



NDA Board Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2016

Attendees

Board Members Present:

- Melissa Ward, President
- Jane Fucinaro, Vice President
- Heidi Helmer, Secretary
- Ashley Duran, Junior Representative
- Judy Seward

Board Members Absent:

- Kathy Hanford, Treasurer
- Kathy Lewis
- Gracia Huenefeld

NDA Members Present:

- Angie McClelland

Call to Order

President Melissa Ward called the March meeting to order at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln at 6:46 pm.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

Officer Reports

President: Melissa Ward provided the President's report. NDA has been a sponsor for the Dressage Foundation's Century Club in past years in the amount of \$100. Heidi moved to approve continuing this sponsorship for 2016. Laureen seconded. Motion carried.

Melissa also reported that she has been nominated as a possible PM Delegate for Region 4 for the 2016 USDF Convention. The board suggested Melissa decline the PM Delegate nomination, and instead attend the Convention as the NDA GMO Delegate again this year, since they are mutually exclusive. The board will need to consider how funding will be appropriated for all delegates to the Convention.

The board also wants to place a high priority on encouraging as many NDA members as possible to attend this Convention, since it is Region 4 this year.

Vice President: Jane Fucinaro provided the Vice President's report. The NDA Banquet and Awards presentation will be November 19 at the Ashland Country Club. Jane asked that the board help decide on menu options. RSVP date will be earlier than last year.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Melissa Ward provided the Treasurer's report on behalf of Kathy Hanford. There will be upcoming expenditures for the Pilates for the Dressage Rider Clinic.

Committee Reports

Membership: Angie McClelland provided the Membership report. As of March 1, NDA had 86 members, and new memberships have been received since that date.

Melissa provided an updated 2016 NDA Handbook for the board's review.

Competitions: Melissa provided the Competitions Committee report on behalf of Jennifer Rawlinson. The competitions committee is currently looking for a Volunteer Coordinator for the Cornhusker Classic.

Proposed 2016 NDA Schooling Show Championship rules changes were reviewed by the board. These changes need to be made in accord with the USEF rule changes that came into effect January 2016. Heidi moved to approve the changes, Laureen seconded. Motion carried.

Awards: Laureen provided the Awards report. Currently in progress with planning for 2016.

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

The Contact will have a Western Dressage article in the next issue.

Melissa has reserved a booth at the Omaha International. Volunteers will be needed to man the booth.

Fundraising: None.

Equipment Management: None.

Education: Jane reported that planning is in progress for the Pilates clinic, and the upcoming Lameness Clinic at Hillcrest. Heidi is looking for sponsors for the Pilates clinic.

Junior/YR: Ashley Duran provided the Junior/YR's report. She is currently looking at fundraising options for the juniors that include NDA chairs, NDA apparel, and possibly NDA water bottles. Ashley is also considering organizing a juniors party and/or bonfire, a Junior "hang out" stall at shows, and starting a Juniors Facebook page.

Old Business

SLADS is holding Part I of the "L" program starting in 2016. Jane will contact Anne Sushko to ask for input as to NDA hosting an "L" judges program.

New Business

NDA wishes to foster Western Dressage education. Discussion ensued as to the possibility of holding a dressage foundation clinic that would be geared for both western and English. Further, the possibility of establishing a Western Dressage NDA Committee was discussed.

Next Meeting Scheduled

The next meeting will be April 11, 2016, 6:30 pm at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln, NE.

Adjournment

Laureen moved to adjourn at 8:51pm. Jane seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Heidi Helmer, Secretary