



NDA Board Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2024

Gere Library Room #1, Lincoln, NE

6:30 to 8:00 PM

Attendees

Board Members Present:

Karen Stricklett, Secretary

Kathy Hanford, President

Jen Rand-Weaver, Vice President

Sara Loseke, Board Member

Laureen Van Norman, Board Member

Jena Vogt, Board Member

Board Members Absent:

Darian Kauk, Jr. Representative

Linda Smith, Board Member

NDA Members Present:

Jennifer Rawlinson

Call to Order

President Kathy Hanford called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the 8.12.24 meeting were reviewed and discussed. Jena moved to approve the Minutes and Laureen seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as written.

Officer Reports

President:

Kathy wants to thank Sara for stepping in for Carrie as Treasurer until the end of the year. Carrie has resigned from the Board. There will be three vacancies to fill this year.

Vice President:

Jen Rand-Weaver and Kathy have discussed the Annual Meeting and Awards Celebration which will be held on November 9th at Stillwaters in the Morning Star Barn. Trying to figure out prices and determine a budget for the event. Jen needs a head count of attendees that were there last year. Sara will provide that information to Jen. In 2023 the costs came to \$1554.89. This includes engraving and rosette fees. There are plans to do a Silent Auction again with donations from each of the Board members requested. Last year 42 people sent in RSVPs for the annual meeting and "banquet".

Secretary:

No report

Treasurer:

Sara is hoping to have everything in order for the Annual Meeting. Sara recommended that the Board consider a three-year term for the Treasurer with a Vice Treasurer to shadow the Treasurer at some point. Sara stated that, based on her experience as Treasurer, she believes that we need more continuity for the Treasurer position. It was agreed that the Board would reimburse Linda once Sara has balanced everything, hopefully by the October Meeting. It was recommended and agreed that the Board will not worry about the Main Account owing the Show Account \$2000. This will be taken off the books.

Committee Reports

Awards:

Kathy is in the process of organizing the awards and Jen is assisting her with this process. Kathy has requested that trophies be returned to her so that she can arrange for engraving, etc.

Competitions:

Jennifer Rawlinson and Kathy Hanford presented an update on the Schooling Show Championships and Marie Maloney clinic. Due to limited signups for the Sunday clinic in Lincoln, there were some changes made to the clinic schedule.

The Schedule for the Schooling Show Championships will be 8:00 to 2:00 on Saturday with 16 riders and 32 horses. Marie will start the clinic after that with three riders. There will be a full day clinic at Coda Cavallo in Omaha on Sunday. Marie will stay with Linda on Friday night and Diane will house Marie on Saturday night.

Need volunteers for arena set up at 2:00 on Friday and tear down on 2:00 on Saturday.

Education:

Nothing to report other than to encourage everyone to attend the Marie Maloney Clinic – free to auditors and very reasonable price to participants. There are ample opportunities for education through clinicians coming to barns this fall and online courses, training offered by the USDF. Coda Cavallo is hosting the next USDF Instructor/Trainer Development Seminar in Omaha on November 19th and 20th. For more information or to sign up to audit, please visit the USDF website.

Finance Committee:

Sara will be providing a full report once she has had time to update the books and prepare financial reports for the October meeting and Annual Meeting in November.

Fundraising:

Jena and Linda Smith are on this Committee – there was a discussion about offering one big raffle item and silent auction items to bid on. Item ideas include smoker, grills, iPods, big cooler. Linda has stamps to mail out the letters. Jena needs “in design” to work on sponsorship letters and forms so that those can be mailed out soon.

Membership and Horse Registration:

95 total – nothing new to report

Publicity:

Jen is working on the Social Media – knows how to do email blasts. Needs passwords to log into Instagram and Facebook and plans to contact Meta to request assistance with this task. Carla has been helping with posting information on the main NDA Web account.

Volunteer Committee:

Need help for arena setup on Friday at 2:00 – Karen will send out a note to the membership. All other positions have been spoken for and there will be several “floaters” available that day to step in as needed. Karen will not be there on Friday but will be there all day on Saturday.

Junior/Youth:

Darian has given Jen some items that she has solicited for the Junior Clinic. Most of the Auction website has been set up and is ready to go. Jen has room for 20 items but as of now has split what Darian gave her into 16 items. The leftover tee shirts (Weekends are for Horse Shows) will be used and Kathy has donated another browband.

The Junior Clinic will be with Angela Jackson on November 16 – 17. It will be held at Stillwaters – Morning Star Barn. There will be no cost to use the facility. Stillwaters will have 4 stalls available for those coming in from out of town. Locals will need to haul in each day. Kathy presented a budget. Angela has agreed to stay at a hosted member’s home to help with the cost.

Jen will submit a grant to USDF for the Junior Clinic. Even though it is noted that the grant must be submitted “at least” 75 days before the event, it is worth a try.

Equipment Management:

Ken Timmerman. Ken did not get a spare for the trailer yet. Still need that.

Western Dressage:

No report

Old Business

Jennifer can send letters to her office this year. Discussion of PO Box using that for all mail. Did check with Raymond, NE for a PO Box – Jena can get it and scan mail if needed. Cost for PO Box – separate main from show accounts. Fee \$182.00 per year. For all mail. Paperless for all bank mail. Mailing address can be anything.

For PO Box – Jena will cancel the Raymond PO Box and put Sara back on the checks – Sara and Kathy

will handle the new one. In the meantime, send to Sara's PO Box in Bennett, NE. Need deadline for memberships – forms will be mailed to Sara for now.

There was again discussion regarding the need to consider making the Treasurer position a three-year term –may require a change in the bylaws. When the Treasurer is in and out, this causes problems with continuity within the organization.

Discussed the possibility of having someone with bookkeeping experience available to assist the Treasurer.

New Business

Ad Hoc SafeSport – place holder – will get more information about that hopefully at the next convention.

Next Meeting Scheduled

The next meeting will take place on October 7th at the Gere Library Room #1 in Lincoln. Annual meeting will take place on November 9th at Stillwaters. Details to follow.

Adjournment

Jena moved to adjourn, and Lauren seconded. All were in favor and the meeting ended at 7:33 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen L. Stricklett

NDA Secretary