

NDA February 2018 Board Meeting Minutes  
Submitted by Margo Hamilton  
Meeting: 2/12/2018, Misty's Steakhouse, Lincoln NE

**Attendees:**

Jane Fucinaro  
Heidi Helmer  
Margo Hamilton  
Kayla Scheiffer  
Angie McClelland  
Melissa Ward  
Miya Higgins  
Kim Higgins  
Diane Fucinaro

**Call to Order:**

Meeting called to order by Jane Fucinaro at 6:43pm  
Without a quorum of officers present, no reports or business are to be voted on during this meeting. Financial Reports and Secretary's notes to be approved at March Meeting.

**Officer Reports:**

**President:** Omaha International coming up April 12-15. NDA will need lots of volunteers for the event, mainly to man our informational booth. Omaha Equestrian foundation is requesting that we perhaps do some sort of educational event. Not real sure what that looks like for us.  
-volunteering at NDA booth at the International will be considered an NDA event for accumulation of NDA volunteer hours.

Jane currently working to discover the EXACT age of NDA for the purposes of receiving recognition from USDF for our aged-ness. It could possibly be our 45th anniversary this year, alas, owing to differing dates on documents it's difficult to say. Looking to ask more veteran members of NDA who were present near or around the time of formation for help in this endeavor.

**Vice-President:** Heidi has reached out to Ashland Country Club as a location for annual meeting. Thinking probably brunch again as that was very successful and economical.

**Secretary:** January meeting minutes on Google drive. No further report.

**Treasurer:** Kathy Lewis reports from Finance Committee that the transition to Quickbooks has been smooth and very easy. Financials to be approved in March.

**Membership:** 52 Members currently. A reminder email has gone out to all NDA members from 2017 to rejoin. Expecting a flood of new members as horse shows approach.

**Education:** Planning of Pilates Clinic is going well. There will be a Western Dressage Ride-a-Test Clinic the day after the Spring Fling dressage show.

*L-Program:* Report from Jennifer Rawlinson in absentia: Having some hitches in the planning and approval of Part II of the L Program. USDF has deemed the SLAADS Fall show too small to be the final show for this program. Despite riders in the region promising to sign up to show at all levels and supply riders, USDF has heard this story before and has run into problems with that plan. USDF feels the championship show at Lake Elmo in MN will be a more suitable size. There will be another L-Program planning meeting where this will be discussed and they will report back in March.

**Competitions:** Omaha International Day has added a “local day” dressage schooling show to be hosted in the big arena at the Century Link Center. Omaha Equestrian Foundation with NDA has decided to send out invitations to riders with high scores from 2017 who showed at NDA Schooling Shows as candidates for the show. Two hour time slot to be filled with riders competing at highest test per level Training through Second Level.

Discussion of NDA approval of schooling shows in which the entirety of membership is not eligible to participate. Local Day (invite only), Pony Club Mega Rally (members only) Lancaster County 4-H show Dressage division (members only). Traditionally, has been an issue, alas after consulting By-laws no such stricture is listed, therefore it could be possible for clubs to have their shows approved provided they adhere to all other requirements.

**Awards:** Need more members on awards committee. Margo Hamilton and Diane Fucinaro agree after minimal arm twisting to assist Kathy Hanford on Awards committee.

**Publicity:** Melissa Ward discussed the “trade show” at Omaha International. NDA will be located in the Grand Hallway or the new “Barn Alley” We need to make sure we have plenty of volunteers to sign up to man the booth during the International. Email will go out.

Most recent issue of Contact has been published. Spring Contact is coming together nicely. Website will be updated with new information for contacts on the committees.

Membership Handbook looks to need some updating, Melissa is hopeful that she can have these updates completed by March 1st so members have their books sooner.

**Fundraising:** Currently updating fundraising materials for 2018. The committee has gathered a long list of potential sponsors for 2018.

**Equipment:** No report.

**Junior:** Miya Higgins requests input regarding what type of NDA schwag we should sell this year. Polo shirts and lounge pants have both been very popular items in the past. Will set forth to get pricing on both items and return back with report. Thinking about doing a special young rider breakfast at a horse show. Discussion of logistics given the ban on outside food at the Lancaster Event Center.

**Western Dressage:** Kathy Lewis from Absentia: on August 30, 2018 there will be an NDA and WDAA recognized show. They would like to use NDA dressage arena for this event (rent).

There will be a "What to know before you show" Western Dressage Webinar coming soon. Date TBA

**Volunteer Committee:** New committee comprised of Kim Higgins, and Diane Fucinaro. Put together to try to coordinate volunteers for NDA events year round. Discussion of using Sign-up Genius to fill slots. Diane has used program successfully in the past. There is a database of job descriptions for show volunteers they will draw from to help make the volunteer slots and assignments more clear for people.

Meeting adjourned: 8:13pm by Jane Fucinaro.