



NDA Board Meeting Minutes

Oct. 10, 2022

Board Members Present:

- Carrie Cross, President
- Mary Ellen Ducey, Secretary
- Joanna Gale, Vice President
- Sarah Loseke, Treasurer
- Sheila Purdum
- Karen Stricklett
- Christine Walker

Board Members Absent:

- Shan Lawton
- Ashley Stecklburg

NDA Members Present:

- Kathy Hanford
- Angie McClelland

1. Call to Order

Call to order to 6:30

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes, Sept. 9, 2022, approved

3. Officers Report

President:

- Round Table discussion planned, 6:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 14
- Invite sent to entire membership list
- Five people running for NDA Board for next year
- No junior rep at this time, by-laws state adult could take this position, voice of junior reps
- Banquet at Quarry Oak, post on website, update registration, money can be sent to

PayPal. Joanna G. noted volunteers and fundraising is a theme, focus on arena funding at tables. Carrie has claimed H and L for Honey and Louie. Food will be sandwiches and cookies. Carrie volunteered to get cookie trays. Auction items can be provided to Joanna.

- USDF Convention: Kathy Hanford may be attending as region 4 delegate. Christine is attending as GMO delegate.
- Carrie provided recommendations for volunteer of the year and presidents awards.
- Consider a shorter annual meeting agenda. Online election for board.

Vice President:

- No report

Secretary:

- Thanks to Carrie for taking minutes during absence.

Treasurer:

- Option to use PayPal exists for banquet registration. Sara confirmed the email associated with the account.
- Entries from schooling show championship will need to be deposited and then will run an updated report.
- OEF, Joanna will reach out.

4. Committee Reports

- **Membership:**
 - How many renewals happen at the banquet? The banquet is a good option for getting membership. Perhaps an option would be using credit cards? Can that be added to banquet registration? Sara will look into this option.
 - Update name for membership on the website.
 - Is there an option to consider a change to membership fee for juniors?
- **Competitions:**
 - Recognized shows require adults and a L judge.
 - Lancaster County open show with 4H? Helmet requirements must be met.
 - Schooling Show Championship judge is scheduled. An event with the judge will follow in April.
 - Contracts are updated and will be sent out to judges who have confirmed. These will be sent through competitions email.
 - April/May arena cleanup needed.
- **Awards**
 - Score reports due Oct. 5, extended to Saturday Oct. 8. Kathy H. combined scores. Verifying memberships, horse memberships, with scores can be a challenge.

Question related to horses that are not lifetime members and rider membership. Currently numbers are 31 riders, with 5 horses not registered. Lifetime registration for horse and rider membership is required at time of event and receiving scores according to by-laws. Change to this requirement is a change of by-law and wouldn't take place until next year.

- Occasionally members apply and register a horse, fill out paperwork, but do not complete the payment.
 - We want to really welcome new members and support them through the process. We need to balance this with the bylaw requirements. We are volunteers doing our best. We need to provide information and help trainers provide information to new riders.
 - Budget will be down slightly.
 - May want to use awards email account.
 - **Publicity:**
 - **Fundraising:**
 - **Equipment Management:**
 - **Education:**
 - **Junior/YR:**
 - **Volunteer:**
 - **Western Dressage:**
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5. Old Business:

6. New Business:

- Volunteer coordinator position is open. Thanks to Diane Fucinaro for her dedicated work for NDA.
- NDA recognizes an increased challenge in regard to volunteers. Too few are available. What are the best ways for NDA to resolve the need for volunteers and increasing their number.
- Is it necessary for the Cornhusker Classic to no longer be an NDA volunteer event? Does NDA focus on quality educational events? How can individuals be encouraged to do more than events at their own barn.
- One question relating to the NDA show accounts is if there has been a profit from the show account transferred to the NDA as an organization. Generally, all profit remains with the show accounts, with profit remaining as well. The Cornhusker Classic does not raise funds for NDA and its mission.
- The by-laws do not preclude the use of the Classic proceeds for NDA education opportunities or organizational support.
- NDA no longer has volunteer base to run Cornhusker Classic in 2023.

- Approach Urban Enterprises via NDA show committee.
 - Consider other opportunities for NDA base membership.
 - Sheila P. presented a motion to the board that NDA will not hold or run the 2023 Cornhusker Classic. Christine seconded the motion.
 - Discussion included multiple considerations including the lack of volunteers (as demonstrated by Schooling Show Championships); challenges related to funding; a need to step back and rethink the event; efforts to understand the volunteer needs associated with the event and the amount of time required from volunteers to create success; it is somewhat apparent that it is less fun to coordinate and participate than in the past; takes some focus away from educational goals of NDA.
 - Board voted: 7 in favor.
 - As a next step, Christine and Shan, as members of the show committee, will approach Urban Enterprises, as one option, to consider hosting the event. Would like to keep a rated show within region 4. How does this impact USDF rules and NDA? Carrie will contact Jennifer Cusick-Rawlinson to ask specific questions related to this possibility.
 - NDA owns name and logo and will want to use for future shows and events.
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7. Adjournment:

8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting Scheduled

- Banquet, November 13, 2022, 10:30, Quarry Oaks
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Respectfully submitted by: Mary Ellen Ducey