



# NDA Board Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2017

## Attendees

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### Board Members Present:

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

### Board Members Absent:

- Judy Seward

### NDA Members Present:

- Angie McClelland
- Melissa Ward
- Rich Higgins

## Call to Order

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President Jane Fucinaro called the August meeting to order at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln at 6:36 pm.

## Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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The July 2017 NDA meeting minutes were reviewed. Margo moved to approve the minutes. Laureen seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

## Officer Reports

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**President:** Jane reported that Laureen and Melissa have been elected as PM delegates for the 2017 USDF Convention. Kathy Hanford and Jane will also be attending. Heidi proposed that NDA sponsor

Kathy Hanford as the GM representative for NDA. Kathy Lewis seconded. Motion carried.

It was mentioned that NDA sponsored three attendees in 2016. This was due to surplus money in the education budget utilized to send these representatives, and the Convention being held in our very own Region 4. The board would like to assist other NDA members, especially Melissa and Lauren since they have been elected as PM Delegates, and will investigate other avenues for potential assistance. Kathy Hanford will contact Anne Sushko to inquire as to potential Region 4 assistance.

Kathy Hanford will also create the NDA "basket" to be donated to the USDF convention.

**Vice President:** Lauren reported that the contract has been completed for the NDA awards banquet with the Ashland Country Club. The silent auction was discussed. Margo will help organize the silent auction.

**Secretary:** No report.

**Treasurer:** Kathy Hanford provided the Treasurer's report. The L Program has done very well financially, and Kathy will be reserving half of the profit for Part 2 of the L Program. The current main account balance is \$19,881.05. The show account balance is \$11,936.31.

The scholarships awarded to Jackie Muir and Anna Cooper were not utilized in their entirety for their clinic rides with Karen Pavicic. Each recipient used \$300, leaving a total of \$400 not used. NDA will ask that this money be returned to NDA, and will be distributed in the NDA 2018 scholarship fund.

Heidi motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Gracia seconded. Motion carried.

## Committee Reports

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**Membership:** Angie provided the Membership Committee report. There are currently 159 NDA members.

**Competitions:** Jane provided the Competitions Committee report on behalf of Jennifer Rawlinson. The Schooling Show Championship prize list has been published.

**Awards:** Lauren provided the Awards Committee report. They are asking that the annual trophies awarded in 2016 be returned to facilitate their distribution to the 2017 recipients.

**Publicity:** Melissa reported that there are currently 264 on the NDA email distribution list. She has updated the NDA website. The 2017 NDA Handbook has been distributed.

**Fundraising:** Margo provided the Fundraising Committee report. She will be working on the silent auction for the NDA Awards Banquet.

**Equipment Management:** Heidi reported that Ken plans on having the NDA trailer updated with storage organization.

**Education:** Angie provided the Education Committee report. The L Program has been going very well. The Education Committee will be organizing a JR/YR clinic with Catherine Chamberlain for the weekend of October 21-22 at Still Waters Equestrian Academy. Catherine charges \$500/day, and will teach 8-10 lessons/day. Catherine will arrange travel to Lincoln, and NDA will reimburse her. We would like this to be a very friendly Junior/Young Rider event and will make it very affordable for them to attend.

**Junior/YR:** Miya provided the Jr report. The Stick Horse decorating event was a lot of fun. The schooling show championship stall decorating contest was discussed. Suggestions for awards were discussed. She will contact Jennifer Rawlinson to see what items are available from previous NDA

events held this year.

**Western Dressage:** Kathy Lewis provided the Western Dressage Committee report. She will be organizing a "what to know before you show" web conference call prior to the NDA schooling show championships.

## **Old Business**

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Kathy Lewis provided a summary of proposed revisions for western dressage year end awards. These revisions were discussed among the board. Competition show dates in relation to year end award eligibility dates were discussed at length. Suggestions were made, and Kathy will submit the proposed revisions to the board prior to the Annual Member meeting.

Jane asked the board and committee chairs to please complete their job descriptions.

## **New Business**

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None.

## **Next Meeting Scheduled**

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The next meeting will be September 11, 2017, 6:30 pm at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln, NE.

## **Adjournment**

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Gracia moved to adjourn at pm. Heidi seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Heidi Helmer, 2017 NDA Secretary