



NDA Board Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2016

Attendees

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

- Ashley Duran, Junior Representative

NDA Members Present:

- Angie McClelland
- Jennifer Rawlinson
- Michaela Stephens

Call to Order

President Melissa Ward called the February meeting to order at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln at 6:41 pm.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The January 2016 NDA meeting minutes were reviewed. Jane moved to approve the minutes. Judy seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Officer Reports

President: Melissa reported that the NDA Educational Scholarship application for 2016 needs to be updated and revised. Jane offered to do this. The application will focus on the intended use of the scholarship money and is not intended for showing purposes.

Vice President: Jane reported that she is investigating venue and date options for the 2016 Annual

Meeting and Awards Banquet. Possible dates were discussed, and it was decided that a survey would be provided to the NDA membership to help decide on the best date and time for the event.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Kathy Hanford provided the Treasurer report. The Main account balance is \$10,990.96. The Show account balance is \$6,530.21. Kathy reported that there has been good membership income, up from this time 2015. Sponsorships have also been received. Gracia moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Judy seconded. Motion carried.

Kathy then presented the 2016 budget proposal. Jane moved to approve the 2016 budget, Heidi seconded, motion carried.

Committee Reports

Membership: Angie provided the membership report. There are currently 75 NDA members. A reminder will be sent prior to the Shaggy Show so competitors can qualify for year end NDA awards.

The NDA website membership form/application needs to be updated. Melissa will look into doing this.

Competitions: Jennifer provided the Competitions Committee report. The Shaggy Horse Show will be held April 2 & 3 at the Lancaster Event Center. The Cornhusker Classic I & II will include a competitor's party on Saturday night. They are also working to provide photography and possible videography services for the Cornhusker Classic as well as soliciting sponsorships for the Classic.

Kathy Lewis had investigated the possibility of including WDAA recognized shows at USEF recognized shows in Nebraska. Due to USEF laws, the WDAA recognized show would have to be a separate show (USEF proximity rules). Kathy is now serving on a competitions committee working with USEF and WDAA to work towards an equitable solution to this USEF rule. Kathy Lewis will be serving as NDA's WDAA contact person.

Jennifer is assessing the possibility of holding a USEF/WDAA recognized show in conjunction with schooling shows. Kathy Lewis reported that Sheila Purdum is hosting one or more recognized WDAA shows this season.

Awards: Laureen provided the Awards committee report. They have met with the Competitions committee to discuss prizes and awards for the 2016 competition year.

Publicity: Melissa provided the summary for the January email blast performance.

Michaela reported that the Contact will be published regularly, and the next issue will include highlights concerning the USEF rule changes.

Melissa reminded the board of the upcoming International in Omaha May 5-7. Melissa has submitted a page from the NDA coloring book to be included in the International's program for this year. The vendor area has been redesigned, and we are awaiting the non-profit booth form from the management at the International in order to obtain a booth space. Looking forward to 2017, next year's budget will need to include a booth fee for the World Cup.

Fundraising: Gracia reported that she has obtained new sponsors, and the updated sponsorship form with cover letter have been well received. There was discussion as to including a business directory on the NDA website for sponsors at a certain level.

Equipment Management: Heidi reported on behalf of Ken Timmerman that the NDA equipment is currently in storage.

Education: Jane provided the Education committee report. The Pilates for the Dressage Rider clinic will be held April 15-17. We have received an \$800 grant from the Dressage Foundation (Violet Hopkins Fund). On Friday evening, April 15, there will be a potluck dinner with lecture at the Sprague Community Center. Mat classes will be held Saturday and Sunday mornings, with semi-private rides to follow.

The Education committee is also determining a date for a clinic with Hillcrest Animal Clinic to discuss lameness in horses.

Junior/YR: Melissa presented the Junior/YR report on behalf of Ashley. She is currently researching options for fundraising for the junior members.

Old Business

Melissa reported that D & O insurance has been purchased for 2016.

New Business

None.

Next Meeting Scheduled

The next meeting will be March 14, 2016, 6:30 pm at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln, NE.

Adjournment

Kathy Hanford moved to adjourn at 8:01pm. Gracia seconded.

Respectfully submitted by:

Heidi Helmer, Secretary