

Nebraska Dressage Association Board meeting  
October 8, 2018  
Misty's Steakhouse, Lincoln NE

**Members Present:**

Jane Fucinaro	Heidi Helmer	Kathy Lewis	Miya Higgins
Margo Hamilton	Judy Seward	Mikayla Scheiffer	Angie McClelland
Kim Higgins			

Guest: Mary Ellen Ducey

Meeting Called to order: 6:43 by Jane Fucinaro

Motion to approve minutes from September board meeting made by Kathy Lewis. Motion seconded by Heidi Helmer. Motion to approve the minutes from September's board meeting was approved by board.

**President's Report:**

Research has indicated and USDF has confirmed that 2018 is NDA's 45th year as a GMO. Should we do something special for this? A logo like we did for the 40th Anniversary Classic or a little gift for everyone? Board discusses marking occasion by having the cake at Banquet be decorated in honor of our 45th anniversary.

Only one person has applied for the NDA scholarship to attend USDF Convention in Salt Lake. PJ Koehler is from Iowa, but has been a very active member in NDA. She both shows at our local shows as well as volunteers.

Heidi Helmer moves to award Convention Scholarship to PJ, motion is seconded by Angie McClelland. Motion carried by board.

Moving forward with this and other scholarships we need to find the best way to promote these opportunities. Although our membership wants the scholarship, relatively few people apply for them each year. More promos of Facebook? A write-up in the Contact?

Our budget to send delegates to USDF Convention, would like to pay the full cost of going including possibly a car rental/meals. Angie suggests we look up the Federal Guidelines for per diem travel to Salt Lake City, UT and use that as our budget. Board agrees.

**Vice President:**

Heidi will be in charge of ordering cakes for the banquet. Board suggests carrot cake. The menu is supposed to be similar to the brunch menu offered in 2017. To date, no one has purchased banquet tickets, however this will change as the event draws closer. Darcy Beck has volunteered and is in charge of centerpieces for the event.

**Secretary:**

No report

**Financial:**

Delivered by Kathy Lewis. By the time the new treasurer is in place all of the information for the organization will be on Quickbooks. Board discusses maximizing the features of Quickbooks such as receiving payments from Paypal and using categories to keep everything very simple. Our move to Quickbooks is a huge step towards modernization of the organization.

**Juniors:**

Will organize a year end slideshow for banquet. Submissions to be taken over Facebook. Suggested that we use a TV for the slideshow instead of a screen as during last year's brunch the room was so bright it was difficult to see the slideshow. Heidi will check with the Ashland Country club to be sure they can facilitate a TV for our organization, if not we can use the one we have for our promotional booth.

The ribbon notes from the Schooling Show Championship were very well received by trainers and parents. We will consider doing a similar thing at 2019 championships.

**Membership:**

Modernizing membership will be the priority for 2019. NDA needs a quicker, simpler way to search and track membership.

**Competitions:**

NDA needs to work to promote attendance at our shows in 2019. The ever-increasing number of shows in the region is problematic for the profits of each individual show. Looking ahead to 2020 it is likely the Cornhusker Classic will not include a breed show.

**Awards:**

Ribbons are ordered, and trophies are being returned to LEC for the banquet.

**Publicity:**

Next issue of Contact to be out soon. This issue will feature: Article by Shan Lawton, A thanks to our sponsors, review of recent clinics in the area, testimonials from recipients of NDA Scholarships.

**Equipment:**

No report

**Education:**

Youth clinic is coming up 11/6/2018. To date, 6 riders have signed up to participate. Dr. Don Rice will give a talk about helmets and concussions, another speaker will discuss how to use kinesiology tape and give a demonstration

L-Program: The “r” program is the next step on the journey for new judges. Most of the “r” work is done at shows, however NDA would have to organize a Final Exam but that occurs about 10-12 months after the sessions. We would use the Cornhusker Classic as one of the sessions.

**Western Dressage:**

WDAA is looking for a new location for the World Show. Maybe NDA could suggest the Lancaster Event Center for this event?

Western Dressage committee will be meeting again soon to discuss their concerns and the growth of their area of NDA.

**Volunteer:**

No report

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

Motion to Adjourn meeting made by Judy Seward. Seconded by Heidi Helmer. Motion to adjourn meeting approved by board.

Meeting adjourned: 7:50