

**Northwoods Dressage Association
Board Meeting
August 8, 2016
Blackwoods, Proctor MN**

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

Call to Order: 6:32

Conflict of interest: None

Mission Statement: Julie DP

Treasurer Report: Checking—\$25,734.81 Money Market—\$17,022.17

Report to be attached when Jen completes it. We did make \$ from the show. ~ 75 horses entered.

Motion to approve by Julie DP, 2nd by Colleen—passed.

Secretary: One correction was made, see attached

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

Governance: Keep thinking of potential new board members. For those that have expiring terms, please let us know if you want to renew.

Rachael Tomczak may be interested. Kate and Julie DP will check with her.

Education/scholarship: No pending scholarships. Nothing new on Education/Events. Question was raised about offering Sunrise Yoga at our shows. Looking at options for winter Yoga education.

Membership: Everything is up to date. 1 more new member to enter. 121 total members. Barns from the cities have joined. Nice to have the gmail account available to share information.

Equipment: The tire on the trailer is still ok and will keep an eye on it.

Gazebo: Scott is interested in building deck for the gazebo but it won't be done in 2 weeks for the show. Maybe he could do it this fall? Decided that will be done in the spring.

We will need to get the dimensions to Scott so he can get the list of supplies—Alex will get the information to Scott (measurements and pictures).

Natascha will store the unbuilt gazebo for as long as needed.

Once built, if it can't be "tucked away" we will need to get a support beam and cover to protect it. If it is "tucked away" we could just get a cover.

Natascha asked about flowers for the letter boxes in the dressage rings, around the judges booths and maybe pots around the rings. She has an contact that might be able to get us some flowers

Shows: 3 down, 1 to go! Shows have gone pretty well so far even with back to back shows. Why so many riders in July show? Footing is better, good place to bring less experienced horses.

Question: Should we do a survey via email to get feedback on our shows? Keep it short with a couple of boxes for comments. We want to give show managers feedback on their performance.

Motion by Kathi: Kathi will explore having a horse show survey for feedback on shows, possibly by the Schooling Show. 2nd by Jen—passed

White barn still needs some work especially the exterior stalls but it went ok.
Kathi asked if we could extend the Dressage barn, but this isn't really feasible.
Electrical upgrades worked well. Kathi will send out a thank you card.
Question was raised about looking into portable/temporary stalls. May not be feasible because of the cost but it is something to explore. Should maybe just focus on upgrading the White barn.

Judges and the TD were great!

Deb H's schedule is booking up. She is interested in continuing to manage 2 schooling shows and 1 recognized show. Erica is interested in doing the July show. We need to have them both sign contracts. They are really our best options at this time, but we may need to look elsewhere.

We need to register the dates for next year (60 day time limit)

Motion by Kathi: Dates for the next show: June 3,4—Schooling; June 10,11—Recognized; July 22,23—Recognized; August 19,20—Schooling. 2nd by Jen—passed

JR/YR: Alex and Jen are exploring options for Fun Day in the fall—early to mid October

Website/newsletter: Minutes to be posted.

Newsletter is nearing completion. Still looking for a “cover model”.

Question: Should we include show results—medals, reserve champion “Highlights”?

Question: Is there a way to get more candid photos for the banquet? Kate will make a sign for people to say photos with “hash tag”

Question: Should we have a photo contest to get more submissions?

It was noticed that the banner says northwoodsdressage.weebly.net but actually is northwoodsdressage.net Kathi can get this fixed.

Fundraising: Nothing new

Awards banquet: Have the date saved. Still looking for a theme. Kate will put up a basket at the show for suggestions

Old Business: Nothing else

New Business: Jen will check with Mandi about doing the omnibus. Kathi asking board members to take a look at the omnibus to make sure all is correct.

Jen will make a list of advertisers

Next Meeting date: September 12

Motion to adjourn: by Jen, 2nd by Pam