



NDA Board Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2017

Attendees

Board Members Present:

- Jane Fucinaro, President
- Larueen VanNorman, Vice President
- Kathy Hanford, Treasurer
- Miya Higgins, Junior Representative
- Gracia Huenefeld
- Kathy Lewis
- Judy Seward

Board Members Absent:

- Margo Hamilton

NDA Members Present:

- Jennifer Rawlinson
- Rich Higgins
- Steve Kachman

Call to Order

President Jane Fucinaro called the June meeting to order at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln at 6:39 pm.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The May 2017 NDA meeting minutes were reviewed. Gracia moved to approve the minutes. Lauren seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Officer Reports

President: Jane provided the President's report. She asked that the board consider whom they would like to have represent NDA at the USDF 2017 Annual Convention. Jane will be attending as a Dressage Foundation representative. Jennifer Rawlinson will be attending, as she was awarded a

grant to attend. PM USDF delegate voting will be occurring in June.

Jane asked that the board would start to consider nominations for NDA Volunteer of the Year.

Applicants for the NDA scholarships were discussed. It was decided to utilize the budgeted amount (\$1500), as there were not applicants for the Open award. It was decided that the adult amateur award(s) would go to Jackie Muir and Melissa Ward, and the junior applicant selected was Anna Cooper. Jane will be notifying the applicants.

Jane also mentioned that Missy Fladland wishes to share her U.K. experience with NDA. The board decided that this experience would best be shared via NDA Facebook and in the Contact.

Vice President: Laureen provided the Vice President report. Information about the Year End Annual Meeting and Awards brunch will be forthcoming in the Contact.

A gift certificate in the amount of \$500 was given to Jennifer Rawlinson to thank her for her dedication in making the 2017 Cornhusker Classic a success. This gift certificate was approved via unanimous NDA board email vote the week prior.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Kathy H. provided the Treasurer's report. The Main account balance is \$14,616.17 and Show account balance \$21,893.06.

Kathy provided the 2017 Cornhusker Classic financial report. The classic netted a profit, providing adequate funds in the Show account for future NDA shows.

Kathy asked for clarification with regards to the Pony Club renting the NDA dressage arena for the 2017 Shaggy Horse Show. After discussion, it was decided to refund the Pony Club deposit, as NDA uses the Pony Club dressage arena for the Cornhusker Classic. This amounts to a \$100 refund to Pony Club.

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

Committee Reports

Membership: Jane provided the NDA Membership report on behalf of Angie. As of the meeting, NDA has 154 members. Additional family memberships were clarified. Two of the family members may qualify for NDA year end awards. If a third family member wishes to qualify, an additional fee must be paid. We will clarify this on the online form.

Competitions: Jennifer provided a report from the 2017 Cornhusker Classic. She mentioned that the Event Center has allowed NDA to utilize Pavilion 3 free of charge for the past three years, a much appreciated benefit of using the Event Center.

Volunteer coordination and planning for 2018 has already begun.

Jennifer recommends NDA finds a co-manager for the Cornhusker Classic for 2018. In order for USDF to recognize the Cornhusker Classic, a manager must have at least two years experience co-managing a Level 3 show. A suggestion was also made that NDA hire a show manager, which could potentially increase fees, but take a lot of organizational volunteering off our plate.

Jennifer thanked Amy Blum and Melissa Ward for their many volunteer hours supporting the 2017

Cornhusker Classic.

Awards: No report.

Publicity: Jane provided the Publicity report on behalf of Melissa Ward. A new email template will be created. She will also be updating the NDA website with show results, and updating the website in general. The NDA Handbook will be published shortly.

Michaela will be working on a show issue of the Contact.

Fundraising: Jane provided the Fundraising report on behalf of Margo. Having an online sponsorship and way to pay would be very beneficial.

Equipment Management: Heidi provided the Equipment report on behalf of Ken. He plans on updating the NDA trailer interior this fall to better accommodate the dressage arena storage.

Education: Jennifer provided the "L" program update. There will be a planning meeting on June 13. The first session went very well.

Jane mentioned that the Dressage Foundation is currently holding an online fundraiser, and clinicians have donated clinics. Jane felt that this is something that NDA could look at with regard to planning a Junior/YR clinic for the NDA youth in October 2017. Gracia has expressed interest in planning a youth clinic, and this is a great opportunity for NDA to work with the Dressage Foundation. The board expressed interest.

Junior/YR: Miya Higgins provided the Jr/YR report. There were some unclaimed NDA hoodies left at the Cornhusker Classic. There were also some extra competitor bags left over from the Classic. They will use these at the Schooling Show Championships. Ideas for summer activities were also discussed.

Western Dressage: Kathy Lewis provided the Western Dressage committee report. They will be holding a western dressage webinar in the coming weeks. At their committee meeting, they discussed modifications for the NDA and WDAA year end awards.

Old Business

Kathy Lewis presented proposed modifications for the NDA Schooling Show Medal Series for the 2017 competition year. These changes would make the Schooling Show Medal Series equitable for the 2017 competition year, and consider the WDAA requirements for year end awards. The modifications were discussed and approved. The proposed modifications for 2018 will be presented to the NDA membership for review prior to the Annual Meeting, and discussed there.

New Business

Volunteer growth for NDA moving forward was tabled due to time constraints.

Next Meeting Scheduled

The next meeting will be July 10, 2017, 6:30 pm at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln, NE.

Adjournment

Judy moved to adjourn at 8:52pm. Lauren seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Heidi Helmer, 2017 NDA Secretary