



NDA Board Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2016

Attendees

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

- Laureen VanNorman
- Kathy Hanford

NDA Members Present:

- Angie McClelland
- Jennifer Rawlinson

Call to Order

President Melissa Ward called the April meeting to order at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln at 6:39 pm.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The May 2016 NDA meeting minutes were reviewed. Gracia Huenefeld moved to approve the minutes. Judy Seward seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Officer Reports

President: Melissa Ward provided the President's report. The NDA GMO delegate for the 2016 USDF Convention needed to be chosen. The board decided to send Melissa Ward as the delegate. Further, there are USDF Competition meetings held at the Convention, and the board feels that it would be beneficial to send Jennifer Rawlinson. A formal decision was not made, but will be discussed at the July meeting. Considering the positive financial state of NDA, as the convention date approaches,

another NDA delegate may attend. But this will be discussed at future meetings.

Vice President: Jane Fucinaro provided the Vice President's report. She had distributed the NDA scholarship program guidelines, and the scholarship applications. After board discussion of the applications, a secret ballot was carried out, including two *in absentia* votes from board members Laureen Van Norman and Kathy Hanford. The scholarship for the Professional was awarded to Jami Kment. The scholarship for Adult Amateur was awarded to Sandie McConnell. The scholarship for the Junior/YR was awarded to Kate Rawlinson. Each scholarship is awarded in the amount of \$500 as directed in the NDA Scholarship Guidelines.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Melissa Ward provided the Treasurer's report on behalf of Kathy Hanford. Kathy had provided notes for the board to review concerning the current budget, and a report from the 2016 Cornhusker Classic. The 2016 Classic finished in the black, with positive growth. A comparison was also included, showing gains/losses from 2012-present. The Classic profited \$4,518.

The Main account has a balance of \$10,817.91, the Show account has a balance of \$8,528.56. Jane Fucinaro moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Kathy Lewis seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Membership: Angie McClelland provided the Membership report. As of June 1, NDA has 128 members. Angie also provided a membership trend, which shows a steadily growing membership, with 2016 showing our highest membership numbers on record.

Competitions: Jennifer Rawlinson provided the Competitions Committee report. She thanked Judy Seward for coordinating volunteers, and thanked NDA for their support of the 2016 Cornhusker Classic. There were many positive comments made about the show this year by participants.

Input was asked as to the location for the 2017 Classic, and the board advised the Competitions Committee to continue hosting the show at the Lancaster Event Center, considering the improvements they have made with footing, stabling, and general management of the facility. The 2017 Classic will be its 40th anniversary. The 2017 Classic is currently on the USEF website. Jennifer is obtaining judges for the 2018 Classic.

Jennifer asked that the board should start looking for a co-manager who could work with her for future shows. A USDF Level 3 show requires that a manager have 3 years experience prior to taking over sole management.

Awards: Melissa provided the Awards Committee report on behalf of Laureen. Championship ribbons from the Classic are being mailed to competitors who were unable to get their ribbons.

Publicity: Melissa provided the Publicity update. The email performance was reviewed, with 231 people currently on the NDA email list.

Melissa also updated the board regarding *The Contact*. Michaela is planning on publishing a "show special" edition in early July, with a late July regular issue planned.

Fundraising: Gracia Huenefeld provided the Fundraising Committee report. Lexus of Lincoln is in the process of completing their 2016 Classic sponsorship. It has been a successful year for fundraising.

Equipment Management: Heidi Helmer provided the equipment management report on behalf of Ken. Both arenas have been returned and placed in storage.

Education: Jane Fucinaro provided the Education Committee report. They will meet to write a Pilates

Clinic report for *The Contact* and for The Dressage Foundation. Further, an educational event for the fall will be planned.

Kathy Lewis had contacted Jane in May about the possibility of bringing Lynn Palm to Nebraska for a Western Dressage Clinic. The board discussed this opportunity, and the possibility of NDA helping plan the event. Cost per participant for the event would be approximately \$500 for a weekend. August 13-14 is currently the best upcoming weekend. The board wishes to proceed in making this an NDA-sponsored Educational Event. HETRA may be the site, and Kathy had already asked if the facility would be open to accommodating this event. Once a final budget is arranged and proposed by the Education Committee, the board will vote to approve it.

Junior/YR: Ashley Duran reported that she still had a few NDA chairs available for purchase, and a couple of items for people to pick up.

She is planning a bonfire with movie event open to all NDA members sometime this fall.

Western Dressage: Kathy Lewis reported that she is currently organizing the Western Dressage Committee, with lots of interested parties. The first meeting is scheduled to be held Thursday, June 16, 8pm, via web/Go-to-Meeting.

Old Business

The board discussed having NDA sponsor a State 4-H Award for dressage, in addition to our existing County 4-H sponsorship. The board would like to do this, and Jane will work with Kathy Lewis to arrange the sponsorship. Once the firm cost of this sponsorship is determined, the board will vote to approve it.

New Business

None.

Next Meeting Scheduled

The next meeting will be July 11, 2016, 6:30 pm at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln, NE.

Adjournment

Jane Fucinaro moved to adjourn at 8:14pm. Gracia Huenefeld seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Post-Script #1

On June 20, 2016, Jane Fucinaro followed up with the NDA Board via email on the subject of the State 4-H Dressage class sponsorship (see "*Old Business*"). Firm costs were discussed with the 4-H organization. For \$150 (as we did in 2015), a sponsorship from NDA will provide a trophy for the class winner, a business card ad in the program, and distribution of 550 flyers in competitor bags. An email vote was conducted by the board. Jane moved to sponsor the state 4-H dressage class in the amount of \$150; Kathy Lewis seconded; none opposed; motion carried.

Post-Script #2

On June 21, 2016, the Education and Western Dressage Committees followed up with the NDA Board via email on the subject of sponsoring the Lynn Palm clinic as an NDA Educational Event (see "*Committee Reports*"). Final details were outlined, including date, location, contracts, and budget. The Education Committee requested a \$1,000 budget approval for this event.

An email vote was conducted by the board. Judy moved to approve the 2016 budget increase for the Education Committee in the amount of \$1,000 for the purposes of the Lynn Palm clinic; Heidi Helmer seconded; none opposed; motion carried.

The committees will begin advertising the clinic July 1.

Respectfully submitted by:

Heidi Helmer, Secretary