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## 2010 NDA Board

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## Announcement Regarding Membership Renewal Fee Increase

It's that time of year when the leaves are turning color, the show season is coming to an end and it's time to renew your NDA membership. The membership year for NDA and USDF is December 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>.

As many of you probably noticed, the membership fee was dropped for this past year. While the reduced cost covered the basics (USDF Group GMO Fees and Handbook) there was little funding left for other activities. The Trot-to-Tunes clinic was supported by NDA and a grant from the Dressage Foundation. NDA sponsored a booth at the Horse Expo. We also purchased ribbons for the year end awards and some of the trophies required repairs.

Most significantly, as I am sure you are aware from reviewing the USDF Connection, USDF will be increasing the 2011 fee for members. We need to be able to cover that increase as well as have access to additional funds for education, publicity and year end awards. After reviewing our historical budget and preparing a proposed budget for 2011, the Board has voted to raise the membership fee to \$40 for an Individual, \$60 for a Family and \$30 for Junior/Young Rider/4-H.

At NDA, we will continue to strive to provide value for your membership investment. We are currently exploring educational opportunities for next year. We also want to be in a position to offer grants enabling members to participate in special USDF events. We would like to be more actively involved and "visible" at the Expo next year. We are also working with the Dressage Foundation to promote dressage in the Midwest.

The Board is working to provide more educational and showing opportunities for our members while safeguarding the future of our association.

The NDA Board

## USEF Offers Varsity Letter Program

Starting in the 2009/2010 school year, the USEF began recognizing equestrian high school athletes for their accomplishments with a new varsity lettering program. The program is open to all equestrian athletes in all breeds and all disciplines who are enrolled in grades 9-12, are currently USEF members, document a minimum of 100 hours of training and competing, and complete in two USEF licensed competitions. The program runs June 1 to May 31 of each year. Students must enroll in the program. For more information visit the USEF Youth Programs page at <http://www.usef.org/documents/youth/highschoolathlete.pdf>.



Dallas Van Stratten and Her Letter Jacket

As a freshman at Blair High School in Blair, Nebraska, NDA junior member Dallas Van Stratten has earned her High School Equestrian Athlete letter for the 2009/2010 school year. The letter is a special patch from the USEF.



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## **Minutes– NDA Board Meeting**

**May 11, 2010**

President Gillian Howell called the May meeting to order at Bredeaux Pizza in Ashland at 6:45 pm.

**Board Members Present:** Nancy Dostal, Lisa Van Stratten, Gillian Howell, Hannah Brummer, Diana Spaulding and Amy Blum

**Board Members Absent:** Loye Jaeger, Sydney Ash and Karen Stricklett

**NDA Members Present:** Steve Gerdes, Tracie Wang and Casey Blum

Amy Blum moved to approve the April 2010 Board Meeting minutes; Hannah Brummer seconded. Motion carried.

### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

**President:** No report

**Vice President:** No report

**Treasurer:** Diana presented the Treasurer's Report as of 5/11/10. The balance in the main account was reported to be \$8,755.03. The balance in the show account as of 5/11/10 was \$2,826.43. Hannah Brummer moved to approve the Treasurer's Report: Nancy Dostal seconded. Motion carried.

**Secretary:** No report

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

#### **Membership:**

Report submitted by Karen Stricklett via email. As of 5/11/10 NDA has 102 members. A decision was made to not print individual NDA

cards as everyone who is an NDA member is also a group member with USDF and should have a USDF card. If anyone does not have a card they can go to [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org) and print one.

Molly and Karen are working on the NDA handbook and will finish the draft as soon as all sponsorships have been received. As soon as the draft is completed, quotes will be obtained for printing 115 books.

#### **Competitions:**

Steve Gerdes and Tracie Wang were present from the Competitions Committee to discuss final preparations for the upcoming Cornhusker Classic. A discussion was brought to the table about using Pavilion 1 instead of the MPA for our additional warm-up. A conclusion was reached to keep MPA as the footing is better and it is larger than Pavilion 1.

