

**Nebraska Dressage Association
August Board Meeting**

Prepared and submitted by: Margo Hamilton

Misty's Steakhouse in Havelock
August 13, 2018

Members present:

Jane Fucinaro	Kathy Lewis	Richard Higgins	Miya Higgins
Angie McClelland	Diane Fucinaro	Jennifer Rawlinson	Gracia Heunefeld
Margo Hamilton			

Meeting called to order by Jane Fucinaro 6:35 pm

Motion to approve minutes from July Meeting made by Angie McClelland, Seconded by Kathy Lewis. Minutes from July meeting approved.

President's Report:

Kathy Hanford would like to be considered for our GMO delegate at USDF Convention in Utah this winter. Board agrees Kathy is more than qualified to represent NDA.

Discussion of the General Membership Scholarship to attend USDF Convention. Recipient must be a member of NDA in good standing. There should be examples of volunteering for NDA or plans to volunteer at NDA events. Candidate should detail how they would benefit from attending USDF Convention/what would they learn.

-Is there a better way to develop a culture of volunteerism in NDA?

-We have received the Scholarship Report from Bess Binfield after her attending the Missy Fladland clinic. Kathy Hanford will send out remains of scholarship to Bess

-NDA received a Thank You note from Anne Cashmere who was the winner of the dressage competition at 4-H State show.

Vice President: in Absentia

Looking for suggestions/help in regard to decorations and centerpieces for the banquet. Boots with flowers were very popular last year.

Secretary: No report

Financial:

Delivered by Kathy Lewis, member of the finance committee. The Finance committee meeting was held. Everything has been entered into Quickbooks online. All categories have been coded so it will be quite simple for a new treasurer to take over. The features in Quickbooks will make comparing year to year financial reports far more simple. Kathy Lewis volunteers to assist our new treasurer in familiarizing them with Quickbooks program.

Motion to approve the Financial report as submitted by Kathy Hanford made by Margo Hamilton, seconded by Gracia Heunefeld. Motion carries.

Junior:

Miya has been developing some ideas for how to make Schooling Show Championships special. Designed a ribbon with a blank center that can be written on like a letter. Thinks it would be cool for Juniors and all riders to write a "ribbon" for someone who has made an impact on them. Could be awarded at lunch break.

Miya reminds everyone that if they have not paid for their NDA apparel or if they have not picked up their NDA apparel they need to do so ASAP.

Considering doing an alternative project to the slideshow at banquet. A photobook? Board discusses that this is great idea, alas it will be difficult to pull off in enough time. Plus we are able to share the NDA slideshow on the Facebook page, so for this year, continue with the Slideshow.

Membership: No change in membership since July

Competitions:

Schooling Show Championships:

-Do we want to replace stick horse class from last year with a Lead Line class instead? Board agrees.

- Jennifer Rawlinson really likes the ribbon idea, thinks we can have people come to show office area, and get a cookie while they fill out their ribbon. She will work to make that happen.

2019 Show Season:

-Working with all the various schooling show organizers to collaborate about judges to avoid overlap of judges which tends to contribute to low numbers as those who have shown in front of a judge won't do so again while trying to qualify for Championships. It is suggested that we be proactive about this issue and develop an email list of all the show organizers so everyone can communicate more easily. Jennifer will send out an email to all the show organizers and get this project rolling.

-For 2019 we need 2 USEF Lite/WDAA approved shows so that our NDA Western Dressage Riders are able to qualify for awards. Should NDA try to organize those 2 shows so there is not an overabundance? Another issue for the show organizer email.

--Kathy Lewis points out that those riding for WDAA points and awards want to ride in as many WDAA shows as possible.

Region IV: Shows in the region having issues filling their shows occurring later in the summer. It would seem once people are qualified for Regionals they cease showing. Perhaps we can discuss this issue at USDF Convention. What are other disciplines doing to encourage showing throughout the year? Several other sports use a points system. Perhaps adding incentives?

Awards:

Discussion of what sort of prizes we should give out to go with NDA horse of the year trophies? Considering some art works and other custom items. Awards committee will meet to discuss options.

Publicity:

No report

Fundraising:

No report

Equipment:

No report

Education:

The Youth Riding clinic is planned for November 10-11 at Stillwaters Equestrian Academy. Kat Chamberlin will be back. We will apply for a Violet Hopkins scholarship in an attempt to keep the costs low for the attendees. We will offer private and semi-private lessons.

L-Program: $\frac{2}{3}$ of the way finished with this program for the year. Hope to have better luck with show attendance at the last show.

-It has been suggested that we host a "r-Program" judges training which is a bit more simple to pull off than the L-program. USDF is taking over the r program from USEF. More research is going to be done into the new requirements. There will be an email vote following the conclusion of this research to see if we are interested in moving forward with an r program.

Western Dressage:

Kathy would like to have a Western Dressage Committee meeting soon.

Volunteer:

We will need volunteers for SS Championships. We will use same system as we have for Classic.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Omaha Equestrian Foundation is beginning to plan another dressage show for 2019, similar to last year. Owing to organizational difficulties NDA will not play a large role in the organization of the Local Day show, unless NDA Members are directly benefiting from the show.

Kathy Lewis motions to adjourn meeting. Miya Higgins seconds the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.