

Minutes
NDA Board Meeting
March 11, 2013

NDA president, Heidi Helmer, called the meeting to order at Parker's Rib Ranch at 7:00pm.

NDA Members Present: Heidi Helmer, Brianna Bartlett, Donna Michelson, Felice Rose, Dara Liss, Jane Fucinaro, and Laura Steuck.

Board Members Absent: Tish Gade-Jones and Katie Duncan.

Approval of February minutes: Brianna Bartlett, Vice President, moved to approve the February minutes, with the correction of the Dressage Open House's date of March 17. Donna Seconded, and the board voted. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President: Heidi stated she'll send out a March NDA Update.

Vice President: Brianna asked if she can get an updated contact listing with current e-mail addresses and phone #s.

Secretary: Donna also asked about a current Contact and a PDF format so she can type up and send out the minutes in the correct format. Heidi stated she will do this in the coming week. Donna's computer doesn't have Office works, but she'll complete the minutes.

Treasurer: Tish Gade-Jones was unable to be present, but sent the treasurer's report and a revised 2013 NDA Budget. Jane Fucinaro moved to approve the treasurer's report and Dara seconded. Also, Felice moved to approve the 2013 NDA Budget, and Donna Seconded the motion. Both motions carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Membership: Diana Spaulding sent in an up-dated report: 99 members and 80 horses lifetime registered.

Competitions:

1. Show dates for 2013: Shaggy Show- Apr 6-7; Middlecross Schooling Show-May 4; Cornhusker Schooling and Recognized Show- June 8-9-10; Summer Solstice Show at S&L Stables, Aug 8 &9.
2. Cornhusker Classic Report: No report fm Competition Committee.
3. IaDCTA show recognition "swap" update: Brianna also checking with KCDS and CSDA too for Swap recognition. IaDCTA's classic show the week after the Corn-husker.

Awards: No report.

Communications: The Contact needs to be mailed to the sponsors and those without e-mail. Jane Fucinaro volunteered to address and mail out to NDA members who wish to receive a hard copy, and to the sponsors. The Handbook is nearly completed, and also needs to be mailed to the membership.

Publicity:

1. 2013 "No Bull, Just Horses" Expo Recap: NDA booth was well decorated with TV and VCR tapes playing of Olympic Dressage, and Handouts of current and upcoming events in NDA.
2. Advertising Recap: we will work again with the Equine Quarterly for an ad for the November Fair. Board approved our ad for the March Expo, and will work have a similar ad for the upcoming fair.
3. November Horse Expo: November 15-17. The board discussed a team approach to setting up and decorating the NDA booth, possibly with dressage competition attire—competition jacket and breeches, boots, and helmet for Introductory-Fourth level classes. Also, a Shadbelly with breeches, Top Hat/Helmet and Boots, gloves for FEI classes. Donna mentioned that Regg & Wally's Tack Shop had loaned this type of attire to NDA a few years ago to display at our booth at a horse expo. She stated she would again contact Regg & Wally's owner to check out the possibility of displaying these items again. Brianna and Laura stated that they would also like to be in on the planning.

Fund Raising: Lisa's Report: see the Contact (March-Apr).

Equipment Management: No report.

Education: March 17 Open House-- 40+ people expected per RSVPs according to Char Cole.

Potential Saddle Fitting Clinic-- Questions about saddle fitting and maintenance. There has also been interest expressed about bits, bridles, and double bridles.

JR/YR: Spring/Summer Event—Tabled for Katie to report at next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Nominations for USDF awards for 2013, i.e. volunteer of the year, The Contact, (Choose 2 months of Contact to nominate for best Newsletter for GMO of our size category).
2. Scholarship Report - Jane & Dara have finished the Application Form and Jane will upload and e-mail to all board members for approval.
3. Possible Joint Venture with UNL: Jane connecting with UNL Animal Council re: an educational forum/clinic.

NEW BUSINESS: New member, Jody Brock, joined us at the meeting and had interesting updates for the board on the world of Dressage: Dressage World Masters and also Parellis' Dressage Conference which included Walter Zettl, Charles DeKunffy, and Christoph Hess which concluded in Wellington FL on 28 February. Jody also related that the Parellis will be in Des Moines in May (18-19) and she can get free complimentary tickets for us—whichever wants to see the tour performance.

The next board meeting will be April 8, 2013, at Bredeaux Pizza in Ashland at 6:30pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Brianna and seconded by Jane. Motion carried and Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Michelson
NDA Secretary - 2013