



NDA Board Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2016

Attendees

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

NDA Members Present:

- Angie McClelland
- Jennifer Rawlinson
- Michaela Stephens

Call to Order

President Melissa Ward called the April meeting to order at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln at 6:42 pm.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The March 2016 NDA meeting minutes were reviewed. Kathy Hanford moved to approve the minutes. Judy seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Officer Reports

President: No report.

Vice President: No report.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Kathy Hanford provided the Treasurer's report. The Main account has a balance of \$10,734.50, the Show account has a balance of \$5,786.11. Heidi motioned to approve the Treasurer's report, Jane seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Membership: Angie McClelland provided the Membership report. As of April 1, there were 111 members.

The member handbook has been mailed to the NDA members.

Competitions: Jennifer Rawlinson provided the Competitions Committee report. They are currently looking for sponsors for the Cornhusker Classic I & II, especially for the competitors party to be held Saturday night, the silent auction, and ring decorations. Photographers and videographers will be at the Classic. The biggest need is finding a volunteer coordinator.

Awards: Laureen provided the Awards report. Currently planning for 2016.

Publicity: Melissa provided the Publicity update. The email performance was reviewed, with 211 people currently on the NDA email list.

Melissa is also working on the Omaha International NDA booth. Volunteers to man the booth are needed.

Michaela provided the board with an update concerning *The Contact*. Future issues and their content were discussed.

Fundraising: Gracia provided the Fundraising Committee report. She is currently seeking sponsors for the Cornhusker Classic, including sponsors for volunteer t-shirts. Melissa will help Gracia with the Classic program.

Equipment Management: Heidi reported that the NDA arena has been returned after the Pony Club used it. The NDA trailer is stored on his property.

Education: Jane and Angie reported that planning is in progress for the Pilates clinic. The mat class is currently full, and rider spots have been filled. The event will commence with a lecture on Friday night, and on Saturday and Sunday, a mat class will be taught by Janice Dulak, followed by semi-private lessons.

Junior/YR: Ashley Duran provided the Junior/YR's report. The juniors are selling NDA "swag" - NDA chairs and sweatpants.

Old Business

Kathy Lewis provided an update on WDAA. They are currently recognized by AQHA. The USEF and WDAA are working to define tack (bits). Sheila Purdum will be holding the first WDAA recognized show in Nebraska in April.

Discussion then ensued as to the best course of action to take to continue to foster the development of western dressage, and the role that NDA should take. A western dressage committee was discussed, with the description, "to foster Western Dressage rider education, development, and participation in this emerging sport...". This committee would serve as the point of contact for the Western Dressage community. This committee will be voted on at the May board meeting.

New Business

None.

Next Meeting Scheduled

The next meeting will be May 9, 2016, 6:30 pm at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln, NE.

Adjournment

Heidi motioned to adjourn at 8:36pm. Gracia seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Heidi Helmer, Secretary