



# NDA Board Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2015

## Attendees

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### Board Members Present:

- Melissa Ward, President
- Jenae Tilford, Junior Representative (partial evening)
- Gracia Huenefeld (partial evening)
- Emily Johnson
- Laureen Van Norman

### Board Members Absent:

- Jane Fucinaro, Vice President
- Heidi Helmer, Secretary
- Kathy Hanford, Treasurer
- Dara Liss

### NDA Members Present:

- Jennifer Rawlinson
- Angie McClelland

## Call to Order

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President Melissa Ward called the August meeting to order at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln at 6:30 pm.

## Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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The July 2015 NDA meeting minutes were reviewed. Laureen Van Norman motioned to approve the minutes. Gracia Huenefeld seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

## Officer Reports

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**President:** No report.

**Vice President:** No report.

**Secretary:** No report.

**Treasurer:** Melissa reported the Treasurer's report in Kathy's absence. The Main Account balance is

\$12,135, and the Show Account balance is \$4,846. The Treasurer's report was not approved as there was not a quorum at this point in the evening.

## Committee Reports

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**Membership:** There are currently 116 members.

**Competitions:** Jennifer Rawlinson provided the committee report. She said that it was brought to the committee's attention that a few western dressage tests were scored incorrectly at several schooling shows this year. The formatting on the coefficient portion of some of the western dressage tests is non-standard and some tests may have been scored more generously than they should have been. Jennifer Rawlinson offered to contact the western dressage participants at the affected shows and offer to re-score the tests as necessary. The committee will also plan to review tests submitted for year-end awards.

It was suggested that language be added to the member handbook stating that schooling show exhibitors should review their score sheets for accuracy when they receive them and that all scores are considered final at the end of the show.

The tall boot requirement for the schooling show championships has been waived for this year. All other rules for the schooling show championships will remain as posted, but the committee plans to review the rules this fall and consider proposing changes at the year-end meeting.

**Awards:** The board discussed the awards budget as it is not clear which types of awards need to come out of the awards budget versus other budget line items such as the show budget.

**Publicity:** Melissa Ward reviewed this month's e-mail outreach activity and noted that there were no entries in the photography contest.

**Fundraising:** Gracia Heunefeld reported that the committee is starting to solicit silent auction items for the awards banquet.

**Equipment Management:** No report.

**Education:** Jane Fucinaro suggested via e-mail that NDA consider sponsoring a Pilates for Dressage clinic with Janice Dulak for NDA's main 2016 educational event. The committee will work on a proposal before the 2016 budget is finalized.

**Junior/YR:** Jenae Tilford gave the Junior report. She said that she is considering dates for a year-end junior party, location TBD. It was suggested that they delay a winter junior party until after the holiday season so that the party would not conflict with as many events.

Jenae reported that the proceeds from the USDF Adult Clinic fundraiser were approximately \$90, with \$40 in expenses. She also mentioned that the sweatshirt fundraiser was a success and there is only one sweatshirt left to be sold.

Melissa suggested that the juniors help the fundraising committee with the silent auction at the awards banquet.

## Old Business

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The board discussed creating a scholarship specifically for NDA members to participate in the USDF L graduate training program. The board also discussed exploring the option of hosting an L program event.

## **New Business**

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The board discussed the process for selecting and paying for NDA representatives to attend the USDF convention. The 2015 budget allows for two NDA members to attend. Melissa Ward is designated to attend as one of the two NDA representatives. This year is unusual because Jane Fucinaro and Laureen Van Norman will also be attending as Region 4 Participating Member delegates. The board discussed different funding options for the three attending members but did not make a final decision. The board decided to gather a rough cost estimate for the three attending members to present at the next meeting.

## **Next Meeting Scheduled**

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The next meeting will be September 14, 2015, 6:30 pm at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln, NE.

## **Adjournment**

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The meeting ended without a vote because there was not a quorum at that point in the evening.

Respectfully submitted by:

Angie McClelland