



NDA Board Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2024

Scooters 70th and Pioneer Blvd.

Zoom Option

Attendees

Board Members Present:

- Karen Stricklett, Secretary
- Kathy Hanford, President
- Jen Rand-Weaver, Vice President
- Jena Vogt
- Linda Smith
- Laureen Van Norman
- Darian Kauk, Jr. Representative

Board Members Absent:

- Sara Loseke
- Carrie Cross, Treasurer

NDA Members and Guests Present:

- Jennifer Rawlinson
- Amanda Percival, Western Dressage
- McCallister Smith, Western Dressage, Guest
- Julie DeBoer, Western Dressage, Guest

Call to Order

President Kathy Hanford called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The February 12, 2024 NDA meeting minutes were reviewed. Jen Rand-Weaver moved to approve the minutes with the following corrections under the Fundraising Section - Jena Vogt has agreed to serve on the Fundraising Committee and had talked to Tillie Jones about fundraising issues. Darian seconded the motion with the changes. Motion carried. Minutes were approved with corrections.

Officer Reports

President:

Kathy attended the Stillwaters NAYC and it was well done but problems were reported with respect to hearing the clinician, Anne Cizaldo. Also, there were supposed to be chaperones at the event. The participants expected a lecture, but there was no lecture during the lunch break. USDF asked for rides to and from the airport and to and from the hotel. Those who provided transportation will be reimbursed for mileage. Comments about the clinician were very positive. There is an interest in having her return to do a clinic and/or as a Judge.

Vice President:

No report from the Vice President

Secretary:

No report at this time

Treasurer:

Checks need to be sent to Carrie. Still waiting to get paperwork back from Sara so Carrie can finish opening up the checking account and accessing the credit card. A credit card is needed to purchase the Arena letters ASAP.

Committee Reports

Membership:

Angie McClelland is handling membership and horse registrations. According to Carrie there are 52 members and it is expected that the number will increase as show season approaches. Kathy will be at the Spring Fling Dressage Show in Lincoln at the Sandhills Global Event Center on April 20th and will be recruiting new members. Judge is P.J. Koehler.

Competitions:

Jennifer Rawlinson reported – judges are all lined up for the upcoming CC schooling show and rated shows.

Schooling Show Championships and “Fix a Test” will take place at the Sandhills Global Event Center in Lincoln. The Championships will take place on Saturday, September 14th and on Sunday, the 15th the Judge, Marie Maloney, has agreed to offer a Ride a Test (Fix a Test) clinic to those who would like to have help and professional feedback about their Saturday rides.

New dates for other events will be posted on the Website and on Facebook. Jennifer Rawlinson needs to purchase the Arena letters; there was a discussion about the credit card. Carrie reiterated that Sara has to sign off on the accounts so that bills can be paid and deposits made.

Concessions will not be provided by Urban this year, but they will put us in touch with someone that they use. At the May 19th Schooling Show, juniors will manage the concessions. Juniors are trying to raise money for NAYC.

Darian is not doing NAYC this year. The next NAYC meeting will take place in March but not sure of the date.

Awards:

Jen Rand-Weaver reported that she had a meeting with Kathy and Carrie about the Awards.

Competitions will be purchasing the mugs and caps at cost to use as prizes at the CC shows. Sponsorships for the Awards are needed. Will read names at the show. Jen Rand-Weaver will hand out ribbons for the schooling show and Kathy will hand out ribbons at the CC I and II. Will have teams at the CC shows for juniors and adult amateurs. There will be an awards ceremony and competitors' party. The 55+ class will be added to the shows and Carrie will be updating the scoring book for this additional class.

Publicity:

Carrie Cross and Carla Rogowsky will be managing Website updates. Carrie Cross completed the first issue of the Contact for 2024. Well done and very professional!

Fundraising:

Jena Vogt and Carrie are on this committee. They will be managing items for schooling shows and the calendars. Raffles at the CC I and II – did that in 2022 and made \$400 on that. \$1.00 per ticket and 6 for \$5.00. Name and phone number and email address or red tickets. If not members of NDA, this may help with recruitment.

New Horse Blanket will be donated by Kathy. Calendars will be picked up at the NDA banquet in November.

Sponsorship packages provide the most dollars in terms of fundraising. Thus far, Jane Fucinaro and Dr. Black with NEVC have purchased sponsorship packages. Jena Rand-Weaver and Carrie will work on the sponsorship form. Goal is to raise \$3,500 through Fundraising efforts. Competitions committee oversees the Classic sponsorships.

Equipment Management:

Ken Timmerman – no report

Education:

Kickoff event on Saturday, March 16th, has been advertised on the Website, Facebook and via email. This will take place at the First Presbyterian Church from 10:00 to 1:00 with presenters from Purina (Libby Michaud), The Dressage Foundation, Kathy Hanford and a demonstration of how Magnawave can help both horses and riders by Heather Trumble. No charge to attendees other than encouraged to bring a dish (chili or soup) to share with the group.

Junior/YR:

Discussed NAYC experience and having the clinician, Anne Cizaldo, return to Nebraska for a clinic.

Volunteer:

Karen will be creating the Sign Up Sheet with the help of Carrie and the links will be provided in the Contact, on the Website and distributed via mail chimp to all current members. If necessary, Karen will be making phone calls as we get closer to the show dates. Most likely towards the end of April.

Western Dressage:

Lyn Palm Clinic must register by May 1st dates are in June. List of people in Western Dressage is needed and will be sent to Carrie, McCallister and Amanda. Send email to all western dressage riders in the past about the upcoming clinic. Julie DeBoer discussed WDAA as sponsoring the CC schooling show. USDF requirements are steep so didn't pursue that option.

Old Business

None to discuss at this time.

New Business

Putting together a written proposal for events to be approved. Carrie can prepare a form for a clinic – costs and benefits and review for approval by the Board. There are 12 caps let - 6 red and 6 blue. A number of mugs available for prizes. Ornaments will be given away at the Awards banquet.

Safesport Committee - Ad hoc committee with Kathy, Linda Smith and Jen Rand-Weaver.

4-H Sponsorship – discussed this – let them use our arena at no cost. We sponsored the trophy for Western Dressage in the past but will not be able to afford to do that this year. Jennifer will work with Kate Pulec the 4-H extension person to sort out the details as to what support NDA can provide this year.

Virtual Dressage Shows – Jennifer sent us information to review – two options. They count to WDAA points – Dressage Shows online – have different options. Fundraising could look into it.

Jennifer will send to Jena Vogt.

Linda Smith question about doing more communication through Gmail – fewer Board blasts – there is another program called GroupMe. Darian can set it up for us. Need to check to see if we can vote via email. Can amend the bylaws if needed.

Next Meeting Scheduled

The next meeting will be on April 1, at 6:00 pm at The First Presbyterian Church in Lincoln, NE.

Adjournment

Laureen moved to adjourn at 7:30. Darian seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:32.

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen L. Stricklett

NDA Secretary