

March, 12, 2018
Nebraska Dressage Association
March Board Meeting
Misty's in Havelock, Lincoln NE
Submitted by Margo Hamilton

Attendees:

Jane Fucinaro	Heidi Helmer	Kathy Hanford	Margo Hamilton
Angie McClelland	Judy Seward	Miya Higgins	Kim Higgins
Kathy Lewis	Jennifer Rawlinson	Kayla Scheiffer	

Meeting called to order 6:50pm

Heidi Helmer moved to approved January Meeting minutes. Angie McClelland second, motion carried.

Jane Fucinaro moves to approve February minutes, motion seconded by Heidi Helmer. Motion carried.

President:

Scholarship deadline is May 30, 2018. The application will be made more clear this year that the funds given in the scholarship are to be used for the purposes of what has been laid out in the application.

--Jane would ask everyone to encourage everyone to apply for the scholarships.

Discussion about expanding the scholarship program, perhaps adding a fall scholarship period as well. Is generally agreed that NDA could once again offer a scholarship to help defray the cost of general member attending USDF Annual Convention. The scholarship had been previously given out when USDF Convention was in Region IV, however there is no reason to not offer this scholarship regardless of region. September seems a good time to begin accepting applications for this scholarship, publicity to be done to promote second Scholarship period.

Heidi Helmer makes motion to develop a scholarship to defray the cost of a general member to attend the USDF Annual Convention in 2018 up to the amount of \$750.00. Kathy Lewis seconds this motion. Motion passes.

Vice President:

Ashland Country Club is confirmed again for the Banquet. Will need to decide a date soon for the event. Heidi will check availability of 11/04/2018 for this event.

Secretary:

No report

Financial:

NDA's taxes have been taken care of and the accountant has been paid. 1099s are complete, insurance forms have been submitted for this years events, pending any addition of a Junior Event (clinic?).

Discussion of having a "fun and formal" finance meeting opened up to membership at large. Would be a special meeting to get input from members. Perhaps Mid May would be a good time for such a meeting. Will gauge interest with membership.

Angie McClelland moves to approve January Financial report, motion seconded by Heidi Helmer. Motion carried.

Heidi Helmer moves to approve February Financial report, motion seconded by Angie McClelland. Motioncarred.

Junior/YR:

Have been working with Art F/X to design some NDA logo wear for Junior Fundraiser this year. Need to decide what sorts of things we want to offer to the membership this year.

Items proposed are: Sunshirt, Hooded Sweatshirts, Sweatpants. Board decides offering a couple options would be nice.

Items will be available to pre-order via an email deadline for orders 4/30/2018

Juniors will once again put together competitor welcome bags for Cornhusker Classic --Jennifer Rawlinson to coordinate with Juniors to get the free horse treats from Mrs. Pastures

Membership:

As of 3/1/2018 NDA has 80 members

Competitions:

Diane Fucinaro will be setting up the Volunteer Genius. Volunteers will be slotted for 4 hour shifts, free t-shirts to be given to those who sign up. NDA REALLY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS for the Classic.

There may be a need for a second Judge for the Classic Schooling show.

The Spring Fling Schooling show is an approved WDAA recognized show.

Discussion of what type of broader Equine sports memberships a person needs to hold in order to be eligible for NDA Western Dressage Horse of Year awards.

Awards:

Sheila Purdum has offered to donate a new trophy for Western Dressage Basic. Will need to continue to accumulate trophies for Western Dressage Horse of the Year Awards.

Publicity:

International booth is ready to go. We will need volunteers to help man the booth and keep an eye on our trophies.

The next issue of the Contact is expected to be published prior to the International. Kayla's due date is later in summer and she kindly requests that people submit articles and such well in advance so she can focus on giving birth to a human child, not the newsletter during that time.

Equipment:

Omaha Equestrian Foundation would like to use NDA arena.

Education:

L-Program-USDF is holding back spots for Region IV candidates. All shows are set up. Axel Steiner will be the faculty member teaching at Cornhusker Classic.

Things are going well for the Pilates for Dressage Clinic, expect promotional emails soon.

There will be a Western Dressage Ride-a-Test Clinic following the Spring Fling.

Western Dressage:

No report, apart from what has been discussed throughout meeting.

Volunteer:

Looking for volunteers to manage the booth at Omaha International. Seeking those who can speak competently about Dressage generally and the Nebraska Dressage Association specifically.

Old business:

None

New Business:

NDA traditionally donates \$100.00 the Dressage Foundation's Century Club. Interest in doing so again?

Kathy Hanford Moves to donate \$100.00 to The Dressage Foundation's Century Club. Heidi Helmer Seconds the motion. Motion approved by board.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:28pm