



# NDA Board Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2015

## Attendees

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### Board Members Present:

- Melissa Ward, President
- Jane Fucinaro, Vice President
- Dara Liss
- Gracia Huenefeld
- Laureen Van Norman

### Board Members Absent:

- Heidi Helmer, Secretary
- Kathy Hanford, Treasurer
- Emily Johnson
- Jenae Tilford, Junior Representative

### NDA Members Present:

- Angie McClelland
- Jennifer Rawlinson

## Call to Order

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President Melissa Ward called the June meeting to order at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln at 6:40 pm.

## Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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The May 2015 NDA meeting minutes were reviewed. Laureen motioned to approve the minutes. Gracia seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

## Officer Reports

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**President:** Melissa Ward shared a thank you note from Jean Rude about the Region 4 Adult Clinic. The letter complimented the format, hospitality, etc.

Melissa reported that the NDA Handbook is in the process of being printed.

Melissa also reported that NDA By-Laws need wording clarification. Laureen offered to review the "election of officers" section of the By-Laws. Also, approval of the Annual Meeting Minutes language

needs clarification to make the concept of approval more simple. In addition, membership due fees should be reviewed.

**Vice President:** Jane reported that Parkers is booked for the Annual Banquet for November 14, 2015.

**Secretary:** No report.

**Treasurer:** In Kathy's absence, Melissa provided a non-conclusive report, as transactions from the Adult Clinic, Cornhusker Classic, and Event Center are not included in their entirety at the time of the meeting. But it is believed that the budget is in good shape, and we "broke even" with the Classic.

## Committee Reports

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**Membership:** Melissa reported on behalf of Diana that there are 15 new memberships, with 18 total new members. Membership is currently 109.

**Competitions:** Jennifer Rawlinson reported on the Cornhusker Classic. Number of competitors were up across the board. Jennifer provided a sheet of statistics of the past four years. In 2016 and 2017, the Classic will fall on Memorial Day Weekend.

Jennifer stressed the need to advertise the Schooling Show Championships, to be held September 27. NDA needs to let people know how awesome the footing is now (and will be) at the Event Center.

**Awards:** Lauren reported that the High Point Awards for Open/AA/Jr are for NDA members only. The prize list language will be clarified as to minimum score needed to earn the award.

**Publicity:** Jane reported that the most recent Contact is published, and she is working on the next one. Ideas were discussed for material needed/wanted, and what needs to be clarified (i.e. Classified Ads will run for 90 days at a \$5 rate).

**Fundraising:** Gracia reported that 23 of 24 classes were sponsored at the Classic. Gracia is thinking of items for the Silent Auction, and asks all NDA members to be thinking of items.

**Equipment Management:** No report.

**Education:** Jane and Angie reported that the Region 4 Adult Clinic had very positive feedback.

The Trailing Clinic will be held June 27 at MiddleCross Stables. New for this year - adding a horse for loading and unloading education, and providing education as to driving a trailer.

Up coming - an overview of "working through the levels". More info to come.

**Junior/YR:** The Junior breakfast at the Region 4 Clinic was a success. A Juniors Pool Party is being planned for June 26, 4-8:00pm at the Lincoln Country Club.

## Old Business

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None.

## New Business

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The GMO Awards deadline is August 31. NDA should make nominations for:

1. Regional GMO Volunteer of the Year
2. Website Award
3. Photography Award (We will be advertising a photo contest to our members)

A GMO Delegate to attend the USDF annual meeting needs to be appointed by August 31. NDA would like to send two attendees. The USDF annual meeting will be held in Las Vegas on December 15. NDA is financially responsible for a delegate. A Participating Member (PM) delegate must pay their own way. Two delegates attending from NDA will be discussed further at the July meeting.

## **Next Meeting Scheduled**

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The next meeting will be July 13, 2015, 6:30 pm at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln, NE.

## **Adjournment**

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Laureen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm, Jane seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Dara Liss on Behalf of:

Heidi Helmer  
NDA Secretary, 2015