

**Northwoods Dressage Association
Board Meeting
4/10/17
Blackwoods, Proctor MN**

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

Call to Order: 6:31

Conflict of interest: None

Mission Statement: Rachael

Treasurer Report: Checking—\$11,934.16 Money Market—\$25,011.20

The new computer is working—in process—close to being able to get an actual report.

Expenses: Carrie updated Fox Village \$99.95, Omnibus printing \$232.20, Deposit to Fair grounds \$200.00

Tack Swap made \$307.05, Sara's Treats: \$20.00

Freestyle Clinic: Paid \$500.00, earned \$380—lost \$120.00. Our purpose isn't to make money but to provide education to our members

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

Secretary's Report: See attached

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

Governance: Nothing new to report. Please keep an eye out for new board members. Need a new box for board members to have at the show. Jen will donate the box

Education/scholarship:

Yoga for Riders: Toni will confirm date with Yoga North, date selected is Memorial Day Weekend (May 27-28). We will get a form out to advertise the class once the date is confirmed.

"L" Program: Leah emailed the CSDEA education committee—no response so she will try again.

-Kate Phillips didn't commit— ?? share the facility. She is concerned about Part 2. Not sure how this will work. The only show big enough would be Regionals. Participants would be sacrificing participating in Regionals if they are participants in the course.

-We need to follow up with the USDF liaison on how we could make this work. Questioning if the venue would be 2018 Regionals.

-Not as worried about the location of the course—ok with using Springhill.

-Part 1 would be through the fall/winter of 2017—2018

-Part 2 would be 2018 competition year

-Need to find 3 shows. May need to go farther out to find large enough shows, maybe Chicago? We need to arrange with managers of other shows to make sure we can host the program at their show.

-Will check if we can just do Part 1

-Might help to talk to last years judges that just completed the program

Motion by Leah: NWDA will go forward with the application process for the "L" program, getting more information on Part 2 of the program—venues and dates. 2nd by Kate—passed

Scholarships—Have received an application from a student from Jenevieve Hofsommer's barn—the week of a clinic. Stated she didn't know about the 30 day rule. Will thank her for her application but remind them about the guidelines. There is 1 other application from Jessica Foschi—will need to check if she has maxed out her lifetime limit of scholarships.

Membership: All up to date. 95 total members—80 primary, 15 supporting. 16 annual horses. Cards have been ironed out.

When memberships are submitted then send out packet of information including omnibus

Jess will send out confirmation letter that membership information has been received.

Equipment:

Pavillion—Kathi will call Scott

—Alex can pick it up and deliver it. She will also talk to Scott about building it.

—It will be placed outside by the judges booths in the summer and under cover during the winter. Could get a winter support and cover if needed or put it on skids to allow it to be moved.

Flowers—Natascha will pick up the flowers from Souix City in May. Need to get pots for them, possibly square with sand. Can look in the trailer to see if we have anything to use.

—Need to check on any regulations that are present on how to display them

—Will have to look at letters to see if there is a hole on the top of them to allow them to be displayed

—May want to try at the schooling shows, keep it simple

Shows: Planning meeting at Kathi's house April 22 at 1:00.

Teresa and Kathi received an email from Chris Carey stating a concern about 1 of the judges at the June show (some competitors were concerned about the judges performance). Kathi has spoken about this with Erica and Carrie. Erica has looked at the past history of the top 5 judges (judges at this show are "S" judges). This particular judge scores were higher but comments "weren't nice".

Recommend that we go forward with this judge. Kathi will follow up with Chris Carey and let her know that we reviewed this at the meeting

JR/YR: Not much is going on. Got a page into the omnibus for the Jody Ely clinic and the Play Day

Party at the Schooling Show will be organized

Website/newsletter: Newsletter went out. Working on the spring Newsletter—should be ready for early May "pre shows"

One of Natascha's girls will write an article for the Newsletter—for JR/YR perspective

Jess is looking for any other events—MN Horse Expo, Madison Horse Expo

Fundraising: Tack Swap went well. Kathi has some clothing. Jess has a box of stuff to go to the "Marshall Garage". Jen will keep the sheets for the Tack Swap. Alex will email Linda S her credits

Clothing—made money at the auction. Sold some sweatshirts at the Tack swap. Inventory is shot. Will need to get some new items for the shows

Motion by Jen: Kate will spend up to \$500 for clothing. 2nd by Alex—passed

Awards banquet: Nothing new

Old Business: Taxes—Blaine is working on them. Jen will check on them next week

Trifold display board with Member's bios. Need new Board members bio's. Teresa will update the board before the show season. Kathi will get the board to Teresa. New members, please get pictures and bios to Teresa

New Business: None

Next Meeting date: 5/8/17

Motion to adjourn: by Jen, 2nd by Kate