



# NDA Board Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2024 via Zoom

## Attendees

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### Board Members Present:

- Karen Stricklett, Secretary
- Kathy Hanford, President
- Carrie Cross, Treasurer
- Jen Rand-Weaver, Vice President
- Jena Vogt
- Sara Loseke

### Board Members Absent:

- Linda Smith
- Laureen Van Norman
- Darian Kauk, Jr. Representative

### NDA Members Present:

- Jennifer Rawlinson

## Call to Order

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President Kathy Hanford called the Zoom meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

## Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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Jen Rand-Weaver moved to approve the Minutes from the January 8, 2024 meeting and Carrie seconded the motion. Motion carried and Minutes were approved.

Sara Loseke moved to approve Minutes from the January 29, 2024 Special Budget Meeting and Carrie seconded the motion. Motion carried and Minutes were approved.

## Officer Reports

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### President:

Kathy Hanford – no report

**Vice President:**

Started looking at locations for the year end banquet. Considerations include Carrie’s Church fellowship hall and Lincoln’s Zoo. \$400.00 for the zoo and \$75.00 for the fellowship hall.

**Secretary:**

No report

**Treasurer:**

Looking at the Draft Budget – discussing questions from Jen Rand-Weaver. Awards for competitions are separate from the Awards banquet. Jen and Carrie met to discuss the budget.

Help with the budget by requesting more detail about the event and the anticipated expenses and income (Mike’s recommendations). This will be discussed at the next Board Meeting as Mike was unable to attend the meeting this evening.

Discussed Fundraising category -3 different fundraising options - one for Jy/Yr, one for the Club and one for the Cornhusker Classic shows and Schooling Show Championships. It was recommended that emails be sent to members to encourage sponsorship at CC Schooling Show and CC rated shows.

There is a QR code to donate via PayPal. Schooling Show Championships also offer sponsorship opportunities and those should be advertised as well.

Discussion of accomplishing a Balanced Budget. Fundraising should be designated for different purposes. Designated funds vs. undesignated funds. Example, designated funds for the arena. The purpose of fundraising is to cover expenses. Income goes to different funds. Carrie will research the issue of income for non-profit organizations.

Sara moved to accept the Draft Budget that was presented by Carrie Cross and Jenna Vogt seconded the motion. The Motion carried and the Draft Budget was approved.

**Committee Reports**

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**Membership:**

How to increase membership – more outreach at the local events. At least one Board Member should attend each of the local events that are coming up to answer questions and encourage involvement in the organization. Thus far, we have a total 47 members with 7 new members included in that total.

**Competitions:**

Jennifer Rawlinson reported. Difficult with officer change at the first of the year to pull things together for competitions. Amy Blum helping with the prize list. Kathy working on that for the CC Schooling Show. Linda Smith and Mike Smith are on the committee but were unable to attend this meeting.

NDA has not reimbursed Competitions for the \$2,000 as of this meeting date.

Letter sponsorships went into CC fundraising category.

Competition income in 2023 includes arena letters. We are still 4 letters short and will be 5 letters short if Karin Nilsson does not agree to sponsor a letter. Karen Stricklett stated that she would contact Karin to confirm and report back to the board. Jennnifer reported that there appears to be a two week turnaround time between ordering and receiving the letters.

**Awards:**

No report at this time.

**Publicity:**

Carrie has agreed to publish the Contact. She requested articles and materials from various barns in the area. She stated that the first quarterly issue would be completed the first or second week in March. Carla Rogowsky has indicated that she will stay involved and help with the NDA website and Carrie has agreed to assist her with this.

**Fundraising:**

Jen Weaver has agreed to assist on this committee. She reported that she had recently talked with Tillie about fundraising issues. Purchasing the extra mugs and Christmas ornaments to sell in order to recoup some of the costs. All funds from calendars have been received and the calendars have been distributed to the barns.

Stateline will be sponsoring our shows this year. Donations will be received from Stateline. Also, the purchase of new banners was discussed.

Funds from letters went into Competitions this past year (2023). The remaining funds will go into Competitions for 2024.

**Equipment Management:**

No report

**Education:**

Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> the educational committee will be offering a free educational session from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Carrie's church. Kathy will present Awards and Membership Requirements. Purina will be there to present a short nutrition seminar. A representative of the Dressage Foundation will also be there to discuss the purpose of the foundation and the types of events sponsored. There will be a chili and soup contest for all who attend. A number of ornaments and mugs remain unsold, and efforts will be made to sell some at that time.

**Junior/YR:**

Riders for USDF Region 4 Clinic – 8 to 9 riders – a two day Outreach Clinic with Anne Cizaldo. This will take place at Stillwater Equestrian Center in Hickman, NE. on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Volunteer:**

Committee – Kathy Hanford, Karen Stricklett, Darian Kauk, Jena Vogt and Carrie Cross. Karen agreed to head up this committee and will be lining up volunteers for the Schooling Show on May 19<sup>th</sup> and the CCI and CCII on May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Western Dressage:**

Amanda Percival is willing to Chair the Committee; Laura Schneck might also be willing to help with Western Dressage (Central Nebraska) as well as Janelle Stelk.

**Old Business**

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Sale of the remaining letters will be discussed and, hopefully, will be successful. Jennifer will then be able to order the new arena letters in preparation for the upcoming show season. Mike Smith will help

develop a request form for upcoming events with estimated costs and expenses.

## **New Business**

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Safesport – discussion of adding policies to the Handbook for procedures for handling complaints. Linda Smith had previously offered to serve on this ad hoc committee.

## **Next Meeting Scheduled**

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The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 11, 2024.

## **Adjournment**

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Carie Cross moved to adjourn the meeting and Sara Loseke seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

*Karen L. Stricklett*

Karen Stricklett, NDA Secretary