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## Emily Wagner: From the Midwest to Verden

By ILSE SCHWARZ

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VERDEN, Germany, Aug. 6—At the grand old age of 22, Emily Wagner was in a prize giving, at the World Championships on her own stallion. She is neither wealthy nor heavily sponsored, just a lovely girl and rider, with a talented horse who managed to make it to Verden through the renowned Midwest generosity.

I had heard that she was lovely from so many different sources, the most recent being a couple of Aussies (yes, they are everywhere) who were sitting near her table in the VIP tent. She was also the only representative from the USA at these World Championships, so I figure she deserves a story of her own!

Emily and Wakeup (Wagnis v Matcho) finished in 18th place after the preliminary 5-year-old finals with a score of 7.84, just missing the cut for the big finals to be held on Saturday. In the small, or consolation, finals held Friday she improved her score to 7.94 to finish fourth, she missed qualifying for the finals by 0.02 per cent.



The winner was The Netherlands' Laurens van Lieren on President's

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### **A Big Thank You.**

I cant believe its Fall already and time to get ready for another Awards Banquet. As we come to the end of our year, I thought it appropriate to express my gratitude to everyone who has helped to make this year so successful. I was going to list everyone by name and then realized how many people it takes to put together all the events throughout the year. Rather than take up the whole Contact, and risk leaving someone out, a heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed time and energy to our organization this year. We could not do all we do without you.

I hope you many of you will attend the Banquet to celebrate the success of our members this year. We have moved location to Quarry Oaks this year with a Derby theme. So come and join the fun. I look forward to seeing many of you there,

Gillian Howell,  
President.



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## Minutes– NDA Board Meeting July 13, 2010

President Gillian Howell called the July meeting to order at Bredeaux Pizza in Ashland at 6:50 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Gillian Howell, Amy Blum, Casey Blum, Diana Spaulding, Karen Stricklett, Loye Jaeger, Sydney Ash and Lisa Van Stratten

**Board Members Absent:** Nancy Dostal

**NDA Members Present:** Tracie Wang and Dallas Van Stratten

Loye moved to approve the June Board Meeting Minutes with one correction; Sydney seconded. Motion carried.

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

**President:** Gillian is now handling the apparel orders in the Omaha area.

**Vice President:** No report

**Treasurer:** Diana presented the Treasurer's Report as of July 13, 2010. The balance in the Main Account was reported to be---- \$11,648.80. The balance in the Show Account was reported to be \$3,864.89. Total amount was \$15,513.69. Loye moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; Casey seconded. Motion carried.

**Secretary:** Presented request for donation to the Dressage Foundation. It was suggested that NDA donate \$100 to the Dressage Foundation. It was also suggested that \$150 be donated for the purchase of a Perpetual Trophy in Lowell Boomer's name for High Point Junior Young Rider. Amy moved that these donations be approved; Sydney seconded. Motion carried.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

**Membership:** As of July 13th, NDA had 105 members. Karen has updated the Horse Registration List and has sent out Lifetime Horse Registration Certificates to all horse owners. Amy printed the 2010 NDA Handbook and it was distributed at the meeting. The Handbook, with the exception of the membership list, is posted on the NDA website. Hard

copies of the 2010 Membership Handbook were mailed by Stricklett and Associates, Inc.

It was agreed that membership dues for 2011 will need to be increased due to the increased costs of doing business and the proposed increase in USDF dues for next year. Tracie and Gillian presented the Board Members with research that they had done on dues being charged by other GMO's in this region.

Karen made a motion that the membership dues for 2011 be increased; Amy seconded the motion. Sydney dissented; motion carried by majority.

**Competitions:** Tracie Wang presented on behalf of the Competitions Committee. It was noted that she and Gillian appeared to be the only "official" members of this committee and that assistance was needed. The dates for the Cornhusker Classic have been set for May 20, 21 and 22, 2011 at the Lancaster Event Center. Officials for the 2011 Classic I and II have been contacted. Licenses for the 2011 Classic I and II have been submitted to USEF and USDF and are pending final approval for a Level Three competition.

