

# NDA Board Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2019

## Attendees

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### Board Members Present:

Melissa Ward  
Jane Fucinaro  
Miya Higgins  
Margo Hamilton  
Kathy Hanford  
Heidi Helmer  
Gracia Huenefeld  
Angie McClelland

### NDA Members Present:

Mia Newman  
Amy Blum

## Call to Order

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President Melissa Ward called the meeting to order at 6:41 PM at the Havelock location of Misty's Steakhouse in Lincoln.

## Approval of Minutes

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The July 2019 meeting minutes were reviewed. Margo moved to approve, Angie seconded. Motion carried, July minutes were approved.

## Officer Reports

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**President:** Melissa congratulated Jane and Kathy on being elected as USDF Region 4 PM Delegates. The bylaws state that NDA can send 1-3 representatives to the Convention December 4-8 in Savannah, GA. Heidi suggested sending a GM delegate in

full sponsorship from NDA and divvying up the rest up between the two PM delegates. NDA has budgeted \$2,500 for this. The Board discussed sending Melissa as the GM delegate. Since the Board is in a fiscally conservative year, it was agreed to not offer a scholarship for this year's Convention, but save it for the Omaha USDF Convention next year.

**Vice President:** Margo has no report.

**Secretary:** No report from Jane.

**Treasurer:** NDA ended the month (as of 8/12/2019) with \$6,443.42 in the main account and \$15,911.53 in the competitions account. Jane motioned to approve the report, Margo seconded. All approved.

## Committee Reports

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**Junior/Young Rider:** Miya reported that there will be a party on August 31st at Coda Cavallo from 12-4 PM. Juniors will practice braiding, have lunch and do games. Regarding the vests, the online store didn't pan out because of a higher cost. Miya will touch base with Lana about an alternative.

**Membership:** Angie shared that NDA has no new members this month.

**Competition:** Jennifer and Amy reported on their Competitions Committee meeting a few weeks ago. They finalized the Schooling Show Championships prizelist. Kathy Hanford looked into converting the show into online entries, but it was too late. Jennifer asked the Board to ask their barns if that would be possible to convert to online.

Urban Equine Events has put together a proposal for a dressage show at their facility. There might not be the capacity for management at that place, and if we lose the Event Center, we will never be able to get that weekend back. There is so much flexibility in the contracts with LEC vs Urban, and also less expensive, so we will remain with LEC for now.

Jennifer and Amy agreed to continue volunteering to manage the Classic through 2021, but would like to hand it off to a professional manager at that point, which NDA will need

to pay for. The Committee will still work together for organizing officials, etc., but would like to allow a professional to take over due to the increasing list of qualifications for managers.

The Committee also considered removing the Cornhusker Classic Schooling Show from that show weekend and keeping it strictly a rated show, because there are such good barns in the area hosting their own schooling shows. There is little to no cross over between the Schooling Show and Classic, so it could be totally stand alone or cancelled due to the increasing local schooling shows (NDA does not want to infringe on the entries for other local shows). Additionally, removing the schooling show from the Classic would be less expensive, easier to book judges, easier to give riders more warmup time in the rings, and easier to schedule volunteers and show management. This issue will be voted upon at the September NDA board meeting.

The Committee wants to show commitment to the Western Dressage group by having a WDAA/USEF Lite Competition for the Schooling Show Championship.

Additionally, Regionals Committee has asked to rent NDA's arenas.

**Awards:** Kathy has ribbons ordered for the Schooling Show Championship. She ordered the minimum amount so that in 2020 we can switch to neck sashes.

**Publicity:** Melissa reported that there are 303 people on our email mailing list, and there have been 4 emails sent since the past meeting. As for the website, everything Melissa has been working on for the past four months is finally finished. Domain is transferred, emails are consolidated, etc.

Michaela reported that the Show Issue of the Contact will go out directly after the Schooling Show Championships. The fall issue will come out in early November. Michaela is going through articles to submit for USDF Convention GMO Awards.

**Fundraising:** Jane has no report.

**Equipment:** Ken is looking for a new dressage arena for NDA, and possibly a new trailer to house the arena. Additionally, NDA is letting USDF Region 4 rent our arenas for Regionals.

**Education:** Jane and Angie are working with Missy Fladland to arrange a youth clinic at the end of the year. Margo asked to push the Horse Fair back to 2020, but can work with Ann Jacobson to arrange a saddle fitting demonstration.

**Volunteer:** Diane asked if there was anything else she needed to be doing, because basically she's only done organizing for the Classic. She will begin reaching out for Schooling Show Championships. She wanted to remind anyone to reach out to her for volunteer coordination.

**Western Dressage:** Kathy had no report.

## **Old Business**

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No old business.

## **New Business**

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No new business.

## **Next Scheduled Meeting**

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The next meeting will be held on September 9, 2019 at 6:30 PM at the Havelock Misty's in Lincoln.

## **Adjournment**

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Heidi motioned to adjourn, Gracia seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Fucinaro, 2019 NDA Secretary