



NDA Board Meeting Minutes

Sept. 13, 2021

Attendees

Board Members Present:

- Carrie Cross, President
- Lana Erickson, Treasurer
- Mary Ellen Ducey, Secretary
- Shan Lawton, Member at large
- Mia Newman, Junior Representative
- Christine Walker, Member at large

Board Members Absent:

- Sheila Purdum, Member at large

NDA Members Present:

- None

Call to Order

Carrie called the meeting to order via Zoom at 6:36 pm.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The Aug. 2021 NDA meeting minutes were reviewed. Dates and a name were fixed. Shan moved to approve, Mia seconded. Motion carried.

Officer Reports

President: Three riders participated in the virtual show. Probably okay to continue with in person shows. Virtuals are a good option but may not necessarily replace a show. With more advance notice can learn more about participants and options. A poll may be an option for social media or for the annual meeting. Maybe a virtual show could be offered in the spring but not perhaps not a whole series. Perhaps a virtual ride a test. Recommendation would come from the Competitions Committee. A vote is not needed. Carrie noted that there are thank-you notes from 4-H participants. It may be worth inviting these participants to become members of NDA. May need to consider confidentiality as they may be minors. These can be shared with Lena Luck.

Vice President: Michaela noted that the newsletter just went out a few weeks ago. In regard to the banquet at Quarry Oaks there are questions related to the menu, which has many options at various prices. The prices include gratuity and tax. A box lunch with a beverage is an option due to continued pandemic concerns when having an in-person event. The minimum people for attendance would be 20. Vegetarian option? A cupcake option? Will it include a homemade cookie? The cost is \$13.00 per box lunch. The ticket is meant to cover the cost of the banquet only, possibly being \$18 or \$20. There will be centerpieces on loan for the event. Will there be internet access. What are options for the placement for the silent auction. The \$500 includes tables, chairs, and tablecloths. There is a bar, with wine and mimosas starting at \$6. NDA does not cover that. Could note that a cash bar is available. The event will start with lunch at 11:30 and then meeting at 12:00. The silent auction payment will take some time. Awards will take some time. Michaela discussed the 24 items gathered for the silent auction, where she has had great success. One suggestion is adding liquor, a massage, photo session, and other items. Double H Sign design donated a certificate for a sign, which did not get used two years ago, a certificate may be an option this year.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: The current account balances are as follows: Main \$7,012.86; Competition:\$20,586.71; PayPal \$61.07

Christine noted that we do not have a bill from the Lancaster County Event Center.

Christine moved to accept the report and Michaela seconded. Motion carried. Report approved.

Committee Reports

Membership: Membership is holding steady.

Competitions: Information regarding schooling show sent out to Board. It's possible that NDA would loose about \$1500. What options are available at this time. More information is forthcoming. Quail Ridge provided information regarding options for potentially having the classic at that location.

Awards: Sheila is traveling.

Publicity: NDA Facebook posts can be shared through personal pages. As a business page we are not able to post from outside pages for more engagement beyond our NDA publicity for events. Carrie encouraged others so share NDA items via their own FB pages.

Fundraising: Focused on banquet activities.

Education: Provided by Heidi Helmer: The NDA Trailer has had the bearings packed and needed new tires. Ken or I will let the board know what the cost was when we return from vacation. The trailer is stored at Ken's property at 17385 Van Dorn in Lincoln. For the Schooling Show Championships, the trailer can be picked up at that address. After the Schooling Show Championships, the trailer can be left at the Event Center so Tim Hott (Maffitt) can pick it up to use the arenas at Regionals. Ken will get the trailer after regionals.

Education Committee: We are continuing with the Jennifer Kotyolo series (it's been great!!!). The Riding Through the Levels Symposium currently has eight rider applications. 1 Freestyle, 2 for

Training, 2 for First, 2 for Third, and one Western Dressage application. I have contacted Sheila, Kathy Lewis, Jonelle Stelk, and Emily Johnson regarding the event to encourage Western Dressage participation. Fingers crossed that we will get some additional applications!!

Junior/YR: Any ideas on an area for clinic currently under development with Heidi H. There are Coda Cavallo, Cornerstone, Stillwaters, Middle Cross, and Lincoln Equestrian Center. Perhaps Providence. The clinician is Shan.

Volunteer: May need additional volunteers for show.

Western Dressage: No report.

Old Business

New Business

Seeking volunteers for board membership.

Suggested Changes to the Nebraska Dressage Association By-Laws, August 2021

Sheila Purdum, NDA Awards Committee Chair

SECTION VII

Background:

There are several inconsistencies in the Year End Awards program requirements for Western Dressage Awards – Section VII relative to the requirements for the English Dressage Awards – Section VI. In Section VI, Classical Dressage only the Adult Amateur must produce a current USEF amateur card, not the Adult Non-Amateur or Jr/YR divisions. In Section VII, Western Dressage, all rider divisions must produce both a WDAA and USEF card (AA, Open and Jr). This is also inconsistent with language presented in Section VIII, WD Rider Awards that state only the Adult Amateur must present a USEF AA card upon request by the Board. The open and Jr. riders in this section of Western Dressage Awards do not have to hold a USEF card.

Proposed By-law change:

It is proposed that the language in Section VII be changed to match the language in Section VI regarding current USEF (or breed AA card) to prove the Adult is an Amateur rider.

SECTION V, VII

Background:

Section V – USEF Single licensed show and Section VII – USEF and WDAA single show licenses are considered only a single show for award purposes. This rule become problematic when there are more than 1 day of the show and multiple judges under the same license (such as the WDAA World show which a 4 day show with a different judge each day, but only one license). If the rider has ridden on separate days under separate judges, the scores should all qualify for awards equal to a double licensed show on the same weekend. Given the expense of showing at multiple venues, it's time to update this By-Law to be more friendly to multi-day shows with more than 1 judge over a week under the same USEF license.

Proposed By-law change:

Omit language regarding Single USEF license shows from both Section V and Section VII.

Carrie asked board members to review or to provide additional research for discussion in October 2021 meeting.

Next Meeting Scheduled

The next meeting will be Monday, Oct. 11, 2021 at 6:30 via Zoom.

Adjournment

Shan moved to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Mia and Michaela seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by: Mary Ellen Ducey, NDA Secretary