

**Northwoods Dressage Association  
Board Meeting  
5/8/17  
Blackwoods, Proctor MN**

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

**Call to Order:** 6:29

**Conflict of interest:** None

**Mission Statement:** Rachel

**Treasurer Report:** Checking—\$18,506.26 Money Market—\$25,013.12

See attached report

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

**Secretary:** See attached report

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

**Governance:** Nothing new to report. Jen has a box for new board member submissions and will make sure it is ready for the shows

**Education/scholarship:**

- **Scholarships:** Have received 2 applications for \$60 each. Still need to check on Jessica Foschi's Lifetime scholarship dollars.
- **Yoga:** 1st registration has been received and a couple more are coming in. Will put out a reminder on Facebook and email. Will need to call and confirm by 5/12—otherwise will need to cancel. Also looking into Yoga at the shows. Possibly at 6AM before the show starts. Will check on the fee and which shows she would be available to teach.
- **Facebook Marketing:** Pretty cheap and an effective way to advertise for events. Need to check on the number of posts allowed. Leah will investigate what is involved.

**Motion by Leah: We will spend up to \$50/month on Facebook promotion May—August. 2nd by Kate—passed**

- **“L” program**—Nothing new to report

**Membership:** 89 primary members, 15 supporting members for 104 total members. Nothing else to report

**Equipment:**

- Natascha is getting the flowers.
- Working on a date to go check out the fairgrounds
- May need to have 1 jump repaired
- Gazebo Update—Scott said he would build it just need to get it there.
- They are working on updating the electrical system

**Shows:**

- Met and strategized.
- Ribbons have been ordered
- Glasses are nice, but shipping is very expensive. On the limit has glasses—Kate will check with them and see the cost.
- Looking for a farrier for the Recognized show. Getting names and have them “On call”

- Judge for the 1st Recognized show has cancelled (Melonie Kessler) Erica is working on this. Ida Norris was suggested. The contract states that the judge needs to find a replacement if they cancel within 2 months of the show. Kathi will keep us updated.
- Alex is recruiting volunteers, still need more. She will put out requests on Facebook and by Email

**JR/YR:** Nothing new to report. Usually have 15 riders each day of the clinic

**Website/newsletter:**

- Need submissions for the newsletter
- Natascha has said that her daughter would write an article.
- Maybe could get a Hunter/Jumper article
- Jess will write an article on her rescue/trainer challenge horse—Nashville
- Erica sent an updated showbill and it will be posted on the website

**Fundraising:** Julie will check with Sara to see if she will be bringing treats to any of the shows.

Nothing else new

**Awards banquet:** Think of a theme. Members that attend the shows may have ideas

**Old Business:** No update on the taxes yet

**New Business:** None

**Next Meeting date:** 6/12/17

**Motion to adjourn:** by Jess, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pam