



NDA Annual Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2016

Attendees

Board Members Present:

- Melissa Ward, President
- Jane Fucinaro, Vice President
- Kathy Hanford, Treasurer
- Heidi Helmer, Secretary
- Ashley Duran, Junior Representative
- Gracia Huenefeld
- Kathy Lewis
- Judy Seward
- Laureen Van Norman

Board Members Absent:

- None

Call to Order

President Melissa Ward called the annual meeting to order at The Ashland Golf Club in Ashland, NE, at 7:38 pm.

Officer Reports

President: Melissa reported that 2016 has been a very successful year for NDA. The membership is the highest it has been in its history, in contrast to many other USDF GMO's who are currently struggling to maintain membership.

The competition atmosphere is excellent in the area, with the Cornhusker Classic, nine NDA recognized schooling shows, and the schooling show championships all being well attended. Western Dressage has provided greater diversity within NDA, and a Western Dressage committee has been added.

Education events hosted by NDA in 2016 included a Lameness Education event held at Hillcrest Animal Clinic, the Janice Dulak Pilates for the Dressage Rider clinic, and the Lynn Palm clinic.

NDA has very committed leaders and members, allowing the association to be successful.

NDA won four USDF GMO awards in 2016. Two newsletter articles, photography, and website were all awarded by USDF.

NDA has also been approved to host Part 1 of the "L" Judge Program in May, July, and September of 2017.

2017 will also bring the World Cup to Omaha. Melissa announced that she would remain active with NDA moving forward as the Publicity Chair.

Melissa thanked the outgoing board members for their service, Kathy Hanford, Jane Fucinaro, and Ashley Duran.

NDA is currently seeking a Fundraising chair moving forward into 2017.

Vice President: Jane thanked the membership for attending the banquet, and their support. She also thanked Melissa for her leadership the last two years.

Secretary: Heidi thanked the membership, and thanked Melissa for her leadership.

Treasurer: Kathy provided the financial report for 2016. Revenue has increased in membership income and competitions revenue. The account balances as of November 15, 2016, are: Main - \$8,755.03, and Show - \$8,814.63. J Schoemaker moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Heidi seconded, motion carried.

Old Business

No old Business.

Election of 2017 Board Members

The annual election to fill vacant spots on the NDA board was held. Candidates for the 2017 board members-at-large included: Margo Hamilton, Jane Fucinaro, Kathy Hanford, Carrie Cross and Sundance Miller. Candidates for junior representatives are Miya Higgins and Gracie SeEVERS. A written vote to elect general board members was held by all present members. Jane Fucinaro, Margo Hamilton, and Kathy Hanford were elected. Miya Higgins was elected junior representative. The 2017 board conferred to appoint officer positions. There were no contested offices, the board for 2017 was introduced:

- Jane Fucinaro, President
- Laureen VanNorman, Vice President
- Kathy Hanford, Treasurer
- Heidi Helmer, Secretary
- Miya Higgins, Junior Representative
- Margo Hamilton
- Gracia Huenefeld
- Kathy Lewis
- Judy Seward

The first meeting will be held January 2017.

New Business

Proposed by-law changes regarding NDA representation at the USDF Convention and the daily per diem allotment for said representative(s) had been distributed to the NDA members via email prior to the Annual Meeting, as well as hard copies present at the Annual Meeting. The board wishes to update the by-law language to state that NDA will send "at least one" representative to the USDF Convention. The board also suggests that by-law changes be made for per diem allotment in line with the government standard for the specified city in the specified year be utilized in. A city's Meals and Incidental Expenses (MI&E) rate can be looked up on the GSA website.

Mike Smith verbalized reservations concerning the wording for the NDA representative(s), that it was open ended. He suggested revising the wording to state "one to three representative(s)". With this modification, a motion was made by Mike Smith to approve the representative attendance bylaw changes. Jane Fucinaro seconded. Motion carried.

Mike Smith then made a motion to approve the per diem allotment by-law change. Betsy Bobenhouse seconded, motion carried.

Year End Awards Presentation

Kathy Hanford and Laureen VanNorman presented the 2016 year end awards. Rider awards, horse awards, schooling show medal series medals, qualified rider certificates, and special awards were handed out to NDA members.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:17pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Heidi Helmer, NDA Secretary 2016