



NDA Board Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2025

Walt Library, Lincoln, NE

6:30 to 8:00 PM

Attendees

Board Members Present:

Jena Vogt

Kathy Hanford

Linda Smith

Bree Miller

Laureen Van Norman

Diane Fucinaro

Lexie Kment (Zoom)

Board Members Absent:

Jen Weaver

Katie Weaver

NDA Members Present:

Jennifer Rawlinson

Mike Smith

Dave Fucinaro

Call to Order

President Jena Vogt called the meeting to order at 6:31.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes from December 2, 2024 were reviewed and discussed and approved by a vote.

Officer Reports

President: Jena made brief comments on several topics to be addressed in more depth in other parts of the meeting

Vice President: Jen Weaver was absent from the meeting so provided a written report which will appear at the end of the minutes.

Secretary: None

Treasurer: Diane Fucinaro will be taking over as treasurer and chair of the Finance Committee. She and Dave Fucinaro met with Jena, Kathy and Sara to begin the transition.

Committee Reports

Awards: Kathy Hanford will be ordering ribbons for the Cornhusker Classic as there is a discount available for early orders.

The committee met and is working on a document for some revisions of the awards program.

Competitions: Mike Smith reported on the outcome of a recent committee meeting.

No breed show will be offered this year in conjunction with the Classic. We are awaiting a contract from Dan Urban for the use of Quail Run. The dates will be May 17-18. The judges are Gwen Ka'awaloa and Sue Kolstad. Opportunity classes will be offered again this year as they were quite popular last year. They will be available for Intro through second level and will cost \$40 to enter. The Classic Schooling Show will be held at Still Waters and we are awaiting for a date from Laura Stueck. No judge has yet been hired.

The Schooling Show Championship show will be held at the Sandhills Event Center as in prior years. Jennifer has reserved September 6, 2025 for the show. A clinic will be held the following day. Mike Smith will be the show manager.

Education: None

Finance Committee: None

Fundraising: 501(C)(3) letters need to be sent.

Membership and Horse Registration: Angie McClelland is working to get the membership file transferred to USDF. She has ideas for improvement of this process.

Publicity: None

Volunteer Committee: None

Junior/Youth:

Equipment Management:

Western Dressage:

Old Business

Lexie Kment reported that she and Jami made \$700 for scholarship funds in the clinic they hosted at Providence Farm. She suggested the funds be used this year while the purpose is still fresh in our minds. She will help draft an application for members to apply for funds. Jena will look for a template in the NDA archives. The board will determine recipients of the funds. They can be used for clinics or training but not for expenses related to showing.

Ad Hoc SafeSport – place holder

New Business:

Kathy Hanford reported on the USDF convention which she attended on behalf of NDA. The Dressage Finals will be moved to WEC Ohio starting in 2025. The Horse Protection Act goes into effect 2/1/25. It is USDA legislation but will be administered by USDF in relation to dressage competitions. It was agreed that horse abuse which has been prominent in the news would be a good educational topic.

Kathy Hanford officially resigned as treasurer. Linda Smith nominated Diane Fucinaro to be the new treasurer. Kathy Hanford seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Diane and Jena Vogt need to be added to the NDA bank accounts as signatories.

Laureen Van Norman moved to add Diane Fucinaro and Jena Vogt to the NDA bank accounts. Kathy Hanford will also remain on the accounts. Linda Smith seconded the motion and it passed by a unanimous vote.

Jennifer Rawlinson reported that Anne Sushko suggests NDA accept credit card for entry fees so she can disable the use of the paper check. Jennifer will explore using PayPal as well.

Review of Committee Membership:

Awards:

Jen is being trained by Kathy Hanford

Jami Kment

Competitions:

Laureen Van Norman will join

Education:

Linda Smith will chair

Bree Miller

Lexie Kment

Fundraising:

Jen Weaver?

Finance:

Diane Fucinaro is chair

Jena Vogt

Publicity/social media/website

Bree Miller is interested

Jena tabled discussion of the newsletter

Membership:

Angie McClelland

Volunteer:

We need a chair

Western Dressage:

unknown right now

Next Meeting Scheduled

The next meeting will take place on February 10, 2025. We will meet at Bison Industries, 630 L street.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Laureen Van Norman

NDA Secretary