

Nebraska Dressage Association 2020 Annual Meeting  
Zoom Conference Call  
11/14/20  
Submitted by Secretary Jane Fucinaro

*Board Members Present:*

Melissa Ward  
Margo Hamilton  
Lana Erickson  
Jane Fucinaro  
Mia Newman  
Heidi Helmer  
Gracia Huenefeld  
Michaela Schieffer

Meeting called to order 1:06pm

**President's Report:**

Melissa welcomed everyone to the first ever virtual annual meeting. 2020 has been chalked full of firsts for NDA. The Board and organization has been forced to make many different changes and adaptations. Melissa thanked everyone for participating in the awards deferral to 2021. She continued on by addressing NDA's renewed focus on education for 2020. Unfortunately all planned events were shut down due to Covid. The new board will have challenges in 2021 to adapt to socially distanced dressage events, competitions and education. NDA will see many opportunities for volunteers in different committees: awards, competitions, fundraising, education. Volunteering is the lifeblood of NDA, the dressage community is why we give back. Melissa expressed that it is important for the community to understand that NDA volunteers are tired, and that they need help from new people and fresh perspectives. She sent a heartfelt appreciation to all out going board members and committee chairs.

The USDF Convention was supposed to be hosted in Omaha this December, but is now entirely virtual and FREE! She encouraged all to register and attend meetings, especially the Region 4 meeting.

**Vice President's Report:**

Margo thanked everyone on the board and all members. She looks forward to the challenges and surprises that 2021 will bring.

**Secretary's report:**

Jane had no report.

**Financial:**

Lana led the review of the 2020 budget. It is no surprise that the numbers look quite a bit different overall in light of a difficult year. NDA has managed to hold strong and not put ourselves in a bad position for 2021 due to the careful and thoughtful planning years prior. There were many creative and innovative fundraisers this year, including handmade masks sewn by Kathy Hanford. Membership numbers look very good, maybe even slightly above

normal. The National Convention line item was added previously this year as part of NDA's sponsorship for the Welcome Party for USDF Convention, which was to be hosted at the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha, in co-sponsorship with Region 4. The income shown is actually a wash due to NDA paying Region 4 for our portion of sponsorship, then being reimbursed, as the whole event was cancelled.

There is also a new line item for Western Dressage that was added in 2020, it recognizes the important part that WD plays in our NDA community.

There was an error on the October report that listed awards expenses at \$429.70, when in actuality it should have been \$269.70.

There is an outstanding competition expense of \$3522 that was not shown on this report due to a mix up with the mail. That will be added in, which will push us farther in the red. Some of that will hopefully be made up with incoming memberships, but Lana believes we can expect to end the year around \$4,000 in the red.

The main account balance is \$4,662.64

The competition account balance is \$14,000.28

Jane motioned to approve the 2020 financial report, Michaela seconded. None opposed, motion carried.

#### **New Business:**

*Election took place via online poll.*

##### **Election results are as follows--**

1 year term: Carrie Cross

2 year term: Mary Ellen Ducey

2 year term: Sheila Purdum

3 year term: Mel Policcichio

3 year term: Christine Walker

3 year term: Shan Lawton

Junior (1 year term): Mia Newman

##### **Returning to the 2021 Board--**

Lana Erickson (term expires in 2021)

Michaela Schieffer (term expires in 2021)

The new Board appointments are:

President: Carrie Cross

Vice President: Michaela Schieffer

Secretary: Mel Policcichio

Treasurer: Lana Erickson

**Old Business:** No old business.

**Awards Series:** Margo announced results for the Virtual Schooling Show awards series.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:46pm.

*Submitted by: Jane Fucinaro, 2020 NDA Secretary*