



NDA Board Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2016

Attendees

Board Members Present:

- Melissa Ward, President
- Jane Fucinaro, Vice President
- Kathy Hanford, Treasurer
- Heidi Helmer, Secretary
- Ashley Duran, Junior Representative
- Gracia Huenefeld
- Judy Seward
- Kathy Lewis
- Laureen Van Norman

NDA Members Present:

- Angie McClelland
- Michaela Schieffer
- Jennifer Rawlinson

Call to Order

President Melissa Ward called the August meeting to order at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln at 6:54 pm.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The October 2015 NDA meeting minutes were reviewed. Kathy Hanford noted that the balances documented were not the actual account balances at the time of the October 2015 meeting. Laureen moved to approve the minutes pending the correct account balance documentation. Kathy Hanford seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

The Annual Meeting Minutes from November 2015 were reviewed. Kathy Lewis moved to approve the minutes. Gracia seconded. Motion carried.

Officer Reports

President: Melissa provided a summary of NDA board member duties and voting procedures. A

group photo was also taken to be posted on the NDA website.

Melissa provided a USDF Convention Report with input from Jane and Laureen. They informed the board that they had very good conversations with other GMO's. They were also able to attend several different committee meetings. Pertaining to the Board of Governors (BOG) meeting, the biggest point of discussion was the location of the coming Dressage Finals. The facility in the West had significant drawbacks, and it was decided to keep the Finals in Lexington, KY, until a more suitable west location could be found. The other pressing matter at the BOG meeting was election of Region Officers. Anne Sushko was elected the president of Region 4. Anne is looking for committee members for Region 4 committees. If any NDA members wish to be on a committee, they should contact Anne.

The 2016 USDF Convention will be held in St. Louis, MO. We encourage members to attend, as the convention will be in Region 4.

Melissa, Jane, and Laureen will write a final report from the USDF Convention to be published in the Contact.

Melissa asked the board to consider obtaining Director's and Officer's (D & O) insurance for NDA. This insurance policy provides coverage to the board and NDA in the event of a lawsuit, covering the cost of litigation. Melissa and Jane are in the process of obtaining quotes for this coverage. Laureen moved to pursue obtaining D & O insurance quotes and purchasing coverage. Kathy Lewis seconded. Motion carried.

Vice President: Jane provided a recap of the Year End Banquet. It was well attended, and discussion ensued as to the fact that NDA is outgrowing Parker's. Other options will be investigated, and input is welcome from the membership.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Kathy Hanford provided a report of the 2015 financials. Kathy also provided the 2016 proposed budget for review. The 2016 budget will be reviewed again in February, and approved to the year. The Main Account balance is \$10,859.23. The Show Account balance is \$6,605.10.

Committee Reports

Membership: Angie reported that NDA currently has 56 members. There was discussion as to streamlining the online payment process. Melissa and Angie will look into possible options.

Competitions: Jennifer presented the Competitions committee report. The Cornhusker Classic I & II are planned and ready to go. Kathy Lewis asked about the possibility of NDA hosting a USEF recognized western dressage show. Jennifer will investigate.

Awards: Laureen presented the Awards Committee report. She will be working with the Competitions Committee to determine needs for the 2016 show year.

Publicity: Melissa presented part of the publicity update. She provided an email update summary, and reported that the currently email list numbers 205.

Michaela Schieffer provided sample pages of the upcoming Contact. It has been redesigned, and the January/February issue should be out soon.

Melissa asked that members consider volunteering at the NDA booth at the International Omaha May 5-7, 2016. She would like help recruiting people to run the booth this year. We were asked to keep in mind that the World Cup will be in Omaha in 2017, and NDA will have a booth at this event.

Fundraising: Gracia presented the Fundraising Committee update. There are updated sponsorship

levels and packages for 2016.

Equipment Management: Heidi presented the Equipment Management report on behalf of Ken. All is well with the NDA arenas and trailer.

Education: Jane presented the Education Committee report. A Pilates for the Dressage Rider clinic is planned for April 15-17 with Janice Dulak. The education committee is working on organizing this event, and applying for a grant from the Dressage Foundation. The event will be held at StillWaters in Hickman, NE, and mat classes will be in Sprague, NE, at the community center.

Jane also had the opportunity to network with other GMO's at the USDF Convention to plan a collaborative effort for an "L" program. Specifically, Central States GMO is interested in working with NDA. There are two parts to the program, and NDA would host the first part, and Central States would host the second part.

Junior/YR: Ashley reported that she would like to organize a Jr/YR clinic for 2016. She will be working to plan events for the juniors in 2016.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Next Meeting Scheduled

The next meeting will be February 8, 2016, 6:30 pm at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln, NE.

Adjournment

Kathy Hanford moved to adjourn at 8:45pm. Lauren seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Heidi Helmer, Secretary