



NDA Board Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2017

Attendees

Board Members Present:

- Jane Fucinaro, President
- Laureen VanNorman, Vice President
- Kathy Hanford, Treasurer
- Heidi Helmer, Secretary
- Miya Higgins, Junior Representative
- Margo Hamilton
- Gracia Huenefeld
- Kathy Lewis
- Judy Seward

Board Members Absent:

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NDA Members Present:

- Angie McClelland
- Kim Higgins
- Melissa Ward

Call to Order

President Jane Fucinaro called the October meeting to order at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln at 6:41 pm.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The September 2017 NDA meeting minutes were reviewed. Judy moved to approve the minutes. Laureen seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Officer Reports

President: Jane provided the President's report. The NDA website was awarded the GMO award by

USDF. Tillie Jones won "the first person experience story" for her article in NDA's "Contact" awarded by USDF.

Selections for NDA Volunteer of the Year and President's Award were discussed. A suggestion was made to give a gift card along with the VOY trophy, similar to the way we give one as the President's Award. It was mentioned that wording in the Handbook might need to be updated to reflect the monetary portion of the VOY award, should the board wish to proceed with that.

Laureen, Gracia, and Heidi will be completing their board terms at the end of 2017. Jane made a list of nominees who will be running for the board at the annual meeting.

Vice President: Laureen provided the Vice President's report. The banquet has been arranged. RSVP forms and payment will be sent to Kathy Hanford. The Ashland Country Club would appreciate a 'head count' by November 12. Margo is working on the silent auction.

It was suggested that a photographer and backdrop be available at the awards banquet.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Kathy Hanford provided the Treasurer's report. There has been a net income increase in 2017. This will be invested in the organization. A suggestion was made as to following the KCDS or NEDA model with regard to volunteer recognition. This organization has different "tiers" of volunteer involvement, with special recognition for each tier.

A suggestion was made that NDA pay the Schooling Show Management and Secretary moving forward, but this may require additional insurance and regulations. Discussion was tabled.

Account balances as of October 9 are Main account \$13,622.88 and Show account \$14,293.97.

Heidi motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Kathy Lewis seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Membership: Angie reported that there has been no change in membership.

Competitions: Jane provided the Competitions Committee report on behalf of Jennifer. The Schooling Show Championship numbers have been completed. The committee is having a meeting October 17, and will provide their report from this meeting.

The 2019 contracts for the 2019 Cornhusker Classic have been completed.

Awards: Laureen and Kathy H. provided the Awards Committee report. They are working on Year End awards and collecting trophies from the 2016 recipients.

It was mentioned that scores from the 2016 "I Love Dara Show" count towards the 2017 competition year.

Publicity: Melissa Ward provided the Publicity report. Email blasts have been well received with a high "open" rate. The newsletter will be completed by the end of October. Melissa is asking for more people to join the committee.

A huge thanks was extended to Melissa for her work on the NDA website with USDF GMO website award!!

Fundraising: Margo provided the Fundraising Committee report. She is working on the silent

auction, and would appreciate another person helping her with fundraising.

Equipment Management: Heidi provided the Equipment report on behalf of Ken. Ken will be taking the NDA trailer in for modifications this fall to allow better storage of the NDA arenas.

Education: Jane provided the Education Committee report. Different ideas for upcoming educational events were mentioned, possibly a winter series, including First Aid for the Rider and utilization of USDF's educational series on E-Trak and for GMOs.

The L Program was a huge success with favorable reports from the most recent part.

The youth clinic with Catherine Chamberlain will be held October 21 and 22. Still Waters Equestrian Academy is donating the facility for the event. The board will provide a thank you to Still Waters.

It was also mentioned that NDA should thank Firespring for their generous donations of facility for the L program.

Junior/YR: Miya provided the Junior/YR report. Miya has some ideas to "dress up" some of the awards for the banquet, including the Schooling Show Medals and Qualified Rider Certificates. The juniors will also work on putting a slide show together for the banquet.

Western Dressage: Kathy Lewis provided the Western Dressage Committee report. The Western Dressage award information has been sent to the membership for review. Qualified rider certificates will be awarded. The recent webinar was well attended.

It was mentioned that USDF has Western Dressage presentations available.

Old Business

Jane asked the board and committee chairs to please fill out the information for their current positions. The board feels that a Volunteer Coordinator should be added to the NDA Committees.

A Leadline class was discussed. This would be a class for young children lead on horseback. The board felt it should not be added as an official schooling show class, but could be an excellent fundraiser opportunity during a show.

New Business

Laureen mentioned that Region 4 PM delegates attending the USDF Convention are asked to encourage other GMO's to send delegates to the convention.

Next Meeting Scheduled

The next meeting will be November 19, 2017, 11:00am at the Ashland Country Club in Ashland, NE.

Adjournment

Gracia moved to adjourn at 8:14pm. Judy seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Heidi Helmer, 2017 NDA Secretary