



NDA Board Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2017

Attendees

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:

- Kim Higgins
- Michaela Schieffer
- Jennifer Rawlinson

Call to Order

President Jane Fucinaro called the July meeting to order at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln at 6:31 pm.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The June 2017 NDA meeting minutes were reviewed. Kathy Hanford moved to approve the minutes. Laureen seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Officer Reports

President: Jane provided the President's report. NDA would like to start the process of selecting board members to attend the USDF Convention. Currently awaiting the PM Delegate election results.

Vice President: No report.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Kathy Hanford provided the Treasurer's Report. The Main Account balance is \$20,812.01. The Show account balance is \$12,415.74. The current balance reflects the profit accrued from the L program, and will be "rolled into" Part 2 of the L program.

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

Committee Reports

Membership: Jane provided the Membership report on behalf of Angie. NDA has 156 members as of July 1.

Competitions: Jennifer provided the Competitions Committee report. Katie Krause will be helping with the Schooling Show Championships and will create a "qualified" list for schooling show championship entries. Jennifer will update the Schooling Show Championships show bill to reflect the added Junior activities.

Awards: Laureen had no report.

Jane reminded the board of the board email vote that occurred June 20 to approve the NE State 4H Dressage award.

Jennifer asked about the County Fair 4H High Score Dressage Award that the organization has sponsored in years past. Jennifer will follow up on this award.

The score submission deadline to be considered for Year End Awards is October 5, 2017.

Publicity: Jane provided the Publicity report on behalf of Melissa. There are currently 264 contacts going out with email blasts. Melissa has updated the NDA website. The NDA Handbook is ready for publication.

Michaela reported that she would be including show results and information about the November Annual Meeting and Awards presentation in the next Contact.

Fundraising: Margo provided the Fundraising update. She is continuing to obtain NDA sponsorships.

Equipment Management: The NDA arena will be needed for Part 3 of the L Program in September. It will also be needed for the Schooling Show Championships.

Education: Jennifer provided a report about the second portion of the L program held the prior

weekend. Janet Foy had a favorable report about the session. Jennifer suggested an email be sent to the participants to encourage development of more dressage judges. The next L Program portion will be held September 16-17.

NDA bid on and won a one day Katherine Chamberlain clinic from the Dressage Foundation for the amount of \$500. We would like to hold this clinic in October, and target Junior/YR participation.

Junior/YR: Miya provided the Junior/YR report. She is considering ideas for a juniors party. A suggestion was made that the juniors hold a "stick horse" competition during the Schooling Show Championships. It was suggested that the juniors have a "stick horse" creation/decorating party on August 13. The juniors would also like to have a stall decorating competition during the Schooling Show Championships.

Western Dressage: Kathy Lewis provided the Western Dressage committee report. The committee hosted a webinar to provide education about showing in Western Dressage competition. They would like to host another webinar just prior to an upcoming show.

Old Business

Jane brought up the proposed Western Dressage year end award changes. Kathy Lewis will work on finalizing the proposed changes/clarifications for USEF recognized Western Dressage shows, and present these to the board at the August board meeting. These proposed changes will then be distributed to the membership prior to the Annual Meeting.

Jane also mentioned that NDA needs to increase their volunteer base, especially considering the jump in growth. She asked that each board member and committee chair develop a "job description" to clarify their responsibilities within the organization.

Some ideas to increase volunteer participation were mentioned. These included "awards" given per time volunteered, added committees, and incentives for current members recruiting volunteers.

New Business

Jane asked the board to consider nominations for Volunteer of the Year.

Next Meeting Scheduled

The next meeting will be August, 14, 2017, 6:30 pm at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln, NE.

Adjournment

Heidi moved to adjourn at 7:49pm. Lauren seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Heidi Helmer, 2017 NDA Secretary