A discussion was held regarding dates for the 2012 CCI and CCII. The 2012 dates for the CC I and II will be May 18, 19 and 20. A contract and deposit will be sent to the Lancaster Event Center to hold these dates. Amy moved that these dates be approved; Karen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding hiring a Show Secretary in an effort to maintain continuity of management for future shows. It was suggested that NDA hire Ms. Anne Sushko from Dubuque, IA as the Show Manager for the Cornhusker Classic in May 2011. Amy moved that Anne Sushko be hired as the 2011 Cornhusker Classic I and II Show Secretary; Casey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Schooling Show Championships and Open Show will take place at Christensen Field in Fremont, NE on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. Due to limited schooling show options this year and uncooperative weather, it was suggested that only one score to qualify for the Championships be required this year. Sydney moved that one score be required to qualify for Championships; Casey seconded the motion. Motion carried. Gillian agreed to post an announcement to this effect on the website. A mass e-mail would also be forwarded to all members.

**Awards:** Sydney reported for Julie. The number of ribbons that will be ordered for the Schooling Show Championships will be the same as last year. Julie will take care of ordering these. There will be no team competition this year. Gillian will be ordering NDA hats to be used as prizes.

**Communication:** No report

**Publicity:** No report

**Fund Raising:** No report

**Equipment Management:** No report

**JR/YR:** Casey Blum is our new Jr/Yr representative. A donation on behalf of NDA toward Emily Wagner's expenses in Europe was discussed. It was agreed that Emily would be asked to offer an educational event and/or clinic to NDA members in the Fall or Spring. Amy moved that NDA make a donation to Emily Wagner; Loye seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Education:** The NDA sponsored Trot to Tunes Educational Event will take place at the Elkhorn

Equestrian Center on July 23, 24 and 25. For more information, please check out the NDA website or The Contact.

As of this date, no other educational events have been scheduled for this year.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Topics for future discussion include an increase in membership dues in 2011 and future educational events. A discussion also took place regarding development of an Operating Budget for NDA and it was suggested that further discussion take place regarding specific dues amounts for 2011 after the Operating Budget had been reviewed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Loye moved to adjourn the Board meeting. Casey seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Karen L. Stricklett  
NDA Secretary



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# Conrad Schumacher Returns to Providence Farm

Hello everyone! Conrad Schumacher will be coming to Providence Farm October 18th and 19th. Auditing spots are \$35 for 1 day, and \$50 for both. Please let me know if you are planning on attending auditing spots tend to go quickly. If you are interested in riding I may have one riding spot available, contact me for details. We will be providing breakfast goodies and chairs. I really look forward to seeing each of you.

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Allright with a score of 8.36, with Germans Steffen Frahm on Henglein's Licosta second on 8.18 and Jana Freund on Aaron third on 7.96.

I chatted with Emily immediately after the prize giving where she was quite emotional, her fourth place was really somewhat bittersweet. She was slightly overwhelmed at how fantastic Wakeup had been at his first event with this atmosphere, and also there was the slight tinge of disappointment at being so close to the finals (the top 3 move on to the finals). I asked if the experience had been anything like her expectations.

"I am so proud of my horse, it is by far the biggest show he has been to and he did everything I asked of him," said Emily of Wally Woo Farm in LaCygne, Kansas.

"I was so proud to be able to ride him in a prize giving, and again he was perfect. He wasn't even affected by the horse ahead of him" (who was not being so perfect).

"It has been amazing to have Ulf (Möller) helping and to also have Scott (Hassler) here."

When I last read about Emily's quest to come to Verden, it was entirely dependent on raising some money. The U.S. Equestrian Federation was not providing any funding this year so, apart from being given permission to compete, based on her qualifying scores in the USA, she was on her own.

She asked for private donations and "got a ton of support. We raised just under \$30,000 (€22,600), mostly from individuals in the Midwest. All sorts of people sending \$25 with notes like, 'have a beer on me' or 'buy a set of wraps,' people who I have never met and it all adds up."

"We started fund-raising with the idea that if we

could find 30 people with \$1,000 we could do it... and we did!"

It was tough for her to make the decision to attend the World Championships rather than the National Young Horse Finals, held at Lamplight Equestrian Center in Wayne, Illinois just two weeks ago.

"It would be perfect if it were possible to qualify for the World Championships at the National finals, rather than having to choose" a sentiment shared, I'm sure, by many," she said.

"However, my mother, Jana Wagner, was competing at the National finals, so I almost felt like I was there."



