



NDA Board Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2014

Attendees

Board Members Present:

- Katie Miller, President
- Melissa Ward, Secretary
- Tish Gade-Jones, Treasurer
- Tillie Jones, Junior Representative
- Dara Liss
- Jane Fucinaro

Board Members Absent:

- Kathy Hanford
- Laura Stueck
- Briana Bartlett, Vice President

NDA Members Present:

- none

Call to Order

President Katie Miller called the September meeting to order at Firespring in Lincoln at 7:10 pm.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The August 2014 NDA meeting minutes were reviewed. Jane motioned to approve the minutes. Tish seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Officer Reports

President: No report.

Vice President: Melissa relayed a report from Briana that included the preliminary flyer and registration form for the "Totally 80s" year-end banquet. This will be sent to the membership the week of 9/15/14.

Secretary: Melissa sold two coloring books at Regionals, but received interest from people wanting to buy in bulk for pony camps.

Treasurer: Tish reported that we received a thank-you note from HETRA for being a donating sponsor. Lancaster Event Center still has not billed us for the main facility expenses. The show account contains approximately \$10,000 (not accounting for the outstanding Event Center bill) and the main account contains approximately \$9,000.

Committee Reports

Membership: No report.

Competitions: Jennifer Rawlinson is looking for volunteers for the Schooling Show Championships. An email will be sent out prior to the show.

Awards: Laureen has secured additional gifts from Equi-Spa for Schooling Show Championship winners, in addition to the ribbons.

Tish suggested making the presentation of the year-end awards a grander production at the banquet this year to really honor the participants who work so hard every year. The board agreed and will encourage the awards committee to brainstorm ideas for the awards presentation.

Communications: Katie relayed a concern from an NDA member (via Kathy Hanford) about whether or not *The Contact* was appropriately citing references for articles we re-publish. Carrie Cross will be contacted and this concern will be passed along.

Publicity: Melissa will be printing additional David Marcus Symposium flyers to post at local barns to advertise the upcoming event and providing them to Jane for distribution.

Fundraising: No report.

Equipment Management: No report.

Education: The Education Committee has selected the riders for participation in the David Marcus clinic. There were 11 rider applications, and the 8 selected riders include:

- Samantha Holocheck riding her 8-yo Thoroughbred, Rowdy
- Katie Strack riding her 4-yo Oldenburg, Fiji
- Natalie Truman riding her 16-yo Quarter Horse, Roanie
- Katie Strack riding her 7-yo Haflinger, Staccato De Gerval
- Rachael Boone riding her 10-yo Hannoverian, Odie
- Shan Lawton riding his 12-yo Dutch Warmblood, Vlrumen,
- Sarah Thayer riding her Russian Warmblood, Charleston 26
- Theresa Wagner riding her 19-yo Hannoverian, Wesley

There have currently only been four auditor registrations, but more are expected closer to the date and at the door. The committee is currently brainstorming "bring a friend" deals and discounts for auditors, as well as a communication to clarify the importance of auditing in this symposium format.

Junior/YR: Tillie reported that the following upcoming Junior/YR events have been scheduled:

- Oct 3 – Dinner at Old Chicago (Southpointe), followed by a sleepover at the Jones household
- Oct 24 – Halloween party at Roca Berry Farm
- Dec 6 – NDA-wide Christmas party at the Jones household, hosted by the juniors

Tillie will put flyers on the junior stalls at the Schooling Show Championships to advertise.

Old Business

An NDA member raised concerns that the term limit swap that the board voted on in the July 2014 meeting may not have followed strict NDA bylaws, and that the vacancy created by Laura's departure from the board needs to be filled by an elected replacement. The board agreed that this election would take place at the year-end meeting along with the additional board member elections.

Melissa will send out an email to the NDA membership informing them of upcoming vacancies on the board and preparing them for the election. Katie will provide the content of this email.

Katie Miller will follow up with showrunners of NDA-recognized schooling shows to address the outstanding NDA certificates discussed at the August 2014 meeting.

New Business

Melissa reported that Jami Kment was approached by Kathy Connelly—who, along with Betsy Steiner, will be conducting the USDF Adult Clinic Series in 2015 & 2016—and Kathy stated that they would like to hold the Region 4 session of this clinic series at Providence Farm. Jami wanted to make the NDA board aware of this, so that the board might begin to prepare for the host venue application process, and inquire as to any objections from the board. The board had no objections at this time, and requested more information about the cost and involvement of NDA. Melissa will follow up with Jami.

Katie mentioned that it is time to begin putting together a local GMO basket for Jane to bring to the USDF convention in December. Jane will follow up with Lisa Van Stratten to brainstorm ideas for the contents of the basket.

Dara reported that she, Jennifer Rawlinson, and Ulla Rasmussen are developing an educational initiative to drive support for the USDF Rider Tests, especially for NDA juniors and 4H kids. The event would educate riders about the theory behind the rider tests and how they can be utilized to improve performance in the standard USDF/USEF tests. The event will include theory discussion, demo riders, and a clinic. The committee has expressed interest in a motion to make the Rider Tests results apply toward NDA year-end awards, which they currently do not (similar to Western Dressage awards). The committee is currently exploring possible venues and dates and will report back to the board next month with an estimate of expenses and details.

Next Meeting Scheduled

The next meeting will be October 13, 2014, 7:00 pm at Firespring.

Adjournment

Melissa moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 pm, Dara seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Melissa Ward
NDA Secretary, 2014