



# **NDA Board Meeting Minutes**

## **June 17, 2024**

**Gere Library Room #2, Lincoln, NE**  
**6:30 to 8:00 PM**

### **Attendees**

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#### **Board Members Present:**

Karen Stricklett, Secretary  
Kathy Hanford, President  
Jen Rand-Weaver, Vice President  
Linda Smith, Board Member  
Darian Kauk, Jr. Representative  
Sara Loseke, Board Member  
Carrie Cross, Board Member

#### **Board Members Absent:**

Laureen Van Norman  
Jena Vogt

#### **NDA Members Present:**

Mike Smith  
Amanda Percival

### **Call to Order**

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President Kathy Hanford called the meeting to order at 6:42 PM.

### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

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The NDA meeting minutes from the May 13<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting and the May 21<sup>st</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup> Special Meeting were reviewed and discussed. Carrie made a motion to approve as written and Linda seconded. The minutes were approved.

## Officer Reports

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### President:

The USDF Clinic at Coda Cavallo is coming up the weekend of June 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Saturday will be a day of auditing, learning and observation. Sunday will be a day of riding by participants and clinicians. Starting time on Saturday is 8:00 AM. The cost is \$100.00 which will include handouts, light breakfast items and a catered lunch. The next Instructor/Trainer Development Dressage Seminar will take place at Coda Cavallo Dressage on October 19-20.

There has been a request from 4H for monetary donation to cover an annual sponsorship from NDA. It was decided that our donation will be letting them use the arena at no charge.

### Vice President:

No report

### Secretary:

No report

### Treasurer:

Financial status reports with breakdown of income and expenses from the Cornhusker Classic and the Cornhusker Schooling show were provided and discussed.

Excerpt received subsequent to the meeting from Kathy Hanford provided the following up to date information:

Cornhusker Classic: Total expenses - \$11,880.27; Total income - \$9,169.30; **Loss** - \$2,710.97

Schooling Show: Total expenses - \$1,255.00; Total income - \$1,860.00; **Profit** - \$605.00

Main account addition from concessions/raffles/merchandise sales:

Schooling Show: \$236.00; Cornhusker Classic: \$226.00; Total income main account: \$462.00

## Committee Reports

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### Awards:

Nothing to report.

### Competitions:

Mike and Jennifer Rawlinson met to discuss competitions and Mike presented the following information at the Board meeting:

#### Cornhusker Classic Schooling Show:

As noted above, this was a profitable show.

#### Cornhusker Classic Show:

Mike reported that we lost money primarily due to refunds to those who cancelled after finding out about the change of venue. However, on a positive note, we brought in more riders due to the Opportunity classes. Not sure what to do about next year. Need to make a decision at the next

meeting. Due dates are July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mike explained that historically the Cornhusker Classic Show has not been very stable. One of the reasons why attendance is poor is that our market area is very sensitive to distance. Also, when showing at the Lancaster Event Center, some horses were injured in the footing there and that is one of the reasons why the venue was changed.

#### June 9<sup>th</sup> Clinic at Stillwaters

The clinic was successful, and NDA made a profit of \$140.00.

#### Schooling Show Championships and Ride-a-Test

September 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> at the Sandhills Event Center – MPA will be the show ring. Stalls on the opposite side of P-2 and warmup is at P-3. Sharing the space with another show. Contract will be \$2200. Should be able to make a profit. Judge will be Marie Maloney – will be a Large R Judge by the time of the show.

Recommendations: Raising the competition recognition fee from \$25.00. What are other GMO's charging for recognition fee? Fee to rent the arena is \$75.00. Discussed increasing that to \$150.00.

Question: Why do we have to feed the volunteers? Response: To thank them for their service and reward willingness to volunteer during the events that are sponsored by NDA.

Linda made a motion to research what other GMO's are charging for Competition Recognition Fee and then make a recommendation to the Board. Karen seconded the motion. Motion was carried. This would be for the 2025 show season.

It was recommended that NDA raise the arena rental fee from \$75.00 to \$150.00. Sara made a motion to that effect and Linda seconded the motion. This would also be for the 2025 show season. All agreed to the rental increase and the motion was carried.

#### **Education:**

Karen pointed out that there are many available opportunities this season through other events in our area and barn offerings. Nothing specific has been set up for an NDA sponsored educational event at this time.

#### **Finance Committee:**

Discussed the May 2024 Budget Numbers – made a few corrections.

#### **Fundraising:**

Sponsorships for classes at the Schooling Show Championships and for the Newsletter are available to bring in additional funds. Another fundraising event presented by Jena and Carrie was a yoga class for riders offered in the fall/winter at Carrie's church.

#### **Membership and Horse Registration:**

As of this date, we have 94 total members.

#### **Publicity:**

Carrie is working on the Newsletter, but she needs content to put the newsletter together. One idea is to publish Competition Results in the newsletter. Barn Showcase for Providence Farm or Trainer Profile would be a good addition. Article on thanking volunteers for their help at the NDA shows. Karen agreed to provide a short piece about volunteers and how integral they were to the success of the Cornhusker Classic and the Schooling Show this year.

### **Volunteer Committee:**

Karen will begin lining up volunteers for the Schooling Show championships. Will send out an email to previous volunteers the first of August.

### **Junior/Youth:**

Apply for Grant for next youth clinic. Adult representative on the committee is Jen Rand-Weaver. Fundraising for that group is being explored. Darian noted that a percentage of sales can be donated from a local business such as Chipotle. It was also noted that individuals must be NDA members to participate in the NDA sponsored Junior/Youth programs.

### **Equipment Management:**

Ken Timmerman continues to be in charge of the NDA trailer and its content.

### **Western Dressage:**

Lynn Palm Clinic in Fremont is scheduled for June 22 – 25. Amanda Percival reported that they have 40 rides for the clinic so far.

## **Old Business**

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Ad Hoc SafeSport – place holder

## **New Business**

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Communication via website emails falling through the cracks

Charging a fee for advertising NDA recognized clinics on social media and the website

USEF contacted Linda and Mike about doing a clinic at their barn on October 19<sup>th</sup> – something about a talent scout. Once they get further information about this, they will share it with the Board. It should be noted that this date would conflict with the October 19 and 20 USDF Instructor Training program at Coda Cavallo in Omaha.

## **Next Meeting Scheduled**

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The next meeting will take place on 7/8/24 at 6:30 at the Gere Library Room #2 in Lincoln.

## **Adjournment**

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Jen moved to end the meeting and Linda seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen L. Stricklett

NDA Secretary