



NDA Board Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2016

Attendees

Board Members Present:

- Melissa Ward, President
- Jane Fucinaro, Vice President
- Kathy Hanford, Treasurer
- Ashley Duran, Junior Representative
- Kathy Lewis
- Laureen Van Norman

Board Members Absent:

- Heidi Helmer
- Gracia Huenefeld
- Judy Seward

NDA Members Present:

- Michaela Schieffer
- Jennifer Rawlinson

Call to Order

President Melissa Ward called the August meeting to order at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln at 6:42 pm.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The July 2016 NDA meeting minutes were reviewed. Kathy H. moved to approve the minutes. Kathy L. seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Officer Reports

President: Michaela is submitting *Contact* articles for USDF Awards. The first article she is submitting will be Kate Rawlinson's training report from her NDA Scholarship. The other one could be the Western Dressage article, or the Classical Foundation article, or the barn highlight on Stillwaters. Michaela will send a link for the Board to vote on to decide which article to submit.

Sandie McConnell wrote the NDA Board a nice thank-you note for her scholarship and opportunity.

Melissa has registered as GMO Representative for USDF Convention in St. Louis. She will be determining if she'll be driving or flying.

Melissa added an FAQ section to NDA Website, as suggested by GMO Committee for Website Awards at the 2015 Convention. Melissa asked the Board to look over and review the FAQ section for concerns.

Vice President: Jane will be preparing the form for the Year-End Banquet and Awards dinner. She will ask the Board's help on deciding price point via email in the next week.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Kathy Hanford reminded us to ask her about insurance for future events, it's an additional \$35 from Blue Bridle.

Competition budget is \$3,000 above what we anticipated, we are in good shape in all accounts. Main account has close to \$10,000, competition account has close to \$9,000.

Kathy Lewis moved to approve the August financial report, Laureen Van Norman seconded. Motion passed; report approved.

Committee Reports

Membership: Angie reported there are no new members this month, no new horses.

Competitions: The NDA Schooling Show Championships will be on September 25th (judged by Kim Kriekhaus), entries will close on the September 15th.

For the Cornhusker Classic: Jennifer is finalizing contracts with judges and TDs for 2018 Classic (possibly Creeky Robson, Susan Mandas, Nena Denman as TD). 2017 officials are all solidified. Next year, P3 will not be used to show in, rings will be closer (P4?).

April 29-30, 2017, will be the Cornhusker Pony Club's Shaggy Show. May 13, 2017 (tentatively) will be the Spring Fling Schooling Show.

Awards: Jones' are donating a new Third Level trophy.

Laureen and Jennifer will be collaborating on a ribbon clean-up pizza party with the 4-H dressage group and NDA Juniors.

Publicity: *The Contact:* The next *Contact* will be the September/October issue. Michaela asked the Board what kind of articles she'd like us to see in the next *Contact* issue, the Board all agreed that a report on the Olympics would be great. Why do the equestrian sports benefit the Olympics? Thoughts you have while watching the Olympics. Michaela will need all content submitted by Sept. 1st. Broken Spoke will be the next barn highlight.

The email report: 230 subscribers on the email list, the *Contact* enews performed very well.

Trade Show Update: As for World Cup, we are waiting to hear about a booth. Will try and contact Omaha Equestrian Foundation management, OR we will talk to USDF about putting our local GMO information with their booth.

Fundraising: No report.

Equipment Management: No report.

Education: Down to countdown with Lynn Palm clinic- as of now 7 confirmed and paid riders, with an 8th possible. 4 confirmed auditors.

Jennifer Rawlinson and/or Angie McClelland tentatively offered to chair the L Program for next year. We need a group or team of people to be at least six people to delegate tasks. Jane will send a blurb to Michaela for inclusion in the Contact to round up a team of people to help.

Junior/YR: Ashley is looking for ideas for Banquet ideas, or Providence Farm's Debbie McDonald clinic doing a Jr./YR Sponsored breakfast for riders and auditors. Ashley will be picking a date for the NDA movie night in September.

Western Dressage: Last month, the Committee spoke via email, Sheila Purdum asked if the NDA would consider the WDAA scores at the World Show to be considered at Year End Awards. Yes, she can because it is USEF recognized. It would just apply as WDAA High Point Award.

The wording on #13 page 8 will need to be clarified. The Western Dressage Committee will decide on the wording for 2017, and run it by the Board. The NDA High Score award is for classical dressage, the WD award is for High Score WD, as suggested by Melissa.

Old Business

Grant for NDA Member to attend USDF Convention, money will cover registration to Convention. We will talk about this topic next meeting.

New Business

No.

Next Meeting Scheduled

The next meeting will be September 12th, 2016, 6:30 pm at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln, NE.

Adjournment

Laureen moved to adjourn at 8:53pm. Jane seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jane Fucinaro, VP