

Northwoods Dressage Association  
Board Meeting  
9/11/17  
Blackwoods, Proctor MN

Present: Pam Forsythe, Alex LaFleur, Jess Amundson, Amanda LaFleur, Kate Hinz, Kathi Marshall, Jen Hovde, Natascha Artang, Leah Nelson, Teresa Kolar, Julie Williams, Jennifer Manty, Rachel Tomczak

Call to Order: 6:29

Conflict of interest: None

Mission Statement: Teresa

Treasurer Report: Checking—\$22060.59 Money Market—\$25,021.55

See report

Highlights:

- July show—fairground bill hasn't been paid.
- All shows made money
- Fall show—No receipts from: Lumbermans, the judges breakdowns (the wire basket with this information is at the Marshall garage), Fairgrounds bill
- No information on the taxes
- FYI: the June shows are smaller but still made money

Motion to approve by Kate, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alex—passed.

Secretary:

See report

Motion to approve by Pam, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jen—passed

Governance:

- Sent out an email to members that need to renew their terms. Please let Jen know if renewing
- Changes to bylaws: Can members attend meetings via Skype. Will need to check with Blackwoods to see if their WiFi will work. Members will also need to have WiFi capability. A question—how many meetings should members attend in person and how many using Skype
- We can only change bylaws at the annual meeting
- November 13 is the Annual meeting. We need to vote on the President and Secretary at the next meeting. We need to send out a mailing to all members 30 days before the annual meeting that will include the slate of officers. This would also be a good time to send out any other information to members. Things that could be included in the mailing would be: awards application, ballot and new membership forms

Education/scholarship:

- 2 scholarships were sent to the Manty's

*L Program:*

- Pam and Leah will meet 9/17 @ to talk about the L program—other members can attend
- The L program participant application is live and on the NWDA and UDSF websites
- Would be nice to have a flyer at Regionals—could check with Jordan Allen about making a flyer
- We will need to get auditor and demo rider forms together
- Need to get a space for the Saturday lectures—would be a full day. Would need to pay to have an engineer if at Congdon. Kathi will check with East High School. Sunday would be a full day at the barn
- We will cash checks as we get them
- Will send out a confirmation email as we get applications

Membership:

No new members. We have 125 total members: 109 individual and 16 supporting. Currently we can't renew memberships online. It would cost more to have this option on our website—we would need to upgrade it. Leah will check on this

#### Equipment:

- Nothing new from Natascha
- Kathi sent out an email about a dressage ring that is for sale. It isn't the same brand as what we have but is very similar. This would allow us to keep the 2 rings separate. Kathi placed a bid of \$1800. How much do we want to spend?
- How will we get it here? Sable Bettencourt? It will be important to reimburse the person for gas.

Motion by Jen: We will spend up to \$2500 for the dressage ring and letters from UW Madison.  
2nd by Natascha, Approved

#### Shows:

- Jen received a nice card from the Nena Denman, TD at the July 22–23rd recognized show
- Need some better fill in the Green (4H) barn stalls and ladders to use when plugging in things. This needs to be addressed with the Fair Board. We should come up with a list for them
- We will schedule a meeting at Kathi's house to go over specifics of what we need for the shows—what is going well and what do we need to work on.
- Carrie will do the Schooling shows and Erica the Recognized shows—need to discuss this
- People have some concerns about the Draft Barn (not good feedback). We need to use this barn when we have 70+ riders. What do we want to do when we have 70+ riders
- The dates for next years shows are locked in. Should get the judges locked in too—helps to book early

#### JR/YR:

- Play day at River Ranch is 10/14 from 2 until 5. So far only 1 rider. The info is posted at Jen's Barn. Will need to have help running this
- River Ranch Show is 9/30–10/1

#### Website/newsletter:

- Kathi to write President's letter for the Newsletter
- Leah will check into online membership and online payment
- Need to get the minutes posted to the website

#### Fundraising:

We will do the calendar again this year

#### Awards banquet:

- Date is locked in
- Possibly have the theme be "Animals" Should have theme locked in by 11/1

#### Old/New Business:

- Convention: We need to appoint a delegate. Jess is going

Motion by Kathi to appoint Jess as the NWDA delegate at the convention with voting rights,  
2nd—Pam, passed

- Basket—Jess will take it. Julie will make the basket. Teresa and Natascha will get some "Duluth" things. Also include a brochures, art, t-shirts

Motion by Jen: we will spend up to \$150 for basket. 2nd—Alex, passed

- Omnibus: Jess has the template and will do it again this year. Want to start early. We need to review/revamp it especially the awards section. We need to get the show managers to work together. Meeting is scheduled for 10/7, 8:00 at Kathi's house to work on the Shows (AM) and the Omnibus (PM). This may take more than 1 meeting We also need to get the ads going, sooner rather than later. Want to have it done by the December meeting

Next Meeting date: 10/9

Motion to adjourn @ 8:00: by Jen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kate—passed