

**Minutes**  
**NDA Board Meeting**  
**April 8, 2013**

Call To Order: Board Meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m., April 8, 2013 at Bredeaux Pizza in Ashland by President Heidi Helmer.

**Board Members Present:** Heidi Helmer, Donna Michelson, Felice Rose, Dara Liss, Jane Fucinaro, and Laura Steuck.

**Board Members Absent:** Briana Bartlett, and Katie Duncan.

**NDA Members Present:** None.

The March meeting minutes were reviewed. Tish Gade Jones moved to approve the minutes; Felice Rose seconded. Motion carried.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

**President:** Heidi stated she'll send out an April NDA Update.

**Vice President:** None.

**Secretary:** See "Publicity".

**Treasurer:** Tish distributed the monthly financial report. The current balance in the main account is \$14,884.02. The Show account balance is \$6,932.58. Dara Liss moved to approve the report, Donna Michelson seconded. Motion carried.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

**Membership:** No new membership report was sent, but as of March 11, the NDA membership was over 100.

**Competitions:** The Cornhusker Classic will be a "no braid" show as a benefit for Jr/YRs. A competitor may donate \$25, and a ribbon will be put in horses' manes or forelocks to identify that they are donating.

laDCTA show recognition "swap" update – we are awaiting the correct form for the show recognition

swap. Heidi is working with laDCTA.

Tish mentioned that in the Omnibus, the NDA Cornhusker Classic was not fully included. Tish was going to email The Omnibus editor about this.

**Awards:** None.

**Communications:** Copies of "The Contact" will be sent to sponsors. These copies will be black and white due to the prohibitive cost of color copies. Jane agreed to send "The Contact" to the sponsors.

**Publicity:** Donna mentioned purchasing a lap top computer or I-Pad to play DVDs for horse fairs/expos and other NDA educational events. Heidi asked board members who would be interested in pricing these devices and report back to the board at the next meeting with recommendation for the type of device and pricing. Laura Steuck volunteered to research this and to report back to the board.

The November Horse Expo will be held November 15-17 at the Lancaster Event Center. Jane Savoie will be the dressage clinician. The board discussed a team approach to setting up and decorating the NDA booth, and sending out request for volunteers to 'man' the NDA booth. Heidi mentioned that the board would contact the same publication to insert an ad in the Horse Expo Program for NDA.

Heidi brought paperwork from the Dressage Foundation that offered NDA the opportunity to support the Dressage Foundation's Century Riders Award program. Donna Moved to approve a \$100 donation to the Dressage Foundation. Dara seconded. Motion was carried.

**Fund Raising:** Heidi informed the board that Ashley Murray would no longer be part of the Fundraising committee. Lisa VanStratten is currently the chair, and would appreciate more members to be part of the committee. Heidi stated that she would send out an email asking for volunteers in the April update.

**Equipment Management:** The NDA trailer is currently stored at Lincoln Equestrian Center. Ken Timmerman notified Heidi that the trailer has flat tires, and the hitch needs repairs. Heidi will ask Ken to get an estimate for trailer repairs.

**Education:** Betsy Bobbenhouse and Char Cole are

working with a saddle fitter, David Young, to plan a potential saddle fitting clinic later this summer or fall.

Some members have mentioned an interest in a biting Clinic. This suggestion will be passed on to the education committee.

The Dressage Foundation has extended an invitation to NDA members to allow them access to Lowell Boomer's Library. Jenny from the Dressage Foundation will be in contact about setting up a library type system so NDA members can check books out to read and then return.

**JR/YR:** Potential trail ride event this summer.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Heidi has asked that the board and NDA members make nominations for USDF recognition for 2013. For example, The Contact (Pick 2 months of The Contact to nominate for best Newsletter for GMO of our size category), GMO Volunteer of the Year, etc.

Jane and Dara updated the scholarship report. Jane and Dara will review scholarship applications for Adult Amateurs, Jr/YRs, and Professionals. They will then bring these applications and reviews to the board for determination of recipients. Applications are available on the website, and must be received by July 1.

The Year End award Scholarships that were received in 2012 must be used for an NDA **sponsored** event. NDA "recognized" events are NOT eligible.

Possible Joint Venture with UNL: Jane is still working with Liaison officer.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Tish Gade Jones asked about setting a date for the Annual meeting and Awards Banquet. The date discussed is November 2 or 9, 2013 and the place is Parker's Smokehouse in Ashland.

The next board meeting will be 6:30pm, Monday, May 13, 2013, at Parker's Rib Ranch in Ashland, NE.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Felice motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm, Donna seconded, and motion was carried.