

October Board Meeting Minutes October 10, 2016

Attendees

Board Members Present:

Melissa Ward, President
Jane Fucinaro, Vice President
Kathy Hanford, Treasurer
Ashley Duran, Junior Representative
Judy Seward
Kathy Lewis
Gracia Huenefeld

Board Members Absent:

Heidi Helmer
Laureen VanNorman

NDA Members Present:

Angie McClelland

Call to Order

President Melissa Ward called the October meeting to order at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln at 6:37 pm.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The September 2016 NDA meeting minutes were reviewed. Kathy moved to approve the minutes. Judy seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Officer Reports

President:

For 2017, Melissa will not be running for the Board again, but she'd like to propose being Committee Chair for a new Publicity Committee. All in attendance thought that was a good idea. Melissa encouraged people to start brainstorming ideas of who to ask to run for the Board.

GMO Awards: Casey Blum got honorable mention for her photo. Website got honorable mention. Newsletter article is still waiting to be decided.

4H Dressage Award: We approved of the 4H Dressage awards but forgot to vote. Jane moved to approve the payment of the 4H Dressage Award at the Lancaster County Fair.

Melissa is planning on bringing another NDA Basket to the USDF Convention.

VOTY and President's Award are in discussion by the Board. Two names on table are Ken Timmerman and Sheila Purdum. Other names were Katie Fink, Jennifer Rawlinson, though

Jennifer has been awarded these two awards before. It was decided that Katie Fink will be awarded with Volunteer of the Year. Melissa will continue thinking about the President's Award.

Proposed by-law changes will need to be submitted to membership within the next nine days. Both proposals revolve around the USDF Convention. Thinking about NDA sending "at least one member" and changing the per diem rate to the government rate.

We'd like to see historical cases of reimbursing NDA Membership costs or partial reimbursement of time for Show Managers to see if there's something we can do for our Show Managers' time.

Vice President:

Tillie has only received two photos for the end of the year slide show and asks if we can publicize the request for photos again.

As of this meeting, we have 26 people in attendance. Will look into a sheet cake from HyVee.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer:

We are doing well. The net is \$256 for the budget for the year, but the membership will majorly increase in November at the Banquet.

The Schooling Show Championships: we got \$500 worth of Certificates at the SCC. That "expense" should maybe come out of Awards in the budget next year.

We have scholarships from Jami and Kate, but need to hear from Sandie McConnell on her report.

Show account 13,574.42

Main account 9,309.53

Jane moves to approve the Treasurer's Report, Kathy Lewis seconded

Committee Reports

Membership:

Angie reported there are three extra members. YTD: 138 members total. She's starting to get people sending in their Membership for 2017.

Competitions:

No report.

Awards:

Kathy has entered 380 scores compared to 280 in 2015. She has sent numbers to Laureen to double check. Laureen is collecting trophies.

Publicity:

233 subscribers to email list. Nothing unusual to report.

The Contact: We would like to increase the budget for newsletter to \$1,000 at the rate of \$200/issue to be released quarterly in 2017, with an option of another newsletter special edition.

Kathy Lewis motioned to approve this offer and Gracia seconded.

Trade Show update: Melissa responded to Jackie from World Cup, and we shared dilemmas with staffing and costs. Melissa pointed her to USDF for their educational information. Melissa hasn't heard back from Anne about a Region 4 booth.

Fundraising:

Casey will be helping Gracia with the Silent Auction. They are working towards collecting items from different area businesses.

We are still looking for a Fundraising Chair.

Equipment Management:

Jennifer Rawlinson wanted to bring several things to our attention. We have been borrowing mounting blocks for years. NDA needs two 3-step mounting blocks. Can we allocate some funds towards purchasing these? The lock to the equipment trailer is getting rusty (just a padlock), and we will need to replace that, too.

Kathy moved that we allocate funds for two mounting blocks and a new lock for the trailer. Jane seconded.

Education:

Jami Kment has sent in her scholarship report, it will go into the Contact.

Angie McClelland is getting things organized with the L Program Committee to take steps forward with arranging Part One of the L Program. She is assuming we will have 6 months of lead time for the organizing part of this.

Jane will continue to serve on this Committee for next year.

Suggestions are open for low-cost programs, but the L Program will be the main focus for 2017.

Junior/YR: No report.

Western Dressage:

Kathy has sent out a survey to pick a date to meet in the last week of October for the Western Dressage Committee for 2017 planning, including awards, and WDAA Approved Competitions. Sheila did send Kathy a proposal for State 4H Horse Show to add in Western Dressage. Ideas for Western Dressage awards will be need to be submitted before March for the handbook.

Old Business

Grants for attending the USDF Convention, the drawing was conducted for the four people to attend: Sandie McConnell, Sundance Miller, Porsche Miller, Jessica Koelsch. Melissa will notify the winners tonight, and follow up with their registrations and travel arrangements.

New Business

No.

Next Meeting Scheduled

The next meeting will be November 19th, 2016, at the Ashland Country Club.

Adjournment

Jane moved to adjourn at 8:10PM. Judy seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jane Fucinaro, VP