



NDA Annual Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2017

Attendees

Board Members Present:

- Jane Fucinaro, President
- Laureen VanNorman, Vice President
- Kathy Hanford, Treasurer
- Heidi Helmer, Secretary
- Miya Higgins, Junior Representative
- Gracia Huenefeld
- Kathy Lewis
- Judy Seward
- Margo Hamilton

Board Members Absent:

- None

Call to Order

President Jane Fucinaro called the annual meeting to order at The Ashland Golf Club in Ashland, NE, at 12:02 pm.

Officer Reports

President: Jane welcomed the members and thanked the 2017 board.

Jane reported that 2017 has been a very successful year for NDA. The membership is the highest it has been in its history (160 members), in contrast to many other USDF GMO's who are currently struggling to maintain membership.

Jane provided a review of 2017. In April NDA was heavily involved with the World Cup in Omaha.

The Education Committee organized Part 1 of the USDF L Program in May, July, and September, with excellent participation.

The Competitions Committee was very active with the Cornhusker Classic, Classic Schooling Show, and Schooling Show Championships.

NDA sponsored a Youth Clinic in October.

In 2018, the Omaha International will be held in April, and NDA will be participating.

Part 2 of the USDF L Program will be started in 2018.

The Education Committee will be planning a 'Pilates for the Dressage Rider' clinic for April 2018.

The Competitions Committee has secured judges and TD's for the 2018 and 2019 show seasons.

A Volunteer Committee will be organized in 2018. The goal of the committee is to increase volunteer opportunity and reward for volunteering.

Jane thanked all of the 2017 committees for their hard work and dedication.

Vice President: No report. The membership thanked Lauren for organizing the 2017 banquet. Lauren thanked Jane for her leadership.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Kathy provided the financial report for 2017. Revenue has increased in membership income, competitions, and education (specific to the L Program). Kathy pointed out that the income from Part 1 of the L Program will be used for costs of Part 2. The account balances as of November 18, 2018, are: Main - \$11,413.59 and Show - \$12,675.47. J Schoemaker moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Heidi seconded, motion carried.

Old Business

No old Business.

Election of 2017 Board Members

The annual election to fill vacant spots on the NDA board was held. Candidates for the 2018 board members-at-large included: Carrie Cross, Angie McClelland, Heidi Helmer, and Gracia Huenefeld. Candidate for junior representative is Miya Higgins. Jane asked for any floor nominations. There were none. A written vote to elect general board members was held by all present members. Angie McClelland, Heidi Helmer, and Gracia Huenefeld were elected. Miya Higgins was elected junior representative. The 2018 board conferred to appoint officer positions. There were no contested offices, the board for 2018 was introduced:

- Jane Fucinaro, President
- Heidi Helmer, Vice President
- Kathy Hanford, Treasurer
- Margo Hamilton, Secretary
- Miya Higgins, Junior Representative
- Angie McClelland
- Gracia Huenefeld
- Kathy Lewis
- Judy Seward

The first meeting will be held January 2018.

New Business

A Volunteer Committee will be formed in 2018. Jane asked for a committee chair, Kim Higgins and Judy Seward will co-chair, along with Diane Fucinaro.

The additional Western Dressage year end awards details had been provided to the membership via email in August and September. These will be adopted in 2018.

Year End Awards Presentation

Kathy Hanford and Laureen VanNorman presented the 2017 year end awards. Rider awards, horse awards, schooling show medal series medals, qualified rider certificates, and special awards were handed out to NDA members.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Heidi Helmer, NDA Secretary 2017