

# **NDA Board Meeting Minutes**

August 10, 2020

## **Attendees**

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**Board Members Present: Melissa Ward, Heidi Helmer, Lana Erickson, Mia Newman, Gracia Huenefeld**

**NDA Members Present: Lauren VanNorman**

## **Call to Order**

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President Melissa Ward called the meeting to order at 7:22 PM via online Zoom Meeting.

## **Approval of Minutes**

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

## **Officer Reports**

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**President:** Melissa provided the President's report. The WDAA World "in person" Show has been cancelled for 2020. Online (virtual) show will be held. Emily Johnson contacted Melissa to let her know that the Central Nebraska Dressage Classic has been cancelled. The USEF has strengthened their guidelines, updating show requirements (this includes USDF shows) and the FEI is also agreeing to these additional requirements.

The Lancaster County Event Center has sent a request to their partners asking for support for the Capitol Levee Proposal which will help subsidize the losses they have

experienced in 2020 due to COVID-19 cancellations. Melissa submitted a letter on behalf of NDA to the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners.

A GMO delegate for the USDF Convention needed to be nominated by the end of August. After discussion, the board selected Melissa Ward to be the NDA GMO Delegate for the USDF Convention.

**Vice President:** Melissa provided the Vice President's report on behalf of Margo. After discussion, Lana motioned to cancel the in-person Awards Banquet event in favor of an online silent auction, election, and annual meeting, with awards coordinated for in-person pick-up—the motion was seconded by Gracia, and with none opposed, the motion passed. (After the meeting, this issue was communicated by email to the absent board members, and there was still unanimous agreement.) Margo has been attempting to reach the contact person at the Ashland Country Club regarding cancellation fees, as a \$250 booking fee has been paid for the previously scheduled NDA Year-End Awards Banquet. She has not received a response.

**Secretary:** No report.

**Treasurer:** Lana provided the Treasurer's report. The report was approved by Heidi and seconded by Gracia.

## Committee Reports

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**Competition:** Laureen provided the Competitions Committee report. The Schooling Show Championships will follow the USEF guidelines and Lancaster County/State of Nebraska directed health measures. A qualified riders' list has been created and requirements to show in the championship classes have been amended to 2 scores from 2 different shows. The committee will create a specific outline of requirements for competitors and participants which may include the option to "jump out" at the event. If competitors and/or participants have concerns regarding the directed health measures and USEF requirements, they can contact the board.

**Junior/Young Rider:** Mia reported that September 12 has been scheduled as a Youth Clinic with Missy Fladland at Middle Cross Stables. Mia will discuss logistics with Angie, Heidi, and Jane, create an application, and start advertising. Mia will promote the event on Instagram.

**Membership:** No change in the roster.

**Awards:** No report.

**Publicity:** Melissa provided the Publicity report. There are 315 on the mailing list. Three emails have been sent regarding the scholarship recipients, Trivia Game, and an update. Melissa has updated the website with show cancellations. There was no Contact update.

**Fundraising:** Melissa provided the Fundraising update on behalf of Margo. She is looking into options for the online auction event.

**Equipment:** Heidi reported that the NDA trailer needs to be serviced and asked the board's approval to do this. Ken Timmerman will arrange for the trailer to be checked at Johnson Iron in Lincoln.

**Education:** Heidi reported that the Education Committee is helping plan the Youth Clinic. The NDA Trivia Event will be held on Sunday, August 16. The Grooming Clinic will be rescheduled.

**Volunteer:** No report.

**Western Dressage:** No report.

## **Old Business**

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No old business.

## **New Business**

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No new business.

## **Next Scheduled Meeting**

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The next meeting will be held on September 14, 7:00 pm, via Zoom.

## **Adjournment**

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Lana motioned to adjourn, Heidi seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Heidi Helmer.