



NDA Board Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2015

Attendees

Board Members Present:

- Melissa Ward, President
- Jane Fucinaro, Vice President
- Heidi Helmer, Secretary
- Kathy Hanford, Treasurer
- Dara Liss
- Gracia Huenefeld

Board Members Absent:

- Laureen Van Norman
- Emily Johnson
- Jenae Tilford, Junior Representative

NDA Members Present:

- Angie McClelland

Call to Order

President Melissa Ward called the March meeting to order at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln at 6:38 pm.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The February 2015 NDA meeting minutes were reviewed. Kathy motioned to approve the minutes. Gracia seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Officer Reports

President: Melissa reported that she believes it would be a good idea to have NDA Board Members' pictures on the NDA website, both individual pictures and a group picture. NDA Board members will submit individual pictures to Melissa, and a group picture will be taken at the next board meeting.

Vice President: Jane gave a presentation as to the responses received from the survey sent to the NDA email subscriber group. Of 171 surveys sent, there were 33 respondents. After reviewing the responses, possible dates and formats were discussed. The board hopes that more people send in

responses, and will make a decision at a later date as to venue and format.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Kathy reported that the balance in the general fund is \$13,204.54, and the show account balance \$2957.79. The budget as of March 9, 2015, was reviewed. Dara made a motion to approve the budget, and Heidi seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Membership: Melissa presented the Membership Committee report on behalf of Diana. There are currently 56 memberships with 67 total members.

Competitions: Melissa presented the Competitions Committee report on behalf of Jennifer Rawlinson. The Cornhusker Classic I and II were not included in the 2015 Regions 2 & 4 Omnibus because the committee felt that the majority of show participants would be utilizing the USDF and USEF websites to plan their show seasons. The cost to be included in the Omnibus would have been \$455, which is prohibitive at this time.

The Classic is not currently on the USDF website, but Jennifer reports that she is working with USDF to get this corrected. It is on the USEF website. There was an error in the paperwork on USDF's part. As of March 11, 2015, USDF is to have this corrected.

Planning is underway for the 2016 Cornhusker Classic. Jennifer is working in conjunction with Mike Smith to submit NDA's application for the 2016 Classic. Jennifer is currently working with USEF and Mike so she can be sole manager of the 2016 Classic.

Awards: Kathy reported for the Awards Committee. Currently they are seeking ideas for new awards.

Publicity: Melissa reported that she will be recruiting volunteers to man the Omaha International booth.

Melissa has recently updated the NDA website. She and Amy Blum are the current webmasters. Melissa added a News Page/Blog to the website that people can subscribe to so they receive regular updates. Members are also encouraged to submit photos to Melissa for publication on the website.

Plans are being made to add an Awards and Trophy section with photos of the various trophies to the website.

The Contact will be published monthly with a link to the most recent NDA meeting minutes.

Fundraising: Gracia presented the Fundraising Committee report. Darcy Beck has joined the Fundraising Committee, and they have met to make plans for 2015 and 2016 sponsorships. They have several ideas for obtaining and recognizing sponsors this year and in 2016.

Equipment Management: Heidi presented the report from Ken Timmerman that the NDA trailer and dressage arenas remain stored on his property.

Education: Angie McClelland presented the Education Committee report. The committee met in February, and discussed these items:

1. Emily Johnson has offered to give NDA members a 15% discount when attending events at Mountain Rose Horsemanship, and NDA will post these events on the calendar. The education committee felt that this would be appropriate for dressage-specific and equine safety events.
2. NDA members can have items added to the calendar by contacting Melissa.
3. The committee would like to add an "Education Center" to the website.

4. Sandie McConnell is contacting Dr. Pat MacInteer to schedule an equine first aid event. Planning for April or May 2015.
5. A trailer safety education event will be held this summer at MiddleCross Stables. Due to last year's popularity of this offering, we will offer a similar event.
6. The USDF Region 4 Clinic is being planned. Jami Kment is spearheading this effort.
7. The committee would like to host a trail riding event this fall.

Junior/YR: Melissa presented the Junior/YR report on behalf of Jenae.

1. The juniors are planning a Movie night for March 20. Seven juniors had RSVP'd as of March 9.
2. Plans are being made to hold a fundraising event by selling breakfast items at the Region 4 Clinic. Food and beverage items will be available.
3. NDA members can purchase an NDA hoodie by contacting Jenae.
4. A pool party is being planned for this summer.

Old Business

Melissa clarified the wording for the 2015 Year End Rider Test Award for the 2015 NDA Handbook.

New Business

The NDA Handbook will be published ASAP. Any new awards added this year will be sent in an addendum later in the year, if necessary.

Next Meeting Scheduled

The next meeting will be April 13, 2015, 6:30 pm at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln, NE.

Adjournment

Jane moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm, Heidi seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Heidi Helmer
NDA Secretary, 2015