



**NDA Board Meeting Minutes  
July 10, 2023 via Zoom**

**Attendees**

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**Board Members Present:**

Carrie Cross  
Kathy Hanford  
Karen Stricklett  
Sheila Purdum  
Margo Hamilton  
Tillie Jones  
Sara Loseke

**Board Members Absent:**

Claire Tucker  
Linda Smith

**NDA Members Present:**

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**Others Present:**

Jennifer Rawlinson

**Call to Order**

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President Sheila Purdum called the July 10, 2023, meeting to order via Zoom to order at 6:31 pm.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

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The June 2023 NDA board meeting minutes were reviewed. Karen Stricklett moved to approve the minutes. Margo Hamilton seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

**Officer Reports**

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**President:** Sheila reported that as of November 2023 she will be stepping down with two (2) years left on her term.

**Vice President:** No report

**Secretary:** Minutes reviewed and approved for June 2023

**Treasurer:** Main account - \$5,376.95, Competition account - \$16,036.44, PayPal - \$47.66, Petty Cash - \$460. The deficit of \$2,000 that was moved to the main account from the competition account is still owed back to the competition account as of this meeting date.

The Classic schooling show total was \$4,522, Classic I & II was \$22,045, which is down from the 2022 Classic I & II of \$29,000. Total Classic income was \$27,428.24 and expenses \$30,297.69 leaving a deficit of \$2,869.45.

Waiting on final invoices from the Porta-John, show manager fees, judges' baskets, and HSO fees.

With the loss at the Classic, Sara L (treasurer) is expecting a net loss at the end of the year.

One of the major complaints at the Classic was the stalls, safety, size and cost.

## **Committee Reports**

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- **Awards:**  
Kathy has the Classic trophies and will be taking them to Rixstien's for engraving. As discussed in an earlier board meeting, she will be having the oldest plate removed from the JR.YR trophy to add a new plate.
- The Schooling Show Championship ribbons have been ordered. This year we will be doing neck sashes for the Grand and Reserve winners of the Championship show. This will be the 1<sup>st</sup> year that we have rosettes for the open show for all placings. Going forward from 2024, we will have rosettes for grand and reserve and regular ribbons for the classes.
- **Competitions:**  
Kathy has been going to Schooling Shows to talk to riders about NDA membership.
- Kathy has a draft of the SSC prizelist ready for final review by the competition committee.
- Stickers were done for the Providence Farm show that told a rider if their score was a qualifying score for the Championship show.
- Margo asked if we had a minimum set of standards for schooling shows and what they needed to host an NDA recognized show. It was suggested that the competition committee look at the current NDA show recognition form and make edits as to what is minimally required to ensure that the same standards are used across all shows.
- Sheila said she would be happy to help with a webinar for show managers, so they know what is required and needed by NDA.
- Jennifer Rawlinson checked with the Lancaster Event Center on 2024 dates, Memorial Day weekend is not available in 2024 at LEC.
- Sara will share with Jennifer and the competition committee the 2023 Classic financials.
- Jennifer will reach out to the person that had a \$120 check returned for NSF.
- Sheila suggested that the competition committee host a joint meeting with the board to discuss the Classic before the July 24<sup>th</sup> deadline to set our date and location.

**Education:** We are sharing on Facebook NDA barn hosted events.

**Finance:** Sara would like to remind everyone that all reimbursement requests or financial questions should go to the [treasurer@nebraskadressage.org](mailto:treasurer@nebraskadressage.org) email address. This ensures that payments go out in a timely manner and we also have a record of requests. Sara shared with the board the location of the reimbursement request form on the NDA website.

**Fundraising:** Tillie and Cecilia will have some NDA merchandise to share at the banquet and some schooling shows.

**Membership:**

- We had 9 new members join in June.
- We need to decide if we are going to increase our membership fees for 2024 and on. USDF fees have gone up, but we have not raised our fees.
- Sheila will look at the by-laws to see what needs to be done to do that.
- Jennifer said we might need to look into some education as to what a person's NDA membership gets them as a GM of USDF.

**Publicity:**

- Margo has the articles almost finished for the newsletter.
- The 2023 handbook is done and Carrie will post it on the website.

**Equipment Management:** No Report

**Junior/YR:**

- Waiting to confirm dates for a Nancy Hurst clinic for the JR's.
- Kathy asked if the jr's would be willing to help stuff goodie bags for the SSC show and help with the lunch pizza party.

**Volunteer:** The competition committee will reach out to Karin about volunteers for the schooling show championship.

**Western Dressage:**

- Amanda P reached out to the show managers to see how she could help them get their show's WDAA recognized. She offered to help find sponsors to pay the \$25 WDAA fee and to help fill out the WDAA paperwork. The show managers didn't respond to her offer.
- Sheila is having several riders from KS at her Summer show due to it being WDAA recognized.

**Old Business:** None

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**New Business:**

- Arena letter sponsorships – We have had several conversations about arena letter sponsorships. The purpose of the sponsorship is to replace the oldest set of letters that NDA has. They have been offered and four letters have sold for \$150 each.
- Margo Hamilton moved that we promote via the website, Facebook, newsletter, etc the selling of the old letters to replace them with a new set. Carrie Cross seconded. No further discussion, motion carried.

- Margo asked that in a year where we have had some clarity issues as to who is staying on the board and who is resigning that the board members with time left on their term decided if they are staying on the board or not. We need to be clear in a time of instability on the NDA board so that we can move forward in setting up a nominating committee and recruit board members for the 2024 election.
  - Sheila Purdum resigned at the meeting as president and board member effective immediately.
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### **Next Meeting Scheduled**

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The next meeting will be on August 14, 2023, at 6:30 pm. Place to be determined.

### **Adjournment**

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Margo Hamilton moved to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Carrie Cross seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Carrie Cross, NDA Secretary