

September 19, 2019
Misty's in Havelock, Lincoln NE

Members Present:

Melissa Ward	Margo Hamilton	Heidi Helmer	Kayla Schieffer
Lana Erickson	Gracia Huenefeld	Jennifer Rawlinson	Kathy Hanford

Meeting Called to order: 6:38pm

Minutes from August Board meeting reviewed. Kathy Hanford made a motion to approve August Minutes, Motion is seconded by Heidi Helmer, motion carries.

President's Report:

Lancaster County 4-H is having annual awards banquet. Normally NDA Sponsors a Classical and Western Dressage Award. Would the board like to do this again?

Motion to approve NDA continuing to sponsor a Dressage award for 4H made by Heidi Helmer. Motion seconded by Lana Erickson, motion carried by board.

Champion and Reserve Champion in both Classical and Western Dressage Awards from NDA will be given. Need a board member to attend this meeting to hand out these awards. Awards banquet is 10/3 at 6:30pm. Margo Hamilton volunteers to attend the banquet and give out the award.

Vice President's Report:

NDA Annual banquet coming along nicely. Although Ashland Country Club are not being terrific about communicating. Suggested price for Banquet Tickets is \$20-\$25.00. Jennifer Rawlinson suggests adding 5 raffle tickets for one of 3 raffle prizes with each Banquet ticket purchased. Board agrees this is a good idea.

Secretary:

No Report

Treasurer:

NDA continues to develop Quickbooks to streamline finances and are looking into maximizing the features of Quickbooks to assist in Membership tracking.

Motion to approve the Financial Report made by Graica Huenefeld, Seconded by Heidi Helmer. Motion Carries.

Junior/Young Rider:

Working with Art/FX to develop an embroidered NDA vest for the year. NDA's Junior Pizza and Braiding party has been postponed.

Membership:

No new members in August

USDF is going to raise dues in 2020 for GMOs. Dues going up \$4.00. The board had agreed earlier in the year that we would also increase dues, owing to the increased amount demanded of us by USDF. Board feels it is best to communicate this membership dues change as much as possible. Will be sent out as a message from the president as an Email, on Facebook and in two issues of The Contact.

Competitions:

Many shows in Region IV that occurred in 2018 did not occur in 2019 and the number will dwindle again in 2020. Looks like because of this it's likely our Cornhusker Classic schooling may will be more successful than before.

Looking forward NDA needs to look into recruiting and training people who would be interested in managing horse shows. Other places are using professional show management companies. That may be an option but it could be expensive.

NDA will be running an ad for the Cornhusker Classic 2020 in the Regional Championship program. Melissa Ward will make the ad.

Discussion of free or reduced fees rides for Century Club riders. Perhaps adding a scholarship for a Century Club ride? Apparently some who are considering Century Club rides are resistant to the membership and show fees associated with this. Board will continue to discuss this issue in the future.

Anyone attending the USDF Convention should please endeavor to mention a USEF Lite competition option for Classical Dressage.

Awards:

Preparing for Schooling Show Championship. We will need to order ribbons and sashes for this event next year.

Need to start collecting trophies for Year End Awards.

Publicity:

303 people on the email list.

The Horse Show Issue of the Contact will be coming out after Championships, but before the Awards Banquet. The Fall issue will be out at the end of October.

Fundraising:

No Report

Equipment:

The arena is going to be used at Regionals. Heidi will be transporting the arena to Des Moines following the Schooling Show Championship. NDA will receive a rental fee, plus mileage for those bringing it out and taking the arena back to Nebraska.

IF NDA is able to purchase new arenas, we will need a larger trailer as the current trailer is not long enough to fit the newer, easier to assemble rings.

Education:

A committee meeting is planned for 9/20 to discuss the youth clinic and plans for 2020 Educational Events.

Volunteer:

No Report

Western Dressage:

Big news is that the AQHA is going to partner with WDAA. Which is very exciting for both associations and will give WDAA riders more options for shows and more incentives.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Motion to Adjourn made by Kathy Hanford. Motion seconded by Lana Erickson. Motion to adjourn carries.

Adjourned: 8pm.