

Peninsula Dressage is holding a face-to-face meeting Saturday, Aug 20th at Willow Branch Farm, 32144 Dog House Drive, Salisbury, MD 21801. Show up as early as 4 p.m., the meeting will start around 5 p.m. to discuss the issues below. We really hope to see you.

We of course welcome those who are not current members who are considering joining in the future.

In looking ahead to 2023 and beyond, we are concerned about reduced participation in our shows (translating to lower revenues), increased costs of show supplies and services, and significantly, the increased demands on officers' time and energy given what seems to be widespread declines in volunteer support. We are considering the following to address these concerns moving forward:

1. Raising class/test fees by \$5 per for 2023 (regular test tickets will go from \$20 to \$25; critique test tickets will go from \$25 to \$30).
2. Reducing the number of events we host, specifically to ensure that no officer/club member co-manages more than a single event per season.
3. Implementing an administrative/office fee of \$10 per exhibitor to cover increased WIX fees, printing, and other show costs as well as ensure funding for end of year awards. This fee has been added for the September show and it will hold for the October show to ensure that all entry fees may be donated to WSW.

Raising costs for exhibitors does nothing to address the dearth of volunteers, however and we simply cannot host events, particularly shows, without them. In addition, current officers are planning to step down; without sufficient dedicated support to carry us into 2023, it is quite likely the Club will be 'on hiatus' and host no events in 2023.

Please feel free to bring whatever you'd like to eat/share and bring chairs as well as your own beverages. Please no dogs.