



NDA Board Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2017

Attendees

Board Members Present:

- Jane Fucinaro, President
- Kathy Hanford, Treasurer
- Miya Higgins, Junior Representative
- Margo Hamilton
- Kathy Lewis
- Judy Seward

Board Members Absent:

- Lauren VanNorman, Vice President
- Heidi Helmer, Secretary
- Gracia Huenefeld

NDA Members Present:

- Angie McClelland
- Michaela Schieffer
- Melissa Ward
- Kim & Rich Higgins

Call to Order

President Jane Fucinaro called the January Meeting to order at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln at 6:40pm.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

The November 2016 NDA Annual Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Judy moved to approve, Margo seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Officer Reports

President: Jane had the board review the scholarship application and date. The scholarship application will remain unchanged, and the application deadline will remain May 30.

Two of the USDF Convention scholarship recipients were unable to attend the convention due to sudden illness. The board agreed to refund them their registration costs, as illness is out of their control. The registration won at the Silent Auction was awarded to Ashley Duran, but she was unable to attend. It was clearly stated in the Silent Auction rules that if an NDA member was unable to go, the funds would be transferred to a board member. Therefore, Kathy Hanford was reimbursed for her registration.

At the USDF Convention, one of the round table discussions included a leadership training retreat. It is felt that this may be a good idea for future NDA leadership, or a similar event to go over by-laws, etc. After discussion, the Board thought it beneficial to host a 'pep rally' for NDA members to review opportunities within the organization such as scholarships, the L Program, volunteer opportunities, and clinics. It would be an open house type setting. Margo agreed to host this type of event at Lincoln Equestrian Center.

Vice President: No report.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Kathy Hanford provided the Treasurer's Report. Kathy Lewis motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Margo seconded. Motion carried.

Kathy Hanford provided a draft proposal for the 2017 budget. Margo motioned to approve the 2017 budget with changes to education and publicity in the income section, and the publicity in the expense section. Judy seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Membership: Angie reported that the 2017 NDA membership is off to a strong start.

Competitions: Jennifer reported that the prize list for the 40th Annual Cornhusker Classic will be out soon. Everything for 2017 and 2018 is squared away except volunteers. The committee will be recruiting volunteer coordinators.

Awards: Jane provided the Competitions Committee report on behalf of Laureen. The Awards Banquet was successful with two new trophies donated. The third level trophy was donated by Tish and Tillie Jones in memory of Boegley's Mauicio. Jami Kment donated a new FEI trophy.

In December, the Esprit de Corps 4H Club picked up ribbons from Laureen. They sorted, ironed, and inventoried the ribbons so they are ready for upcoming shows. Their efforts are much appreciated.

An NDA member asked if NDA would consider adding driven dressage awards, and after much discussion, the Board concluded that NDA would not do this at this time.

Publicity: Michaela reported that she is working on the Winter 2017 edition of the Contact. It will include a Region 4 update, board bios, a USDF Convention report, and a scholarship report.

NDA may be sharing booth space with Region 4 at the World Cup.

Fundraising: Margo agreed to become the 2017 Fundraising Chair.

Equipment Management: The tags on the NDA trailer are not up to date. The board will ask Ken about this.

Education: The L Program organization is off to a great start. Venues for the middle session were discussed with HETRA as a suggestion.

Angie McClelland agreed to be the 2017 Education Committee Chair.

Junior/YR: No report.

Western Dressage: Kathy presented the minutes from the October 27, 2016 western dressage committee meeting. Began discussion of 2017 Western Dressage Year End horse awards. Board discussed that these would be for USEF approved shows only. Forwarded to the board a proposal for sponsoring the WDAA approval show fee and assisting with the securing of a TD for the western classes for the Cornhusker class schooling show and Championship schooling show. Kathy will contact Jennifer R. to discuss further.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Next Meeting Scheduled

The next meeting will be February 13, 2017, 6:30 pm at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln, NE.

Adjournment

Judy moved to adjourn at 8:22pm. Kathy seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jane Fucinaro, President, on behalf of

Heidi Helmer, 2017 NDA Secretary