



NDA Board Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2024

Gere Library Room #2, Lincoln, NE

6:30 to 8:00 PM

Attendees

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

Laureen Van Norman, Board Member

Jena Vogt, Board Member

Board Members Absent:

Carrie Cross, Treasurer

NDA Members Present:

Jennifer Rawlinson

Call to Order

President Kathy Hanford called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes from 7/8/24 meeting were reviewed and discussed. Jena moved to approve the Minutes and Jen seconded to approve the Minutes as written. Minutes were approved as written by the Board.

Officer Reports

President:

Kathy Hanford reported on the NAYC where she was a volunteer. The combined team was from three different regions. NDA member Claire Tucker was the only Junior representing Region 4.

Vice President:

Jen Rand-Weaver – provided more details regarding the Awards Celebration under her Committee Report.

Secretary:

No report

Treasurer:

Not present will send a report out tomorrow

Committee Reports

Awards:

Jen Rand-Weaver is waiting to find out what funds we have for the awards celebration. Not sure about the venue (Carrie's church) at this point. May end up looking at other options. Perhaps having it at Stillwaters. Still planning for Saturday, November 9th as the date of the celebration.

Competitions:

Jennifer Rawlinson and Kathy Hanford – Schooling Show Championships and Clinic the next day. Marie Maloney may be able to stay at Linda and Mike's house.

Judges and TD have been hired for the 2025 Classic. Nina Denman will be our TD and Anne Sushko will be the show secretary.

Judges for the Cornhusker Classic will be Gwen Ka'awaloa and Sue Kolstad.

Applying for USDF Grants and TDF for the Angela Jackson Clinic

Schooling Show Championships – Facebook and Website – get the word out.

Laureen will get information to Karen to prepare a volunteer sign up sheet.

Kathy is the official show organizer for the Cornhusker Classic 2025 and will help Jennifer Rawlinson.

Tentative dates: May 17 – 18, 2025 at Quail Run.

Education:

Junior/Young Rider clinic with Angela Jackson – Chef Award at NAYC. Reached out to Kathy and offered to provide a junior clinic for us. Available November 16th and 17th. Two choices for the clinic – Gracia Sass at Legacy Dressage or Laura Stueck at Stillwaters. Discussion of the different options. Stay with host at someone's house – perhaps Jami Kment. \$125.00 a ride – 8 rides a day; 16 rides total. Will give one ride to a deserving student. Will target Jr/Yr. Must be 21 or under. Must be NDA members.

Discussed the application process and how to choose riders. Rider dinner will be offered at Jen's house.

Finance Committee:

Sara and Kathy will meet and work together to clean up the account balances and show account. Sara needs her files so she can answer questions about finances. Need access to NDA financial records. All of Sara's documents should be on the NDA Google Drive. NDA pays for QuickBooks – inexpensive for nonprofit clubs. Will bring a plan back to the Board next month at the September meeting.

Fundraising:

Linda and Jena met and discussed ideas about fundraising. Jena updated the letter to upload to the website. Discussed different members packages. NDA needs to track things better and establish better communication. Sara does have Joanna's spreadsheet from 2022. Sara tracked it in 2023. Sara has all of those spreadsheets and will share those with the Board.

Idea of making banners for sponsors and personalizing each one. We need to fulfill our obligations to sponsors. Need to nurture sponsors over time and recognize them at shows, etc. Please send ideas or edits so the letters can be sent out in September. Open ended letter sponsor can choose amount. Jena is offering to pay for a PO Box – two keys – so that the mail can go to one location. Decided to add a donation option to the membership application.

Discussed Silent Auction at the end of the year. One idea was to forgo Silent Auction and instead raffle off two to three high dollar items. Will look into the idea of raffling of a few large items. Will use the Goldfish bowl drawing concept again.

Membership and Horse Registration:

One new horse and one new rider. 95 members now.

Publicity:

Newsletter has been completed. Jen has offered to assist with social media. Carla Rogoswky is still available to help keep the website updated.

Volunteer Committee:

Karen will begin lining up volunteers for the Schooling Show championships. Sent out an email to previous volunteers and will set up the Sign up Genius.

Junior/Youth:

Darian would like to do an online auction for the Jr/Yr group. She recommended that we have a committee of Junior riders to participate in food fund raisers. Runza and Yogurtini are other options. Darian reported a profit of \$94.64 from the Chipolte fundraiser. Next time, she would appreciate more help and participation from the Board and/or other NDA juniors/young riders.

Equipment Management:

As far as we know, Ken Timmerman continues to be in charge of the NDA trailer and its content. This needs to be verified.

Western Dressage:

No report.

Old Business

Ad Hoc SafeSport – place holder

New Business:

NDA still owes Linda for the 2023 convention. Linda reported that Anne Sushko said that she needs to be paid, as it is in the Bylaws. She can use part of what we owe her for sponsorship. This matter was discussed as an option and Linda was receptive to the idea.

Next Meeting Scheduled

The next meeting will take place on September 9th at 6:30 at the Gere Library Room #2 in Lincoln.

Adjournment

Jen moved to end the meeting and Linda seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen L. Stricklett

NDA Secretary