

NDA Board Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2020

Attendees

Board Members Present:

Melissa Ward
Margo Hamilton
Angie McClelland
Heidi Helmer
Michaela Schieffer
Lana Erickson

NDA Members Present:

Jennifer Rawlinson
Sheila Purdum

Call to Order

President Melissa Ward called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM via online Zoom Meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The June 2020 meeting minutes were reviewed. Margo moved to approve minutes, Lana seconded. Motion carried, minutes were approved.

Officer Reports

President: First, Melissa said that the Member Handbook has been updated and posted on the website, with a “last edited” date, in case future changes need to be made.

Secondly, the 2020 USDF Convention will be entirely virtual and free to all USDF members. Omaha has been added back into the rotation of host cities. NDA will still need to decide who will be the GMO delegate for 2020, as voting will still be held at the convention.

Regarding sponsorship of the Virtual State 4-H Show, the 4-H representative asked for a \$100 donation, to be used for rosettes. The board agreed to sponsor dressage prizes for the requested amount.

Vice President: Margo has attempted to contact the Ashland Country Club to determine their cancellation policy (in the case of having to postpone or cancel our Banquet from the original November 15th date), but her calls have not been returned. This decision will be influenced how the Awards Committee handles the rest of the year, and the community's COVID status.

Secretary: No report from Jane.

Treasurer: As of the first of July, the main account has \$6784.66. The show account has \$14,206.68. PayPal has a balance of \$403. Lana reported that she has added an income row for the USDF Convention reimbursements.

Lana continues to work on replacing Tish's information in our Paypal account; receipts will now show "NDA Treasurer" instead of Tish's e-mail address.

Margo moved to approve the financial report, Michaela seconded. None opposed, motion carried.

Committee Reports

Competition: Jennifer reported that the notices have been sent out for the second NDA Virtual Show and two in-person schooling shows coming up. She said that Kathy reported that she has already received a few entries for the upcoming virtual show.

Laureen is working on the Schooling Show Championship prize list, including a small additional facility fee from the Event Center. The qualifications have been modified to allow multiple scores from one judge, as long as they are earned at more than one show.

Junior/Young Rider: No report from Mia.

Membership: Angie reported that NDA has 132 members this year, and we are doing very well considering we are in a pandemic.

Awards: Kathy reported via e-mail that we have enough ribbons and awards in stock for Schooling Show Championships without additional expenditures. She is also working on awards for the next virtual show and virtual show year-end awards.

Publicity: Melissa reported 315 people on the email list. 3 emails have gone out. Melissa has updated the website significantly to accommodate virtual show information and online payment. The calendar has been updated with new shows, educational events, etc.

Michaela discussed the next Contact, to be released before the Trivia Event. She is planning for the next issue to be a Quarantine Issue instead of a Shows issue. She would like to solicit quarantine stories from NDA membership.

Fundraising: Margo would like to do an online auction this fall. She will research auction services and then we will need to start soliciting auction items.

Equipment: Heidi reported that Ken will get the trailers serviced. Cost should be minimal.

Education: The Board reviewed the educational scholarship applications. There were two adult amateur applications and one junior application. There were no open division applications. In the past, when there have not been any applications in one division, the board has considered awarding two scholarships in the same division. The Board unanimously agreed to award scholarships to all three applicants.

The Committee is planning an online Trivia event, tentatively scheduled for August 16th. The event will be free to members, but Lana has added a Paypal option for people to give free-will donations. We would like to advertise that any donations will go to NDA Juniors.

The Committee is also planning to revisit the grooming clinic that had been cancelled in early 2020. We would like to have a series of clinics with topics such as show grooming, and winter body clipping. We envision these to be in person, following the necessary DMEs. We will consider online options if social distancing becomes more of an issue.

We are still on-track for the April 2021 Dolly Hannon Clinic.

Volunteer: No report.

Western Dressage: No report.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

No new business.

Next Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting will be held on August 10, 7:00 pm, via Zoom.

Adjournment

Lana motioned to adjourn, Gracia seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Angie McClelland.