Emily arrived in Germany early in June. She felt that with her horse being so young, it was important to give him plenty of time to adjust, and he certainly looked in top condition and with plenty of energy. She will stay in Germany for another week or so and then it is back home and back to school. She joked that when chatting about her summer with her school friends the conversation could go something like this: "So I finished 16th in a World Championship in Germany! What did you get up to over your summer vacation?"

NDA ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET AND MEETING  
NOVEMBER 6, 2010  
Quarry Oaks Country Club

This year NDA is pleased to invite you to a Kentucky Derby Themed NDA Awards Banquet. So dust off your best Kentucky Derby outfit (Signature Big Hat is a must!) and join us on November 6, 2010 at Quarry Oaks Country Club. The festivities begin at 5:30 with a silent auction, buffet dinner, awards presentation and much more. The attached reservation form needs to be postmarked by October 30, 2010....so don't delay or you will be left at the starting gate!

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call me at 402-290-3301 or email me at [sydneypageash@hotmail.com](mailto:sydneypageash@hotmail.com).

Hope to see everyone there!!

Sydney Ash  
Vice-President  
Nebraska Dressage Association

*What are they doing?*

Right:  
a competitor  
negotiates the cones course at  
the Nebraska Pioneer Horse  
Trial June 5 & 6 at Two Rivers  
State Park



Left:

Our driving counterparts.  
A team competing in the  
dressage portion of the  
Nebraska Pioneer Horse  
Trial.



# NDA Annual Awards Banquet & Meeting

November 06, 2010

Quarry Oaks Country Club

Ashland, Nebraska

Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m.



~ Cash Bar ~ Silent Auction ~ Buffet Dinner ~  
~ Annual Meeting & Election of Board of Officers ~  
~ Awards Presentation ~

Yes, I / we plan to attend. Cost is \$30.00 per person x \_\_\_\_\_ people = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

List names: \_\_\_\_\_

Send registration form and check, **made payable to NDA**, to:

Sydney Ash  
13421 Erskine Street  
Omaha, NE 68164

**Postmark Reservations and Payment by October 30, 2010**

I would like to serve on the following NDA committee next year:

\_\_\_ Awards \_\_\_ Competition \_\_\_ Education \_\_\_ Equipment Management \_\_\_ Fund Raising \_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_ Publicity

I am willing to serve in the following position for one of the USDF/USEF recognized shows:

\_\_\_ Steward \_\_\_ Scribe \_\_\_ Runner \_\_\_ Office Worker \_\_\_ Arena Crew \_\_\_ Judge Liaison

I am unable to attend, please assign my proxy (vote) to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Note: You can assign your proxy to any NDA member. Please ensure that member will be attending.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (Required for proxy)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date (Required for proxy)



Wanted: Board Members/ Committee Members.

We have a couple of positions opening up on the Board this November. The Nominations committee is taking names of members who are willing to participate in these positions. If being a member of the Board is not your thing, we are looking for members to join the committees- we need individuals for the show and education committees amongst others. Just bring your ideas and enthusiasm. Contact a Board member if interested.



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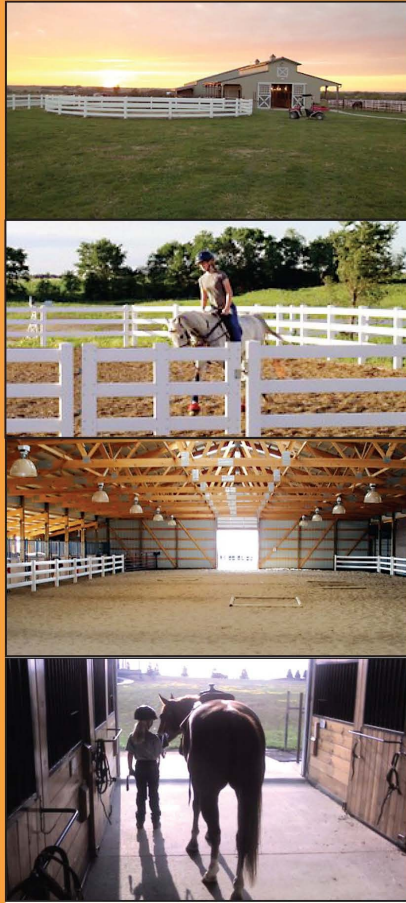
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