Steve discussed the fact that we had several refunds that were due to competitors and asked treasurer, Diana Spaulding, if we could have enough cash on hand to reimburse competitors instead of writing checks. Receipts would be kept for bookkeeping purposes. Diana approved the request.

The Colby Creek Schooling Show was brought up for discussion. It was noted that we still needed an application from them in order for it to be an NDA-approved show. It was also discussed that although it was a two day show, there was only one judge. It was agreed that we would ask them about having two judges to help people qualifying for end-of-year awards.

**Awards:** No report

**Communications:** No report

#### **Publicity:**

At the 2011 Expo, it was suggested that we get a booth and not a stall.

**Fundraising:** No report

**Equipment Management:** No report

**JR/YR:**

Hannah Brummer turned in her resignation as our junior board member with tonight being her last meeting. She moved that Casey Blum be installed as her replacement until the November elections. Diana Spaulding seconded. The motion carried. Hannah was given a card and gift in appreciation of her service to NDA.

Hannah stated that she ordered 44 apparel items and that most people were picking them up at the Classic Show. Apparel was turned over to Gillian Howell.

**Education:**

A 4-H club in Kearney is wanting to learn more about dressage. Alyssa Storey was suggested as someone who would be interested in going out to

give a one-time lesson for anyone interested in dressage. We also thought it might be a good idea to have a junior member go out and talk to them about the opportunities for juniors in dressage.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Gillian Howell brought up the topic of rewriting the role of the Board of Directors. She submitted a proposal to change the by-laws to reflect this. This matter was tabled until the June meeting.

Amy Blum moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Hannah seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amy Blum (who graciously agreed to take the minutes in Karen's absence)



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## Minutes– NDA Board Meeting

June 8, 2010

President Gillian Howell called the June meeting to order at Bredeaux Pizza in Ashland at 6:40 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Gillian Howell, Nancy Dostal, Amy Blum, Casey Blum, Diana Spaulding, Karen Stricklett, Loye Jaeger, Sydney Ash and Lisa Van Stratten

**Board Members Absent:** None

**NDA Members Present:** None

Sydney moved to approve the May Board Meeting Minutes; Casey seconded. Motion carried.

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

**President:** Gillian will now be handling the apparel orders in the Omaha area, as Hannah has resigned.

**Vice President:** No report

**Treasurer:** Diana presented the Treasurer's Report as of June 8, 2010. The balance in the Main Account as of 6/8/10 was reported to be \$9,661.95. The balance in the Show Account as of 6/8/10 was reported to be unknown at that time due to outstanding checks/expenses from the Cornhusker Classic. Sydney moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; Loye seconded. Motion carried.

**Secretary:** No Report

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

**Membership:** As of June 8th, NDA had 104 members. Karen has updated the Horse Registration List and has sent out Lifetime Horse Registration Certificates to all horse owners. Karen, Molly Pearson and Amy are currently working on the 2010 NDA Handbook and it will be completed within the next two weeks. The Handbook, with the exception of the membership list, will be posted on the NDA website. Hard copies of the 2010 Membership Handbook will be distributed at the July Board Meeting and those that cannot be hand delivered will be mailed out by Stricklett and Associates, Inc.



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There was a discussion regarding increasing the membership dues for 2011 due to increased costs of doing business and the proposed increase in USDF dues for next year.

**Competitions:** Steve Gerdes has resigned from the Competitions Committee and there was discussion about a replacement. It was also felt that show management burnout might be prevented if NDA was able to pay for their time and effort. The option of hiring and/or paying a Show Secretary for next year was discussed.

