



# NDA Board Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2017

## Attendees

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### Board Members Present:

- Jane Fucinaro, President
- Laureen VanNorman, Vice President
- Kathy Hanford, Treasurer
- Margo Hamilton
- Gracia Huenefeld

### Board Members Absent:

- Judy Seward
- Kathy Lewis
- Miya Higgins, Junior Representative

### NDA Members Present:

- Michaela Scheiffer
- Kate Pulec
- Jennifer Rawlinson

## Call to Order

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President Jane Fucinaro called the September meeting to order at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln at 6:39 pm.

## Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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The August 2017 NDA meeting minutes were reviewed. Kathy Hanford moved to approve the minutes. Gracia seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

## Officer Reports

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**President:** Jane provided the President's report. Kathy Hanford will be attend the USDF Convention as the NDA GMO representative. Her expenses will be reimbursed by NDA. Laureen and Melissa have been elected as PM delegates for Region 4. Jennifer Rawlinson will also be attending the USDF

Convention. The budget has \$3500 reserved for NDA to utilize for convention attendance. This calculates to approximately \$750/person.

The 2017 NDA scholarship awards were discussed. The funds had not been used in their entirety. Due to the wording on the scholarship application, it was decided that the wording would be clarified in 2018 to reflect the use of funds as outlined in the submitted budget, and any excess funds would be returned to NDA.

**Vice President:** Laureen provided the Vice President report. The banquet is confirmed for November at the Ashland Country Club. The contract with deposit will be completed, and appropriate pricing approved for member attendance was set at \$17.50/person. Margo will be working on the silent auction. It is suggested that each board member donate an item for the silent auction.

**Secretary:** No report.

**Treasurer:** Kathy Hanford provided the Treasurer's report. Account balances as of the meeting are Main account \$18,888.94 and Show Account \$12,198.91.

Heidi motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Laureen seconded. Motion carried.

## Committee Reports

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**Membership:** Jane provided the Membership committee on behalf of Angie. Membership numbers are unchanged.

**Competitions:** Jennifer provided the Competitions Committee report. Schooling Show Championship entries are being received. All is in place for the show.

Kate Pulek was present for the meeting as the 4H representative, specifically regarding the NDA-sponsored award for 4H dressage. There was a question as to how the award is to be given. The show typically hires an "L" USDF judge for one day of the 4H dressage show, and a local judge for the second day of the show. The NDA sponsored award is awarded to dressage high point. The question was asked as to whether the award needs to stay with USDF recognized judges, or may be awarded to a participant showing under a local judge. Discussion ensued. It was decided that the award would go to high point recipient this year without regard to the judge. Clarification was discussed with regard to 2018. Intro level dressage will be excluded. Jane motioned to approve this clarification, Heidi seconded. Motion carried.

**Awards:** Laureen provided the Awards Committee report. Ribbons have been ordered. The committee asks that all year end trophies be returned to by October 9.

**Publicity:** Jane provided the Publicity report on behalf of Melissa. There are currently 263 people on the distribution list. Website and NDA publications have been submitted to USDF for their awards program.

**Fundraising:** Margo provided the fundraising committee report. She is currently working on the silent auction, and asks that the board members donate items.

**Equipment Management:** Ken plans on taking the NDA trailer in for modifications this fall to facilitate the storage space in the trailer.

**Education:** The education committee has completed plans for the upcoming L program.

The October NDA-sponsored youth clinic was discussed. Jane will find out if Still Waters will charge an arena fee. Participants will be charged \$35 or \$45/day for riding in the clinic. Auditing is free. Jane will draft an application for participants to fill out. The clinic will be filled on a first come first served

basis for NDA members. Consideration will be given as to volunteer participation with NDA.

**Junior/YR:** Jane provided the Junior/YR report for Miya. Extra stick horses have been made for the Schooling Show Championship stick horse contest. Awards for this competition will be made. The competitor "treat bags" have been completed.

**Western Dressage:** See Old Business.

## **Old Business**

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Kathy Lewis had submitted the proposed Western Dressage Year End award changes to the board prior to the meeting. The board reviewed these proposed changes, and Jane will forward to the NDA membership for review prior to the annual meeting in November. Heidi motioned to approve the changes, Margo seconded, motion carried.

Kathy Lewis will be hosting a phone webinar to review western dressage show requirements, especially targeting Schooling Show Championship participation.

Jane reminded the board members and committee chairs to provide job descriptions.

## **New Business**

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Lead line classes were discussed. This was tabled for the next meeting.

## **Next Meeting Scheduled**

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The next meeting will be October 9, 2017, 6:30 pm at Misty's Steakhouse (Havelock) in Lincoln, NE.

## **Adjournment**

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Kathy moved to adjourn at 8:30pm. Heidi seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Heidi Helmer, 2017 NDA Secretary