



# NDA Board Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2014

## Attendees

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### Board Members Present:

- Katie Miller, President
- Briana Bartlett, Vice President
- Melissa Ward, Secretary
- Tish Gade-Jones, Treasurer
- Tillie Jones, Junior Representative
- Dara Liss
- Jane Fucinaro
- Kathy Hanford
- Laura Stueck

### Board Members Absent:

- none

## Call to Order

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President Katie Miller called the annual meeting to order at Parker's Smokehouse in Ashland at 7:30 pm.

## Officer Reports

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**President:** Katie thanked all NDA members for coming, and then thanked Briana, Lisa Van Stratten and Parker's Smokehouse specifically for making the banquet possible.

**Vice President:** No report.

**Secretary:** No report.

**Treasurer:** Tish reported that there is \$9,139.55 in the main NDA account, and \$3,432.71 in the show account, bringing NDA's total account balance to \$12,572.26. This marks an overall loss of \$7,606.82 in the year since the 2013 annual meeting.

Most of this loss took place in the area of Competitions, due to a decline in attendance at the Cornhusker Classic and the Schooling Show Championships. There was some loss (less than \$500) in Education, due to the investment of booth materials and educational flyers for the International Horse Show that will be used year after year. Otherwise, educational events like the Trailering Clinic and the David Marcus Clinic made a small profit. Some loss was sustained by the year-end banquet, but will be offset by the proceeds from the same event once the silent auction and membership revenue is processed, so overall numbers should climb slightly before the year is out.

## **Committee Reports**

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**Membership:** No report.

**Competitions:** No report.

**Awards:** Kathy, Laureen Van Norman and Karin Nilsson presented the 2014 year-end awards. Rider awards, horse awards, schooling show series medals, qualified rider certificates, and special awards were handed out to NDA members.

**Communications:** No report.

**Publicity:** No report.

**Fundraising:** The silent auction took place over the course of the evening, and raised \$2,019 for NDA. Katie thanked everyone who made donations, and all our sponsors.

**Equipment Management:** No report.

**Education:** Heidi reported on behalf of the Education Committee, describing the success of NDA educational events over the course of the year, including the awards informational session with Sandie McConnell, the trailering clinic with Jamie Carman, and the David Marcus clinic. The education committee looks forward to more great events in 2015.

**Junior/YR:** No report.

## **Old Business**

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None.

## **New Business**

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The annual election to fill vacant spots on the NDA board took place prior to the awards distribution. Candidates for 2015 board members-at-large included: Jane Fucinaro (seeking reelection), Heidi

Helmer, Laureen Van Norman, Gracia Huenefeld, Angie McClelland and Emily Johnson. Candidates for junior representative included: Chloe Brinson, Jenae Tilford and Becca Barry. A written vote to elect general board members was held by all present members; Jane, Heidi, Laureen, Gracia and Emily were elected, joining incumbents Dara Liss, Melissa Ward and Kathy Hanford. The newly elected 2015 board conferred to determine which board members were seeking an officer position. As there were no contested offices, a hand vote by all present members was held to confirm the officer positions and the new 2015 NDA Board of Directors was introduced:

- Melissa Ward (President)
- Jane Fucinaro (Vice President)
- Heidi Helmer (Secretary)
- Kathy Hanford (Treasurer)
- Jenae Tilford (Junior Rep.)
- Gracia Huenefeld
- Emily Johnson
- Dara Liss
- Laureen Van Norman

## **Next Meeting Scheduled**

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The next meeting will be determined by the new board and communicated to the membership as soon as possible.

## **Adjournment**

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Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Melissa Ward  
NDA Secretary, 2014