The application for approval of the Colby Creek Schooling Show scheduled for June 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> was received. Loye moved that the schooling show be approved; Sydney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The application for the Lancaster County Fair show was received. This two day show is scheduled for August 11 and August 12, 2010 at the Lancaster Event Center. Jane Shanahan is Show Secretary. Registration is online through the Lancaster County Fair website. Amy moved to approve the show; Diana seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Schooling Show Championships and Open Show will take place at Christensen Field in Fremont, NE on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. Due to limited schooling show options this year and uncooperative weather, the possibility of requiring only one score to qualify for the Championships was presented; it was agreed that this matter would be decided at the 7/13/10 Board Meeting.

The Cornhusker Classic dates for next year will be May 20 - 22, 2011. The location will be the Lancaster Event Center.

**Awards:** Casey Blum suggested that there be a Junior High Point Award available to Junior Young Riders at the end of the year. Casey and Amy Blum agreed to pursue donations for this perpetual trophy.

**Communication:** The majority of NDA members are receiving the Contact online. Ten members are receiving the Contact via US mail. The 2010 NDA Handbooks will be available for distribution to all members in July.

Molly Pearson is always seeking articles for the

Contact. Board members and NDA members are encouraged to submit bios and photos for publication. Also, if anyone has photos from the Cornhusker, please submit them to Molly for publication in the next issue of the Contact.

**Publicity:** No report

**Fund Raising:** No report

**Equipment Management:** The NDA trailer is located at the Lincoln Equestrian Center. NDA will need new letter cones at some point.

**JR/YR:** Casey Blum is our new Jr/Yr representative. Casey has replaced Hannah Brummer who is enjoying her time in Florida as Heidi Basler's working student. We are pleased to have Casey as Hannah's replacement. Casey discussed several of her ideas including publication of a Junior Section in the monthly Newsletter, fund raising and social events for our Junior members and educational opportunities.

**Education:** Molly Pearson was successful in obtaining a \$600 grant from the Dressage Foundation to help support the NDA sponsored Trot to Tunes Educational Event that will take place at the Elkhorn Equestrian Center on July 23, 24 and 25. For more information, please check out the NDA website or The Contact.

As of this date, no other educational events have been scheduled for this year.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Topics for future discussion include the need to increase membership dues in 2011, the need to find a replacement for Steve Gerdes and future educational events.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Loye moved to adjourn the Board meeting. Casey seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Karen L. Stricklett  
NDA Secretary

Wanted: Board Members/ Committee Members.

We have a couple of positions opening up on the Board this November. The Nominations committee is taking names of members who are willing to participate in these positions. If being a member of the Board is not your thing, we are looking for members to join the committees- we need individuals for the show and education committees amongst others. Just bring your ideas and enthusiasm. Contact a Board member if interested.



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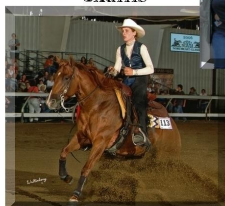


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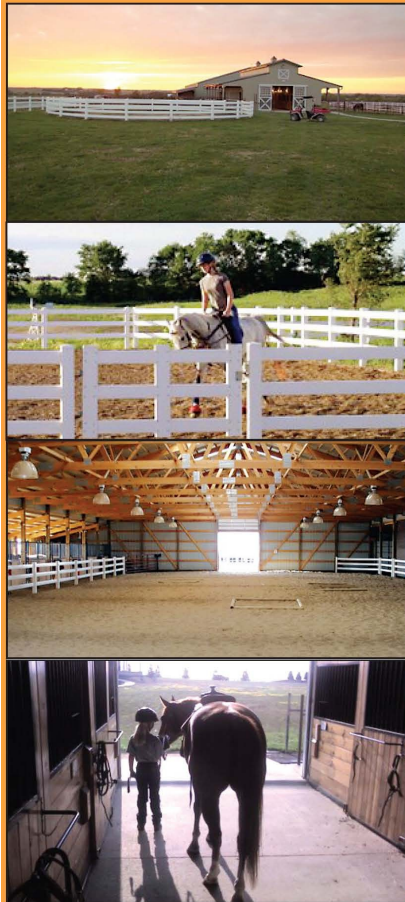


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