



# NDA Board Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2016

## Attendees

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### Board Members Present:

- Melissa Ward, President
- Ashley Duran, Junior Representative
- Kathy Hanford
- Gracia Huenefeld
- Laureen VanNorman

### Board Members Absent:

- Jane Fucinaro, Vice President
- Heidi Helmer, Secretary
- Kathy Lewis
- Judy Seward

### NDA Members Present:

- Angie McClelland

## Call to Order

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President Melissa Ward called the April meeting to order at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln at 6:47 pm.

## Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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The June 2016 NDA meeting minutes were reviewed. Kathy Hanford moved to approve the minutes. Gracia Huenefeld seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

## Officer Reports

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**President:** Melissa is still hoping for nominations for the newsletter and photography categories for possible GMO awards at the USDF Convention. Website and Regional Volunteer of the Year award nominations have already been submitted.

**Vice President:** No report.

**Secretary:** No report.

**Treasurer:** Kathy provided a written report. The Classic returned a \$3,500 profit this year. The balance in the show account is currently \$9341.58. The main account balance is \$11,085.13. Laureen moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Gracia seconded. Motion carried.

## Committee Reports

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**Membership:** Angie McClelland presented the Membership report. As of July 1, NDA has reached a record number of members, currently having 135.

**Competitions:** Jennifer Rawlinson provided the Competitions Committee report via email. The Committee has begun work on the 2018 Classic and is busy planning for the 2016 Schooling Show Championships. Primarily positive comments were received from the 2016 Classic competitors. The contract with Lancaster Event Center has been signed for 2017. The competition arenas will be MPA and Amy's due to the distance from P3 to the warmup arena.

**Awards:** Laureen reported that prizes were purchased on sale from SmartPak. Year-end prizes were discussed, as well as how to encourage more members to submit their scores.

**Publicity:** Michaela Scheiffer asked the board via email for ideas for future content for the Contact.

**Fundraising:** Gracia reports that she is hoping to get an early start on the silent auction for the annual awards banquet.

**Equipment Management:** No report.

**Education:** Angie McClelland (Education Committee) and Kathy Lewis (Western Dressage Committee) report that the Lynn Palm Clinic is coming together well.

There was discussion about a continued effort to move forward with getting an L program organized in Nebraska. The board agreed the first step is putting together a working group or task force to explore the next steps. Angie McClelland expressed a willingness to assume this role.

**Junior/YR:** Ashley reported that she is looking for a confirmed date for the Juniors' Movie Night. It will be at the Duran's farm with the movie projected onto the barn. It will likely be in the fall to avoid the heat.

**Western Dressage:** Kathy L. submitted to the board the minutes from the first meeting of the recently formed WD Committee. There were three attendees.

## Old Business

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None.

## New Business

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There was discussion about possibly offering small scholarships or stipends to attend the 2016 USDF Convention in St. Louis, especially since it is being held in Region 4. There will be additional discussion at a future meeting.

## **Next Meeting Scheduled**

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The next meeting will be August 8, 2016, 6:30 pm at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln, NE.

## **Adjournment**

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Laureen moved to adjourn at 8:05pm. Gracia seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Laureen Van Norman, *in Heidi Helmer's absence*