



# NDA Board Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2016

## Attendees

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### Board Members Present:

- Melissa Ward, President
- Jane Fucinaro, Vice President
- Heidi Helmer, Secretary
- Kathy Hanford, Treasurer
- Ashley Duran, Junior Representative
- Kathy Lewis
- Gracia Huenefeld

### Board Members Absent:

- Laureen VanNorman
- Judy Seward

### NDA Members Present:

- Michaela Schieffer
- Jennifer Rawlinson
- Carley Knapp
- Angie McClelland

## Call to Order

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President Melissa Ward called the September meeting to order at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln at 6:43 pm.

## Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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The August 2016 NDA meeting minutes were reviewed. Kathy Hanford moved to approve the minutes. Heidi seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

## Officer Reports

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### President:

No report.

**Vice President:** Jane provided the vice president's report. Price points for the banquet were

discussed. Adults will be \$24/person (over age 10) and \$14.50 (10 and under).

Jane will also ask Tillie Jones if she would be willing to compile a slideshow for the event.

**Secretary:** No report.

**Treasurer:** Kathy Hanford provided the treasurer's report. She asked the board what the financial support would be for the 2016 USDF Convention attendees. It was decided to discuss this in Old Business.

The Main Account balance is \$5733.49, and the Show Account balance is \$8689.59.

Kathy Lewis motioned to approve the treasurer's report, Jane seconded. Motion carried.

## **Committee Reports**

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### **Membership:**

Angie reported there are no new members this month, no new horses. She also agreed to remain the Membership Committee chair in 2017.

### **Competitions:**

Jennifer Rawlinson provided the Competitions Committee report. NDA certificates awarded in 2016 at the Annual Banquet may be used for the Schooling Show Championships.

Contracts for the 2018 Cornhusker Classic judges and technical delegate have been sent out. Anne Sushko has agreed to remain the secretary for the upcoming Cornhusker Classic shows.

Schooling Show Championship rules were discussed. Non-professionals may share horses, but not in the same levels, and the horse must be shown in consecutive levels.

The ease of entering the Schooling Show Championships and organizing the show needs to be streamlined going forward, especially for the show secretary and manager.

The Paddock has donated gift certificates for the Schooling Show Championships, and volunteers are needed.

### **Awards:**

Melissa Ward provided the Awards Committee report on behalf of Lauren. Ribbons have been ordered.

### **Publicity:**

Melissa and Michaela provided the Publicity report. The next Contact will be the September/October issue. This issue will include Year end Banquet registration. The November/December issue will include the barn and sponsor highlight.

The email report: 233 subscribers on the email list, the Contact enews performed very well.

Melissa reported that she had received a quote for a booth at the World Cup in 2017. The cost is prohibitive for NDA to undertake. Melissa has spoken with Anne Sushko about a possible Region 4 booth. Melissa will be following up with Anne about this possibility.

Melissa has received an inquiry about helping set up an "educational" booth at the 2017 World Cup. This educational booth would provide information about the history of riding disciplines. Volunteers

would be needed Wednesday-Sunday. There is some concern as to the availability of volunteers for this undertaking. A suggestion was also made to see if USDF might be interested in this endeavor.

### **Fundraising:**

Gracia provided the Fundraising Committee report. She is starting to plan the silent auction, with help from Casey Blum. Gracia also informed the board that they will need a new Fundraising Chair for 2017.

### **Equipment Management:**

No report.

### **Education:**

Jane and Kathy Lewis provided a report from the Lynn Palm Clinic. The event came in on budget and was well received.

Gracia mentioned that she had spoken with Anne Sushko about 2017 educational opportunities for the juniors. They hope to have a junior event held during the 2017 World Cup.

NDA continues to plan on hosting an "L" program in 2017. Angie is going to start formalizing a committee in October. Melissa will be sending Angie a list of people interested in helping with the "L" program.

### **Junior/YR:**

Ashley cancelled the movie night due to lack of participation. She is currently looking for help with providing breakfast at the upcoming Debbie McDonald clinic.

Email and Facebook were mentioned as ways to encourage junior participation.

### **Western Dressage:**

The committee was unable to meet during the Lynn Palm clinic. They plan on meeting in October to plan events for 2017.

## **Old Business**

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The board wishes to send Jennifer Rawlinson to the USDF Convention for the Competition Management session. Kathy Hanford moved to cover financial costs for Jennifer to attend the competition, in the amount equal to travel, hotel, and per diem used for the GMO delegate. Gracia seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.

## **New Business**

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Discussion was carried out as to how to encourage NDA members to attend the 2016 USDF Convention in St. Louis. The group agreed that \$175 registration fee x 4 (total \$700) be awarded via drawing to NDA members who are interested, with one additional registration auctioned off at the year-end silent auction. Those interested should submit their names to Heidi by October 10. The drawing will be held at the October 10 NDA board meeting.

Requirements to qualify for the drawing: 1. Must be an NDA member in 2017. 2. The registrant

must pay for the registration and be reimbursed. If there are not four applicants, or one of the recipients is not able to attend the convention, and NDA board member(s) will then have the opportunity to be placed in a drawing to be held at a later date.

Heidi moved to cover the cost of five (5) USDF Convention registration fees for this purpose. Gracia seconded. There were none opposed, and the motion carried.

Melissa will let Anne Sushko know that NDA is encouraging NDA member participation in the USDF Convention.

## **Next Meeting Scheduled**

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The next meeting will be October 10, 2016, 6:30 pm at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln, NE.

## **Adjournment**

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Kathy Hanford moved to adjourn at 8:31pm. Heidi seconded. Meeting adjourned.

## **Post Script**

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**September 23, 2016:** An email discussion took place among the board on September 23 about the upcoming benefit show for Dara Liss, which applied for NDA recognition. Kathy H. moved to waive the \$25 recognition fee for this benefit show as a donation to the cause. Jane seconded. None opposed. Motion passed.

**October 5, 2016:** An email discussion took place among the board on October 5 to determine whether or not competitors earning scores at the NDA-recognized Nov. 5, 2016, "We Love Dara" Dressage Show would have to be registered 2016 members, or if they could join as 2017 members only (as the membership year does not begin until Dec. 31). Kathy H. moved that any new members who joined before the show would be considered 2017 members, and scores from the show WILL count toward their year-end awards and Schooling Show Championships qualifying scores. Judy seconded. None opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:

Heidi Helmer, NDA Secretary