

NDA Board Meeting
June 11, 2018
Misty's in Havelock, Lincoln NE

In attendance:

Jane Fucinaro	Angie McClelland	Miya Higgins
Heidi Helmer	Melissa Ward	Jennifer Rawlinson
Kathy Hanford	Gracia Huenfeld	
Margo Hamilton	Kim Higgins	

Meeting called to order by Jane Fucinaro at 6:37pm

Angie McClelland makes a Motion to Approve minutes from the May 2018 Board Meeting. Kathy Hanford seconds this motion. Motion is carried by the board.

President's report:

Now is the time to begin recruiting new board members. Please everyone try to remember to invite another NDA member to the NDA board meeting to encourage more participation in running of our organization.

In regard to the NDA Scholarship award program, some of the applicants are not current members. Although the application for the scholarship does not specifically state one has to be a member of NDA, it seems more than appropriate that those who are applying for scholarships from NDA should be members in good standing of the organization. Board agrees, seems most appropriate that scholarship recipients should be members in good standing of NDA. The requirements for scholarship awards will be updated for 2019 and will be added to the NDA Handbook.

The Board voted and awarded Bess Binfield, Rebecca Barry and Lana Erickson each a \$500 Scholarship.

Vice President:

No report

Secretary:

No Report

Financial:

NDA's finances are looking good, despite having lost about \$1,000.00 on Cornhusker Classic. In past years the Classic has netted at \$2,000 to \$2,500.00 profit.

The L program had a budget of \$4,700.00 and came in at \$3,600.00.

Juniors need to continue to contact people who ordered apparel but have not paid for it.

There was a fraudulent charge to the NDA Credit card to the tune of \$615.00 for a Dell Computer. Kathy swiftly identified the charge and contacted all avenues to get the situation taken care of and as such the \$615.00 will be returned to NDA's account.

Judy Seward made a motion to approve financial report, Angie McClelland seconds the motion. The financial report was approved by the board.

Competitions:

Nena Denman sent a Thank You note to NDA for a wonderful Cornhusker Classic. Noting that the attendance of the Classic was lower she reduced her fee by \$100.00. Suspected that Classic was smaller for a myriad of reasons.

1: Schooling show was smaller because Nena Denman was also the judge at Shaggy Horse Show, as such many Schooling Show riders would have already had scores from her.

2: Reduced number of Western Dressage riders at Schooling show because of the growth in number of WDAA and Western Dressage shows in the area.

3: Mason City hosted a show the same weekend as Cornhusker Classic. As Mason City is the site for USDF Region IV Championships many riders would have gone to Mason City instead of Classic as to familiarize their horses more with the Mason City Grounds.

4: Very small breed show.

Jennifer will look into making the Classic a USDF Heritage Show which could be a cool thing and perhaps draw people to the Classic. Cornhusker Classic is a very long running horse show in the area and it may be possible to get this designation and make our show something more special.

It is suggested that we do not hire an overnight security officer for the Schooling Show Championship show. At \$969.81 Randy is quite expensive. We have been hiring Randy as, in the past, the Staff at the Event Center didn't meet our show's security needs. However that has changed so perhaps for a 1 day show we don't need Randy to watch over the relatively small number of horses who will be staying overnight. Board agrees. Sorry Randy.

Jennifer points out that we need to recruit, train and court more show managers in Nebraska. Perhaps those running schooling shows, but Jennifer and NDA needs more manpower running the competitions.

Education:

L-Program at the Classic was extremely well received. Our faculty member Axel Steiner commented to the candidates that they will “never have as good an experience as they had at the Classic.”

The Event Center facility worked really well for the candidates, our riders were plentiful and well qualified. Participants and faculty alike enjoyed being so close to the arena from the classroom and that the climate control was excellent in Amy Countryman.

We will need to see about recruiting Scribes for the L-Program session to be hosted at Maffitt Lake July 28-29. Some of L participants coming from distances will have a difficult time convincing someone to come as a scribe for them. Will send out an email to our list.

Membership:

Current number of members: 122. Did not get a big blast of people signing up to be members prior to Cornhusker Classic

Publicity:

281 people recieved the last 4 emails sent out by NDA.

The 2018 Handbook has been distributed.

Junior:

Trying to think of a way to bring all the Junior riders together. Thinking about a pizza party or something of that nature during Schooling Show Championships.

Considering re-ordering some of the NDA apparel. Sunshirts were very popular.

Western Dressage:

No report, as Tornado in Cass County detained Kathy Lewis. Kathy does however report via text that her family and creatures are safe.

Awards:

No report.

Old Business:

None

NEW! Business:

Have been contacted by State 4-H to sponsor the State 4-H show at a rate of \$250.00, this is a \$100.00 increase from years past. Owing to the rather peculiar way in which dressage is conducted at the 4-H State Competition, and the low number of dressage riders who participate at the State show it is suggested we see if 4-H will accept a \$150.00 Sponsorship.

Kathy Hanford Motions to see if 4-H will accept a \$150.00 donation from NDA, Gracia Huenfeld
Seconds the motion. Motion carries.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:51