



NDA Board Meeting Minutes

Aug. 9, 2021

Attendees

Board Members Present:

- Carrie Cross, President
- Lana Erickson, Treasurer
- Mary Ellen Ducey, Secretary
- Shan Lawton, Member at large
- Sara Loseke, Member at large
- Sheila Purdum, Member at large
- Christine Walker, Member at large

Board Members Absent:

- Mia Newman, Junior Representative
- Michaela Shieffer, Vice President

NDA Members Present:

- None

Call to Order

Carrie called the August meeting to order via Zoom at 6:35 pm.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The July 2021 NDA meeting minutes were reviewed. Mary Ellen moved to approve the minutes. Shan seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved with a friendly amendment to change the word old to new in new business.

Introductions

Board members introduced themselves to Sara Loseke, who replaced Mel Policicchio as an interim member of the board.

Officer Reports

President: P.J. Koehler has submitted forms to request that Iowa selected schooling shows be recognized by NDA. Carrie did not see anything in the NDA bylaws that would prohibit this request. Carrie received four letters of thanks from 4H participants. Carrie will send out an email for the Dolly Hannon clinic.

Vice President: Michalea asked, via email, that board members provide information on the item they will donate for the banquet auction before the next board meeting.

Secretary: Mary Ellen received training from Mel Policicchio on the template used for NDA board meeting minutes. One question related to the call for new board members for the 2022 term. This call may be sent out in September.

Treasurer: The current account balances are as follows: Main \$7,151.87; Competition:\$20,624.44; PayPal \$829.07

Lana asked the following questions: Have we received the final invoice from the Lancaster Event Center? No. Was the payment made to USEF, made in July, for the 2022 competitions. Yes. Has anyone received the classified ad associated with a PayPal payment? Will email out as needed.

Under scholarship expenses, all have been sent out with the exception of one youth scholarship. Many of these checks have not yet cleared.

Christine moved to approve the report and Shan seconded. Motion carried. Report approved.

Committee Reports

Membership: No report.

Competitions: The committee is working on plans for 2022 and on the schooling show championship. Judges have been outlined and contracts have been sent out for 2022. It's also important to consider judges for 2023. Sometimes it is challenging to consider judges with both classical and western dressage experience. Information on judges has been sent along to Carla for the website.

Christine spoke briefly with Jennifer Rawlinson about competition at Quail Run Horse Centre, which has 100 stalls. Jennifer mentioned some issues from a previous show at Quail Run, many years past. The expense for portable stalls and tents came out at about \$16,000. It may have been associated with an almost catastrophic loss. Shan noted this may have occurred prior to Quail Run having any stalls. It may be that Maffitt Lake Equestrian Center had overflow tents.

Discussion also included who may choose to participate based on the Quail Run location. May consider having a smaller show, keeping the Classic to only 100 entries. There may also be the possibility of arranging region 4 championships. The classic may be limited by stabling available. It may be limited to a focus on qualifying rides. Shan provided information from Ann Sushko and from Jamie Kement.

All agreed that show manager input would be of great value. There is not yet enough information to make a recommendation or to have a full discussion. There is a need for concise information from the people involved in order to avoid a rash decision.

Christine will reach out to schedule a meeting before the next NDA board meeting. All board members would also be welcome to attend this meeting.

Awards: Entries are open for video submission to the NDA Back to School Virtual Schooling Show, with a deadline of Aug. 21. Awards will be recycled ribbons with new middle streamers. Other awards prepared are those for the schooling show championship and for the fall. Kathy Hanford is available to help with year end awards.

Publicity: Mary Ellen received training from Mel Policicchio to manage posts on the NDA Facebook page according to NDA guidelines. Carrie plans to take over the newsletter from Michaela, who plans to resign from her position as newsletter editor.

Fundraising: Classified ads are sent along to fundraising email. Michaela may have this ad that would be considered for the website.

Education: For the Dolly Hannon Symposium, scheduled on Oct. 23-24, 2021, the application and flyer have gone out on website and Facebook. Three more educational opportunities planned are the Jennifer Kotylo clinics, which are virtual events on Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 30, 2021.

Sheila noted, as a 4H judge, being impressed by riders who participated that are not part of the Lincoln/Omaha area. The Education Committee may want to consider reaching out to other Nebraska counties for additional youth interested in dressage. For example, consider 4H representatives in areas such as Columbus, Grand Island, Hastings, Norfolk, and beyond. This would be an important discussion point for next year.

Junior/YR: Mia reached out to Heidi Helmer to begin work on a youth clinic.

Volunteer: No report.

Western Dressage: No report.

Old Business

A GMO representative for the United States Dressage Foundation (USDF) needs to be determined as Carrie would like to submit associated paperwork. Kathy Hanford is the current NDA participating member (PM) representative. The board nominated Christine to represent NDA based on her work with competitions and education. Event is planned for December 1-4, 2021. Any travel associated with attendance would best include insurance for possible changes or cancellations

Lana motioned. Shan seconded. Motions carried. Approved.

NDA board voted by email to appoint Sara Loseke as an interim board member until the end of the year.

New Business

There are still some joggers apparel items available to sell at NDA events.

Mary Ellen will rename 2021 minutes to chronological order on NDA google drive.

Next Meeting Scheduled

The next meeting will be Monday, Sept. 13 at 6:30 via Zoom.

Adjournment

Lana moved to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. Shan seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by: Mary Ellen Ducey, NDA Secretary