OADG Clothing)	\$1,179.62
Banking Service Charges	\$176.60
Insurance	\$1,026.00
CADORA Meetings	\$60.00
Office Supplies	\$8.87
Postage	\$116.62
Mileage	\$0.00
Sponsorship	\$2,423.00
OADG Primary Classic	\$0.00
Trillium Championships	\$212.42
Dressage Canada Calendars	\$300.00
Misc.	\$218.11
Total Expenses	\$38,557.81
Balance 2009	\$15,812.29

Tx \$1390 to Basic Banking and Service Charge \$9.50

Steffen Peters Clinic
UPS Store 5000 Copies

Cedarhill Golf Club \$6,137.97

OVHSD Ad for OADG
EmbroidMe Promotions

\$700 High Score Awards
\$450 Spiritwood
\$200 Friends of Park
\$300 Equivents NNEP
\$200 Centaur
\$100 Heroncrest
\$200 Starlit
\$100 Dewmont
\$50 Primary Classic Dressage Show

Munster Community Assoc. Meeting Room

2009 Balance 201560121223	\$427.97
2009 Balance Cashable GIC 7165962	\$1.47
2009 Non-Reg Savings BNS 4.1% 7165962	\$5,225.03
2009 Money Master 3% 50146 04649 29	\$10,157.82
2009 Total Balance	\$15,812.29
Balance 2008	\$13,959.11
Balance 2007	\$12,993.51
Balance 2006	\$12,793.16
Balance 2005	\$13,630.46
Balance 2004	\$10,718.30
Balance 2003	\$11,213.08

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819 Drummond Road, Carleton Place**

**Call to order at 3:00PM Attendance:
Attendance Taken – See Archive for Details.**

Approval of the 2009 AGM minutes.

These minutes were already approved at the first OADG meeting in January 2009 to save time at the current AGM meeting and so that the suggestions brought up at the AGM could be implemented during the year. 13 senior members in attendance.

2009 Executive Summary:

Read by the Meeting Manager Kiki Baggerman-Webster

Suggestion for guest speaker for the banquet 2010 Lauren Barwick Paralympian leasing a local OADG owner FEI horse.

Discussion about having a more interesting newsletter with less reliance on paper copies of forms etc within the newsletter itself.

Executive Summary Acceptance:

Peggy Mc Quaid moved to have the executive summary and treasurer's report be accepted and Basia Anders seconded it. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

2. Discovery Dressage Days Awards and OADG Discovery Awards Consolidation:

Motion - all in favor - motion carried

3. FEI Awards Consolidation:

Proposed amalgamation of the Team and Individual Awards at FEI Pony, FEI Children, FEI Junior, FEI Young Rider. Plus the amalgamation of the FEI Grand-Prix and FEI Grand-Prix Special - all in favour - motion carried. Further details will be available at the OADG members meeting on January 24th 2010.

4. Commercial Ads in Newsletter Free of Charge:

Motion for free ads - all in favor - motion carried

5. Business from the floor:

No business from the floor.

6. Election of New Directors for:

Secretary: Heather Snipper is our new secretary for 2010

7. Appointment of Committee Positions:

Education and Promotion can always use some help. Dee Anne Martin is available to help if requested.

8. Next meeting Sunday, Jan. 24rd 2010, at 3pm, Munster Community Center

9. Motion to adjourn the official AGM by Kiki, second by Caroline Anderson all in favour.