

**Northwoods Dressage Association
Board Meeting
3/13/17
Blackwoods, Proctor MN**

Present: Pam Forsythe, Alex LaFleur, Jess Amundson, Kate Hinz,, Kathi Marshall, Sara Choidi, Leah Nelson, Teresa Kolar, Julie Williams, Amanda LaFleur, Rachael Tomczak

Call to Order: 6:28

Conflict of interest: None

Mission Statement: Kate

Treasurer Report: Checking—\$12,572.79 Money Market—\$25,008.94

Jen/Kathi spent \$1130.32 to purchase a computer, Microsoft Office and an anti virus program from Best Buy

Blaine downloaded Quickbooks 2017 to our computer and transferred/converted the files.

He fixed and will proceed with the 2015/2016 taxes. We won't be fined for being late.

Jen can work on catching up with the last 6 months of reports that she has been behind on.

Motion to approve by Julie, 2nd by Kate —passed.

Secretary: See attached

Motion to approve by Alex, 2nd by Kate—passed

Governance: Nothing new to report

Education/scholarship:

Dressage Yoga scheduled for Saturday May 27, taught by Tony Sterner's mom. Will contact Lakeside Yoga North for space. Cost: \$75 for room rent, \$150 for instructors fee. Will do preregistration—will need a minimum of 15 people. She would also like to offer "Morning Horse show yoga" at the shows

"L" program: 6 sessions with final exam. Cost is \$25,000 for the program. Facility rental is built into fee. 3 sessions are opened to auditors, 3 sessions not opened to auditors.

Need a minimum of 10 participants. Tuition for program is \$2300 or pay as you go. It should be cost neutral for the organization. There is an application fee. Organization needs to provide demo horses/riders. Horses would be boarded at Springhill.

Auditors will learn 1) Biomechanics 2) gaits, movements, figures 3) Impulsion, submission, rider evaluation

We could check to see if Kate Phillips or CSDEA might be interested in co-sponsoring. (Leah will check with them).

The organizer of the program can't be a participant in the program

Need to apply 6 months in advance. Leah will send out an email with budget information for the board to look at so we can discuss it and make a decision about proceeding or not at the next meeting

Membership: 88 total members (74 primary, 14 supporting) 70 lifetime horses, 61 yearly
Last months information was incorrect. These are the corrected numbers

Equipment: Nothing new

Shows: We will have a show meeting in April. It is usually Saturday AM. Will send out an email when a date is set

In mid May—go look at show grounds.

Erica and Carrie have been in touch
Contract has been signed with Bayfield County. New fee—if we arrive before 12:00 on Friday we will be charged \$100, after 12:00 \$50

JR/YR: Nothing new

Website/newsletter: Newsletter is ready and will be mailed.

Jess will send out and email for Area Equine Events

Most stuff from the Omnibus is already online

If you have stuff to be included on the Website, please get the information to Leah

We are still waiting for the pictures from the banquet. Jen has the CD

Fundraising: Tack Swap—Sara, Jen and Julie will be there.

Can we sell treats? Need clarification from Amanda. Sara will call and check. If we can Sara will provide the treats, 20% of the proceeds will go to NWDA

Will send out information for volunteer and have them contact Julie.

Awards banquet: Few more receipts are coming in. Date for next year is 2/3/18 @ Blackwoods

Old Business: Omnibus—Jess got it together.

Newsletter looks great. It will be stuffed and mailed this week. Maybe submit Summer Newsletter for the USDF Award.

Shows aren't on The Region 4 and USDF websites. Kathi will send email to Erica.

Kathi sent out Thank you's to donors and to Paula

Kathi will check to see if a person can be a member on 2 GMO boards

New Business: None

Next Meeting date: 4/10/17

Motion to adjourn: by Alex, 2nd by Amanda