

NDA Board Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2020

Attendees

Board Members Present:

Melissa Ward
Margo Hamilton
Jane Fucinaro
Lana Erickson
Mia Newman
Heidi Helmer
Gracia Huenefeld
Angie McClelland

NDA Members Present:

Kathy Hanford
Laureen VanNorman

Call to Order

President Melissa Ward called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM via online Zoom Meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The August 2020 meeting minutes were reviewed. Margo moved to approve minutes, Angie seconded. Motion carried, minutes were approved.

Officer Reports

President: 4H participants from the Virtual Show for State 4H sent NDA thank you notes for our sponsorship.

The Dressage Foundation (TDF) sent an email to NDA regarding their new GMO Representative Program, asking if someone from the NDA Board could act as a liaison for information from TDF to the GMO. Jane Fucinaro offered to fill this role, as she is very familiar with TDF.

Melissa has found a virtual election resource that will cost NDA \$30 and be used for the election of Board Members for the 2021 year. It can be used on web browsers or on phones for voting. It will set limits for voting prior to and during the Annual Meeting.

Vice President: Margo's report carries into the Awards Committee and Fundraising Committee reports. The Committee's consensus is that carrying over all 2020 scores earned into 2021 would provide a more equitable program for next year. Kathy Hanford said that this would not be any problem at all for calculating scores in 2021. This would apply for rated shows and schooling shows. No one would be losing their scores, all of them would just carry over and be calculated for the following year. An added benefit is that this would allow the Committee extra time to replace and mend several trophies, too. The Western Dressage Committee is also on Board with this plan.

After discussion, all board and NDA members present agreed that deferring the 2020 Awards to 2021 is in the best interest of the club and that an announcement would be made this week. As for the Silent Auction, it will run online for 15 days long, the first week of November. We could maximize visibility on Facebook by paying for advertising. The Board looked through the Member Handbook to make sure the new election method would comply with rules and bylaws. There will be a write-in option for the election. All names must be in by November 1. Someone from the Awards Committee will announce winners from the Virtual Show Series during the Virtual Annual Meeting.

Angie made a motion that 2020 Year-End Awards be suspended and that all 2020 scores will carry over to the 2021 competition year. Jane seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.

The awards committee will provide Melissa with announcement verbiage.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Very little happened in August but we do have checks from the Junior Clinic for Education. \$5,698.07 in Main Account, \$13,868.50 in Competitions Account, \$341.49 in PayPal.

Heidi motioned to approve the financial report, Jane seconded, motion carried.

Committee Reports

Competition: The Competitions Committee decided that the Schooling Show Championships will be held at Still Waters. There are 23 riders entered and 43 rides, 12 of which are western dressage. NDA will give a donation of jump out fees to Still Waters as a “thank you” for use of the facility. NDA saddle pads will be available at the show for a suggested donation amount.

Junior/Young Rider: The first youth clinic with Missy Fladland at Middle Cross went well and riders are excited for the next one on October 24th in Omaha. Heidi was successful in finding sponsorships for the series and it has helped to defer costs.

Membership: 133 members, Lana and Angie may try invoicing for membership renewal this fall.

Awards: See Vice President Report.

Publicity: 311 in the email list. The next issue of The Contact is the “quarantine” issue. Melissa sent our website to USDF for GMO Awards.

Fundraising: See Vice President Report.

Equipment: The trailer needs to be serviced, Heidi will be arranging that with Ken.

Education: The Committee would like to reschedule the Trivia Night event to the winter, and begin discussing dates to reschedule the grooming clinic.

Volunteer: SSC is small enough that they will have plenty of volunteers for the show, so there is no additional report from this committee.

Western Dressage: No Report.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Next Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting will be held on October 12, 7:00 pm, via Zoom.

Adjournment

Gracia motioned to adjourn, Lana seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Fucinaro.