



# NDA Board Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2015

## Attendees

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### Board Members Present:

- Melissa Ward, President
- Gracia Huenefeld
- Emily Johnson
- Laureen Van Norman
- Heidi Helmer, Secretary
- Jane Fucinaro, Vice President
- Kathy Hanford, Treasurer
- Dara Liss

### Board Members Absent:

- Jenae Tilford, Junior Representative

### NDA Members Present:

- Jennifer Rawlinson
- Angie McClelland

## Call to Order

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President Melissa Ward called the September meeting to order at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln at 6:32 pm.

## Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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The August 2015 NDA meeting minutes were reviewed. Kathy moved to approve the minutes. Emily seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

## Officer Reports

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**President:** Melissa reported that the Nebraska Horse Expo has been cancelled for 2015.

**Vice President:** Jane reported that she is planning the Year End Awards Banquet. She will be investigating the possibility of offering a child rate for attending the banquet.

**Secretary:** No report.

**Treasurer:** Kathy provided the Treasurer's Report. The Main Account balance is \$11,975.76, and the Show Account balance is \$4,846.23. Kathy reported that there has been increased spending for Sponsorships, and in Publicity, due to the baseball cap purchase. This increased spending has been balanced out with increased income in other areas.

Kathy requested that the Awards committee budget be clarified - this portion of the budget includes the Year End Awards Banquet.

Heidi moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Dara seconded. Motion carried.

## Committee Reports

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**Membership:** Melissa provided the membership report on behalf of Diana Spaulding. There are 120 members.

Melissa also informed the board that Diana Spaulding wishes to resign as membership chair at the end of 2015.

**Competitions:** Jennifer Rawlinson provided the competitions committee report. Western dressage scores were reviewed from schooling shows.

Rule changes for the 2016 Championships were discussed. These changes will be presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting. As these changes do not involve the by-laws, a membership vote will not be required.

Jennifer and Emily Johnson discussed Western Dressage tack and attire, and they will develop further guidelines for future competition. Feedback from the membership is welcome. Discussion about rule clarification revisions will be sent to the members after the board has reviewed.

**Awards:** Budget allocation for 2016 was discussed. The show budget has included the budget for show awards, and, for 2016, the dollar amount allocated for show awards needs to be determined. Heidi moved that a line item would be added to the Show Budget for awards and prizes (show premiums) for 2016. Laureen seconded. Motion carried.

**Publicity:** Melissa Ward reviewed this month's e-mail outreach activity.

Jane reported that the next Contact will be the August/September edition.

**Fundraising:** Gracia Huenefeld reported that the committee is starting to solicit silent auction items for the awards banquet. Also, donations are continuing to come in for 2015 sponsorships.

**Equipment Management:** No report.

**Education:** Potential ideas for 2016 were discussed. Member feedback is welcome.

**Junior/YR:** No report.

## Old Business

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The board discussed creating a scholarship specifically for NDA members to participate in the USDF L graduate training program. The board also discussed exploring the option of hosting an L program event. Melissa provided information as to the USDF requirements for hosting an L program. The board discussed, and the PM and GMO delegates attending the USDF Convention will investigate this endeavor as a region activity while at the USDF Convention.

Melissa presented the possibility of partial NDA sponsorship for a third USDF Convention delegate. Currently NDA is subsidizing two delegates. Upon review of the NDA budget, it was found that the Education Committee has not utilized its budgetary allocation in 2015. The possibility of transferring some of these funds to an additional partial sponsorship for a third delegate ensued. A motion was made to allot \$500 from the Education budget toward the funding of NDA delegates to attend educational sessions at the USDF convention. Gracia moved, Dara seconded, Lauren & Jane abstained, no objections. Motion carried.

## **New Business**

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None.

## **Next Meeting Scheduled**

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The next meeting will be October 12, 2015, 6:300 pm at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln, NE.

## **Adjournment**

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Kathy made a motion to adjourn at 8:37pm. Lauren seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Heidi Helmer, NDA Secretary