



NDA Board Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2021

Attendees

Board Members Present:

- Carrie Cross, President
- Michaela Shieffer, Vice President
- Lana Erickson, Treasurer
- Mel Policicchio, Secretary
- Mia Newman, Junior Representative
- Christine Walker, Member at large
- Mary Ellen Ducey, Member at large
- Shan Lawton, Member at large
- Sheila Purdum, Member at large

Board Members Absent:

- All present

NDA Members Present:

- None

Call to Order

President Carrie Cross called the July meeting to order via Zoom at 6:34 pm.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The June 2021 NDA meeting minutes were reviewed. Shan moved to approve the minutes. Michaela seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Officer Reports

President: The NDA had a few scholarship applications. Two of the junior riders are only asking for \$50 each, while junior rider Addison Miller is asking for funding for lessons with Jane Fucinaro, however, scholarship money is not traditionally allocated for regular lessons. If this rule is part of the bylaws, we would need to vote to update this. Upon review, it was determined this is an acceptable use of scholarship funds, as Jane is not Addison's regular trainer.

For this year's junior scholarship applicants, we will award \$50 each to the juniors attending the western dressage clinic (Gorham sisters) and \$180 to Addison Miller. The full AA scholarship will go to the sole qualified applicant, Melissa Succop. The open scholarship will be split, with an award of \$500 for Jane Fucinaro and \$220 to PJ Koehler.

Vice President: Michalea has put together a list of banquet items and the board brainstormed donation items for the banquet. Please note that each board member is expected to donate something for the banquet.

Secretary: Mary Ellen has volunteered to fill Mel's role as secretary and Facebook administrator. We will need to put a call out for board members, as the NDA may not have fewer than 9 board members. It should also be noted that Lana and Michaela's terms expire at the end of the year and neither plan to run for the 2022 term.

Treasurer: The current account balances are as follows: Main \$7,390.81; Competition:\$21,119.26; PayPal \$729.42

The bounced checks from last month have been rectified and all of the refunds have been issued. Our membership income has now exceeded what we had budgeted for. Note that we have \$2700 set aside from the L program for education, not competitions. Shan moved to approve the report and Mel seconded. Motion carried, report approved.

Committee Reports

Membership: The NDA gained 8 members this month.

Competitions: We are still waiting for an edited, final invoice from the Event Center, so it remains uncertain if we broke even on the Classic. However, Christine believes we very nearly broke even.

Christine put out a poll to members about the Classic, learning that about 66% of respondents said they would consider competing at the Classic in 2022 and about 65% of respondents competed in the schooling show. There were generally favorable responses for the management, facility, and competition footing.

Shan obtained a rental quote from Quail for a Classic location option. Note that should the show be held at Quail, additional stalls would need to be set up to accommodate the typical size of the Classic. The committee recommends that the 2022 Classic should be held at the LEC and that Quail should be considered for 2023.

Christine contacted Quail about having the 2022 schooling show championships at their venue to help ease into dressage shows at a traditionally hunter jumper venue.

Awards: Sheila completed the trophies for the Classic and has the schooling show championships awards ordered.

Publicity: Mary Ellen will take over Facebook from Mel.

Fundraising: No report.

Equipment Management: We are trying to replace one of our arenas, though Jennifer R. can give more information about the arena which needs to be replaced. The arena which needs to be replaced is not easily stored and has been damaged over the years. This is estimated to be about a \$3,000-\$4,000 investment, with an additional ~\$700 cost for new dressage letters. Some local trainers have offered to buy the old arena should we decide to sell it.

Education: The third Jennifer Kotylo clinic was held a few weeks ago and the committee has completed a Dressage Foundation application for a grant for the Dolly Hannon clinic. This was

approved and we were granted \$1200 for the clinic. The committee is meeting this weekend to continue planning for the clinic, which is being held as a symposium, meaning there are only two riders per level.

Junior/YR: Today was the third zoom seminar for college prep, attended by both Newman girls.

Mia has also been working with Heidi to plan the junior clinic. Shan has volunteered to teach the junior clinic.

Mia has also considered a junior social event, like a trail ride, but we know from last year that education events are better attended.

Volunteer: No report.

Western Dressage: No report.

Old Business

Carla continues to work on the website. The board will also discuss adjusting the verbiage on our show bills regarding the helmet rules for western and english competitors alike.

New Business

The board did not have any new business to address.

Next Meeting Scheduled

The next meeting will be Monday, August 9 at 6:30 via Zoom.

Adjournment

Shan moved to adjourn at 8:18 pm. Christine seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by: Mel Policicchio, NDA Secretary