



NDA Board Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2015

Attendees

Board Members Present:

- Melissa Ward, President
- Jane Fucinaro, Vice President
- Heidi Helmer, Secretary
- Kathy Hanford, Treasurer
- Jenae Tilford, Junior Representative
- Dara Liss
- Emily Johnson

Board Members Absent:

- Gracia Huenefeld
- Laureen VanNorman

NDA Members Present:

- Joni Tilford
- Darcy Beck
- Liz Sorensen

Call to Order

President Melissa Ward called the February meeting to order at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln at 6:33 pm.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The January 2015 NDA meeting minutes were reviewed. Kathy motioned to approve the minutes. Jane seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Officer Reports

President: Melissa reported that she had received a donation receipt and thank you from the Dressage Foundation for NDA's donation to the Century Club.

Vice President: Jane reported that she is investigating a possible date and venue change for the Year End Awards Banquet and Annual Meeting. Discussion ensued, and she will be polling the membership

to find out what a consensus would be.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Kathy reported that the balance in the general fund is \$14,957.25. The balance in the show fund is \$3,032.79. The 2015 budget was discussed. Considering that NDA donates money to several organizations throughout the year, a proposal was made to add a Sponsorship Expense category to the budget in the amount of \$300. Jane made a motion to approve the 2015 NDA budget pending this change. Dara seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Membership: Melissa presented the membership report from Diana Spaulding. NDA currently has 49 memberships with 60 total members. This is approximately the same number of members as previous years at this time.

Competitions: Melissa presented the Competitions Committee report from Jennifer Rawlinson. They support the budget recommendation for the 2015 competition year. The NDA Schooling Show Championships have been scheduled for September 27, 2015.

The competitions committee also reported that the Cornhusker Classic show secretary has confirmed many breed organizations' high point awards to be presented during the Classic. These include Connemara, IAHLA, Hanoverian, Thoroughbred (needs TIP), American Warmblood, Saddlebred, Trakehner, Morgan Georgian Grande, Oldenburg, Halfinger, KWPN, Holsteiner, Danish.

Awards: The Awards Committee is soliciting ideas for "fun" awards and schooling show trophies for 2015.

Publicity: The NDA members present for the meeting suggested that NDA seek greater visibility, especially via email. They suggested expanding the email base.

Discussion concerning a monthly publication of The Contact was brought forth. It is felt that this is a way to increase communication with the membership. Emily made a motion to publish The Contact monthly, Jenae seconded. Motion carried.

Melissa reported that a booth space has been obtained for the Omaha International in April. Volunteers will be recruited closer to the date of the International.

Fundraising: Melissa presented the Fundraising report on behalf of Gracia. There are no changes at this time.

Equipment Management: Heidi presented the Equipment Management report on behalf of Ken. The NDA dressage arena and trailer are currently stored on his property.

Education: Heidi and Jane reported that the Education committee is meeting Sunday evening, February 15, to discuss plans for 2015. The NDA members present requested that some education opportunities be held in the Omaha area. The board discussed some of the Mountain Rose Horsemanship education opportunities that are held regularly in the Omaha area. Some limited collaboration for dressage-specific education will be discussed at the Education Committee meeting.

Junior/YR: Jenae reported that she has been obtaining quotes for NDA apparel from local retailers. She showed the board some of her ideas (t-shirts, hoodies, ball caps, etc.). Pre-order will be available for some items, and others will be printed and available for sale at various events.

Some proposed ideas for Jr/YR events this year are:

1. A movie and dinner night (spring 2015)
2. A summer sleepover and possible swimming party.
3. USDF Region 4 Adult Clinic fundraising via breakfast sales and NDA apparel sales.
4. Fall/Halloween party.
5. Christmas party.

It was suggested that Jenae contact the 4H and Cornhusker Pony Club leaders to form collaborative events among the youth in Nebraska.

Old Business

Dara presented an NDA Schooling Show series year end award for the USEF Riders' tests. Dara utilized the current award wording and criteria for this award, so it is in accord with the current award system. Heidi proposed that NDA adopt this year end award, and Kathy seconded. Motion carried.

New Business

Melissa asked that the board review the USDF Participating Member election and process for 2015. She would like to see increased representation for Region 4 within USDF. Nominations for Participating Members must be made by April 15, 2015, with official voting occurring in June.

Next Meeting Scheduled

The next meeting will be March 9, 2015, 6:30 pm at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln, NE.

Adjournment

Heidi moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm, Jane seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Heidi Helmer
NDA Secretary, 2015