



NDA Board Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2016

Attendees

Board Members Present:

- Melissa Ward, President
- Jane Fucinaro, Vice President
- Heidi Helmer, Secretary
- Kathy Hanford, Treasurer
- Ashley Duran, Junior Representative
- Judy Seward
- Lauren Van Norman

Board Members Absent:

- Gracia Huenefeld
- Kathy Lewis

NDA Members Present:

- Jennifer Rawlinson
- Michaela Stephens

Call to Order

President Melissa Ward called the April meeting to order at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln at 6:35 pm.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

Officer Reports

President: Melissa Ward asked that the board consider sponsorship opportunities for the 2016 USDF Convention to be held in St. Louis in December. Several possibilities were discussed, and the board will consider again as the date of the convention draws closer.

Vice President: Jane Fucinaro updated the board concerning applications for the 2016 NDA scholarships. Currently there is one applicant. The board encourages members to apply.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Kathy Hanford provided the Treasurer's report. The Main account has a balance of \$10,561.03, the Show account has a balance of \$4,570.60. The Pilates for the Dressage Clinic did lose some money. Kathy will have final numbers for the clinic after the Dressage Foundation Grant is received. Heidi Helmer moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Judy seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Membership: Melissa Ward provided the Membership report on behalf of Angie McClelland. As of May 1, NDA has 121 members. Additional members have joined since then.

Competitions: Jennifer Rawlinson provided the Competitions Committee report. Jennifer updated the board as to the planning for the Cornhusker Classic. Judy Seward and Deb Stephens are currently recruiting volunteers. Class sponsorships are being submitted. Vendors will be present at the show. The competitors' party to be held Saturday night is being finalized. There are a strong number of entries as of May 16.

Awards: Lauren provided the Awards report. The committee is ready for the Classic.

Publicity: Melissa provided the Publicity update. The email performance was reviewed. Additional people signed up to receive NDA email updates at the Omaha International.

Melissa also provided a report as to the response to the NDA booth at the Omaha International. The raffle did well, memberships were gained, as well as people signing up for email updates.

Melissa reported that USDF is currently working to develop more GMO awards. Specifically, USDF was very impressed with the coloring books that NDA developed in 2015.

Michaela reported that she will be preparing a special edition of the Contact dedicated to the Cornhusker Classic. A summer issue will follow later in the summer.

Fundraising: Melissa provided the Fundraising report on behalf of Gracia. Class sponsorships are being solicited, as are floral decorations for the Classic. Melissa will be helping Gracia with the Classic program.

Equipment Management: None.

Education: Jane provided the Education Committee report. The Pilates for the Dressage Rider clinic was well received and attended.

Kathy Lewis has contacted Jane concerning a Western Dressage Clinic with Lynn Palm for later this summer. The Education Committee will be meeting to work out a proposed budget, and possible plans for this clinic.

Junior/YR: Ashley Duran reported that the NDA "swag" (sweatpants and chairs) are ready for pick up. She will be distributing the items at the Classic. Ashley would like to plan a Jr/YR pizza party prior to the Classic to make competitors' gift bags.

Old Business

Melissa provided a Western Dressage report on behalf of Kathy Lewis. Discussion ensued as to the formation of a Western Dressage Committee as outlined in the April 2016 meeting. The board decided

that a Western Dressage Committee would be beneficial to NDA to continue to foster the relationship between NDA and western dressage competitors, and would help position NDA as a collaborative partner to any WDAA chapter that may form in Nebraska in the future. Melissa confirmed that per NDA by-laws, additional committees may be formed at the board's discretion. Kathy Hanford moved to approve the creation of this committee, with the following guiding purpose:

"The Western Dressage Committee serves to foster the participation of our Western Dressage riders, and serve as a point of contact for the education and development of this emerging sport. The committee should be the liaison to the local Western Dressage community and WDAA, and the point of contact for NDA members with questions about Western Dressage."

Jane seconded the motion. Laureen abstained. No objections. The motion passed with a quorum.

This new committee will be chaired inaugurally by Kathy Lewis. Kathy will seek additional committee members and begin conducting meetings at the committee's discretion.

New Business

NDA may sponsor an additional 4-H award. This will be discussed at the June meeting.

Next Meeting Scheduled

The next meeting will be June 13, 2016, 6:30 pm at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln, NE.

Adjournment

Laureen motioned to adjourn at 7:55pm. Jane seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Heidi Helmer, Secretary