



NDA Annual Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2015

Attendees

Board Members Present:

- Melissa Ward, President
- Jane Fucinaro, Vice President
- Kathy Hanford, Treasurer
- Heidi Helmer, Secretary
- Jenae Tilford, Junior Representative
- Gracia Huenefeld
- Dara Liss
- Emily Johnson
- Laureen Van Norman

Board Members Absent:

- None

Call to Order

President Melissa Ward called the annual meeting to order at Parker's Smokehouse in Ashland at 7:39 pm.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The 2014 Annual Meeting minutes were presented by Melissa. Tish Jones motioned for approval of the 2014 minutes, Linda Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Officer Reports

President: Melissa reported that 2015 has been a very successful year for NDA. The membership is the highest it has been in recent history (125 members). Many clinics were held locally and in the area in 2015. The juniors were very active with several events through the year. Educational events included the First Aid event, Trailering clinic, and a very successful USDF Region 4 Clinic. The competitions were also active with the Cornhusker Classic, schooling shows, and schooling show championships.

Melissa announced that Angie McClelland will be the membership chair beginning in 2016.

Melissa announced that Michaela Schiffer will be editing the Contact in 2016.

NDA is also pursuing holding an "L" program in Region 4 in 2017.

Vice President: Jane thanked the membership for attending the banquet, and their support.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Kathy provided the financial report for 2015. Financials are improved for 2015, making up for losses sustained in 2014. Revenue has increased in membership income and competitions revenue. The account balances as of November 3, 2015, are: Main - \$10,411.67, and Show - \$6,666.04.

Education Report

Jane Fucinaro provided the education report. Plans are being made for a spring education event at Hillcrest pertaining to lameness issues. Also, Janice Dulak will be in Nebraska in April for a Pilates for the Dressage Rider event.

Old Business

Proposed clarifications were provided to the membership prior to the meeting, and at the meeting. Amy Blum gave explanation for the proposed clarifications, including western dressage additions and changes.

Amy Blum also provided information clarifying the upcoming Schooling Show Championships regarding two competitors wishing to ride the same horse. If two competitors wish to ride the same horse in the Schooling Show Championships, these competitors may share a horse, as long as one of the competitors is not a trainer.

New Business

Proposed by-law changes (regarding the election/appointment of officers, and the approval of annual meeting minutes) had been distributed to the membership prior to the meeting, and were available for review at the meeting. Suzanne Eggert asked that a small language modification be made to the election/appointment bylaws. With this modification, a motion was made by Amy Blum to approve these bylaw changes. Linda Smith seconded. Motion carried.

The annual election to fill vacant spots on the NDA board were held. Candidates for the 2016 board members-at-large included: Casey Blum, Kathy Lewis, Donna Michelson, and Judy Seward. Candidate for junior representative is Ashley Duran. A written vote to elect general board members was held by all present members. Kathy Lewis and Judy Seward were elected. Ashley Duran was elected junior representative. The 2016 board conferred to determine which new board members would be interested in officer positions. There were no contested offices, and after a hand vote by the members, the board for 2016 was introduced:

- Melissa Ward, President
- Jane Fucinaro, Vice President
- Kathy Hanford, Treasurer
- Heidi Helmer, Secretary

- Ashley Duran, Junior Representative
- Laureen VanNorman
- Gracia Huenefeld
- Kathy Lewis
- Judy Seward

Awards Presentation

Kathy Hanford and Laureen VanNorman presented the 2015 year end awards. Rider awards, horse awards, schooling show medal series medals, qualified rider certificates, and special awards were handed out to NDA members.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Heidi Helmer, NDA Secretary 2015