



NDA Board Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2014

Attendees

Board Members Present:

- Katie Miller, President
- Briana Bartlett, Vice President
- Melissa Ward, Secretary
- Tish Gade-Jones, Treasurer
- Tillie Jones, Junior Representative
- Dara Liss
- Jane Fucinaro
- Laura Stueck

Board Members Absent:

- Kathy Hanford

NDA Members Present:

- none

Call to Order

President Katie Miller called the July meeting to order at Firespring in Lincoln at 7:10 pm.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The June 2014 NDA meeting minutes were reviewed. Jane motioned to approve the minutes. Laura seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Officer Reports

President: Katie confirmed that Jane will be attending the USDF annual meeting in Boston this year as the GMO representative. Katie also passed along a thank-you note from The Dressage Foundation for NDA's Century Club sponsorship.

Vice President: Briana may not be in town for the year-end banquet pending her competition schedule, but in either case will make sure all arrangements are in order. As of now, everything is on track to hold the banquet on Nov. 1 at Parker's Smokehouse and can proceed without her if necessary.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Tish reported on the state of NDA finances, noting that not all of the invoices from the Cornhusker Classic have been received from the Competitions Committee, so there is at least one outstanding expense of over \$6000 that will affect the accounts next month. As of right now, there is \$10,556 in the main account and \$9,638 in the show account. Tish estimates that once Classic expenses have cleared, there will be roughly \$14,000 between both accounts.

Committee Reports

Membership: Katie relayed a report from Diana Spaulding that there are currently 92 total NDA memberships (105 total members) and 17 new horses for 2014.

Competitions: Katie confirmed that Schooling Show championships will be held September 13. Tish reported that the NDA-recognition check for the Providence Farm Schooling Show is still outstanding.

Awards: No report.

Communications: Melissa reported that the email list is still very healthy with low spam rates and provided a report on the open rates of the June/July emails. The 2014 member handbook has been mailed to all members and has not encountered any deliverability problems.

Publicity: Carrie Cross is currently working on finishing the July/August issue of *The Contact* and hopes to have it finished by Wednesday, July 23.

Fundraising: The board is still seeking a new chairperson for the Fundraising Committee to relieve Lisa Van Stratten in 2015. Melissa reported that she is still coordinating with Anne Sushko to sell NDA coloring books at two upcoming shows: a Colorado CDI and the Region 5 Championships. Anne will sell the books for \$5 each (\$4 with the purchase of 3 or more). We will also try to send a batch of books to USDF National Championships, the year-end USDF Convention, and submit them for USDF GMO awards.

Equipment Management: Katie reported that the NDA trailer has been moved and is currently residing at Ken Timmerman's acreage (instead of Lincoln Equestrian Center).

Education: Jane reported on the Trailering Clinic held this month at Middle Cross. It was well-received and well-attended with about 20 attendees. Feedback indicates that there is enough interest to hold this clinic again in the future, possibly with the addition of loading techniques.

Jane confirmed that the David Marcus clinic will be \$200 to ride, \$50 to audit the whole weekend for NDA members and \$60-70 to audit the whole weekend for non-members. It will be held Oct 18-19 at the new HETRA facility in Gretna, NE. Stabling is \$25/night. Applications will be available soon. In exchange for a very low facility rate (\$1000 for the weekend), HETRA will receive free promotion of their Little Britches show on August 16.

Junior/YR: Tillie reported that the Junior Party had about 20 people (some NDA members, some 4H-ers and some other local students) and everybody had a lot of fun. The juniors may do another event this year for fall or Christmas—either at the Jones home, Starbucks, a restaurant, or the Roca Berry Farm.

Old Business

Tish confirmed that she has filed all the necessary government paperwork to change the Agent of Record for NDA from Sydney Ash to Tish Jones.

New Business

Jane received an archive of old [1970s] minutes from Lisa Van Stratten. They will be stored for the time being at The Dressage Foundation headquarters.

Laura Stueck is scheduled to end her 3-year NDA term of office in 2015, while Jane Fucinaro is scheduled to end her 2-year term in 2014. Laura proposed swapping term limits with Jane in order to allow her to stay on one year longer while Laura steps down. Melissa motioned to allow Jane to assume Laura's 2015 term date. Dara seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Scheduled

The next meeting will be August 11, 2014, 7:00 pm at Firespring.

Adjournment

Melissa moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm, Jane seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Melissa Ward
NDA Secretary, 2014