

**Northwoods Dressage Association
Board Meeting
June 13, 2016
Blackwoods, Proctor MN**

Present: Pam Forsythe, Alex LaFleur, Jess Amundson, Kate Hinz,, Kathi Marshall, Jen Hovde, Sara Choidi, Julie Davies-Pagels, Natascha Artang, Leah Nelson, Julie Williams, Colleen Hill

Call to Order: 6:29

Conflict of interest: None

Mission Statement: Kate

Treasurer Report: Checking—\$25,101.77. Money Market—\$17,020.75

Checks haven't cleared yet and Jen didn't have the checkbook to get the report done. She will have the full report for the next meeting.

There are a lot of outstanding bills to be paid for the show.

Met with Blaine about the taxes and he's working on them.

We got the "boxes" from last year so we are good in case we are audited

Secretary's Report: No changes

Motion to approve by Alex 2nd by Colleen—passed

Governance: Never too early to think of new board members. Kate suggested Teresa Dumais. She will ask her if she is interested.

Education/scholarship: Carrie sent in her article so her scholarship needs to be paid. Jenevieve asked about the Ida Norris clinic. It will be held at Jenevieve's barn. Ida is a judge at the July show so the clinic will be held the Monday after the show (7/25).

Erica had some concerns about the clinic. Kathi checked with Deb H (she is a TD) and other judges. If you take a clinic from a person, you can't ride for that person as a judge for 60 days. Jenevieve has 4 students that want to ride for her. Question asked—Do we want to sponsor this?

We weren't sure that the clinic will fill with it being scheduled so close to the show. We agreed that we will put the word out—Jenevieve is making a flyer—but we won't be sponsoring it. We will send out an email, put it on the website and on Facebook. Leah will contact Jenevieve about the flyer.

Nothing else new

Membership: We have more members. Colleen just sent the all the info to USDF. We now have over 100 members.

We should come up with a way to avoid having a conflict on when memberships come in—in conjunction with show registrations. We will have to clarify this in next years Omnibus. Discussion was held about memberships that are sent in by the closing date of the show or those who sign up at the show. If you sign up at the show you don't get your non-member fee back. Maybe this should be posted at the show.

Motion by Colleen: Memberships must be sent in by the closing date of the show. Memberships received at check in on the day of the show will count towards year end awards. Non-member fees will not be refunded. *2nd by Julie W.* Passed

Equipment: Gazebo

Motion by Jen: We will spend up to \$1200 for the Gazebo. *2nd by Kate.* Passed

Jen purchased the Gazebo and Natascha will pick it up and store it in her garage until the July show.

We need a deck base w/skids to place the Gazebo on. Colleen will talk to her husband to see if this is feasible (for the supplies and his time). Alex has a source for the lumber. Alex and Colleen will communicate and let us know the cost via email for final approval.

Goal is to have this ready for the July show.

The judges booths get hot in the AM. Would it be possible to get some sort of shades? Alex will check at Menard's to see what is available

Are there larger camp fans that are battery operated? Julie W also has 2 generators that we could use.

Shows: Having back to back shows was tough.

The new building worked well as a storm shelter.

We will ask that all "show concerns" be submitted to be discussed by the board. There are situations that will come up that we need to look at our rules for the schooling shows. The topic was tabled until next meeting to allow for research into how other clubs deal with this issue.

Stabling—Erica sent out an email advertising "premium stabling" Erica assured Kathi that this was to "entice" riders to sign up only. Deb H thinks we should offer different "levels" of stalls.

Kathi thanks everyone for their hard work.

July show manager=Erica

August Schooling show (Kathi will be gone) Show manager=Carrie Calder, Secretary=Trish.

Kathi will make a list of everything that needs to be done

Western Dressage—Mandy J to send Deb H the updated schooling show bill to include Western Dressage, Gaited Dressage/IJA and Tennessee Walker. This will then be posted

We need to check on rules for new gear regulations so there is no question what is allowed at the show. A flyer will be included in the show packet and Jess will send out an email once we determine the rules

Volunteer coordinator—Alex is doing a great job!

JR/YR: Clinic has 15 +1 riders, 3 adults. Jen will get ride times out

Website/newsletter: Emails looking great. Thanks Jess!

High point are reserve champion—we will contact these riders to get pictures to include on the website and newsletter.

Newsletter—we have some articles. Some suggestions: Teresa K getting her Bronze medal and the Century ride. Jen will get one of her students to write a Jr/YR jumper article. Please get upcoming events to Leah so they can be posted.

Fundraising: Julie W—nothing new to report.

Kate asked about a budget for clothing. So far she has spent ~\$500. Suggestion was to purchase more hats and smaller size shirts.

Motion by Kathi: Approve \$500 to be spent on clothing. *2nd by Colleen*—passed

Sara did a great job with her bake sale. She would like to continue with this. 15% raised for NWDA=\$86

Awards banquet: Nothing new. Date is locked in. We are brainstorming themes. Posters will be up for the next 2 shows.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Next Meeting date: July 11, 2016

Motion to adjourn: by Jen, 2nd by Kate