

**Nebraska Dressage Association
August Board Meeting**

Prepared and submitted by: Angie McClelland

Misty's Steakhouse in Havelock
September 10, 2018

Members present:

Jane Fucinaro
Kathy Lewis
Miya Higgins
Kathy Hanford
Heidi Helmer
Angie McClelland
Jennifer Rawlinson
Gracia Huenefeld
Lana Erickson
Ann Ellis
Kayla Schieffer

Meeting called to order by Jane Fucinaro 6:37 pm

Motion to approve minutes from July Meeting made by Kathy Lewis, Seconded by Heidi Helmer.
Minutes from August meeting approved.

President's Report:

Discussion of the General Membership Scholarship to attend USDF Convention. Reminder that the scholarship is being advertised and the deadline for applications is October 1.

Discussion of possible recipients of the Volunteer of the Year Award.

USDF has announced that GMO dues will increase \$4 per person in 2020. The board discussed the effects on our NDA membership dues.

Vice President:

Discussion of the cost of banquet tickets. Heidi will check with the Ashland Country Club regarding per-person costs and report back to the board.

Heidi will also start organizing volunteers for various tasks at the banquet.

Secretary:

No report

Financial:

Kathy Hanford reported that she is figuring out what is still owed to NDA for the Junior Fundraisers.

This year's L Program is currently showing a profit of \$1600, with one remaining session. Kathy stated that they estimate that the program will break even.

Motion to approve the Financial report made by Heidi Helmer, seconded by Gracia Heunefeld. Motion carries.

Junior:

Miya is progressing with her idea for "appreciation ribbons" for Schooling Show Championships. The ribbons have been prepared and will be available in the show office.

Miya reminded the board that she is planning to do a slideshow for the year-end banquet. She will need photos by October 15.

Membership:

No change in membership since July

Competitions:

Regarding Schooling Show Championships, Jennifer stated that they continue to receive many incomplete entries. There was discussion of how we might make this process easier for both competitors and show management.

Judges are in place for the 2019 Cornhusker Classic and Jennifer is now looking for judges for 2020.

Jennifer received word that the Shaggy Show for 2019 has been cancelled.

Jennifer also reported that the Omaha Equestrian Foundation is considering changing its format and qualification requirements for its dressage competition at The International. No firm decisions at this time.

Awards:

NDA-sponsored 4-H high point awards (for traditional and western dressage) will be presented October 4 at the Lancaster County Horse Awards Night.

Ribbons and gift cards for Schooling Show Championships are ready to go.

Sheila Purdum has ordered trophies for the memorial awards that she is sponsoring.

The board has received a request to add an FEI Childrens Award for the 2018 competition year. The board decided not to add the award for 2018 because it had not been included in the

year-end awards listed in the member handbook. However, a proposal can be submitted to add the award to the 2019 year-end awards.

The board agreed that FEI Childrens Test scores can count towards Second Level year-end awards this year.

Publicity:

Kayla reported that the Show Issue of the newsletter will be published in late September and will include Schooling Show Championships results. The quarterly newsletter will be sent out in late October.

Jane stated that Melissa Ward had sent a reminder about the board's social media policy. NDA Facebook posts should be restricted to discuss/advertise only NDA-sponsored events. Melissa will talk about the policy in more detail at a future meeting.

Fundraising:

We have a new sponsor: Sun Valley Landscaping.

Equipment:

New locks have been purchased for the NDA trailers.

Education:

The Youth Riding clinic is planned for November 10-11 at Stillwaters Equestrian Academy. Cat Chamberlin will be back. We received a \$500 Violet Hopkins scholarship from The Dressage Foundation to apply towards the cost of the clinic. We will offer private and semi-private lessons.

Jennifer suggested that NDA sponsor a judges training session for "r" judges at the 2019 Cornhusker Classic. Kathy Hanford made a motion to approve, Angie McClelland seconded. The motion was approved.

Western Dressage:

Kathy is planning to have a Western Dressage Committee meeting September 20.

Volunteer:

We will need volunteers for SS Championships. We will use same system as we have for Classic.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.