

**Northwoods Dressage Association
Board Meeting
6/12/17
Blackwoods, Proctor MN**

Present: Pam Forsythe, Alex LaFleur, Jess Amundson, Kate Hinz,, Kathi Marshall, Jen Hovde, Natascha Artang, Leah Nelson, Julie Williams, Jennifer Manty, Sarah Chiodi

Call to Order: 6:31

Conflict of interest: None

Mission Statement: Jess

Treasurer Report: Checking—\$22,617.89. Money Market—\$25,015.24

No report as didn't have the computer

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

Secretary:

See attached

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

Governance: No submissions in the “box” for new board members.

Question: Could we change the bylaws to allow Skype or other digital communication tool for members who are far away? This is common with other boards. Maybe look at having those people attend quarterly meetings and the rest on Skype.

Education/scholarship:

“L” Program update:

- Leah contacted USDF. We can just host Part 1. Just need to make it clear to the participants that we won't be having Part 2. That way local participants won't have to sacrifice regionals.
- Part 2 does have a long wait list.
- Minimum number of participants for Part 2: 6 entries each for 1st level 3 and 2nd level 3
- It would be better for us to just do Part 1.
- Need to apply 6 months in advance
- 3 sessions in Part 1. Probably do 1 weekend/month
- Springhill is willing to host
- Next step is to fill out USDF—\$100 application fee.
- We should advertise it but also will be advertised by USDF
- Also should contact other GMO's

Motion by Leah—We will move forward with making an application to USDF to host Part 1 of the “L” program including the \$100 application fee. 2nd by Jen—passed

Scholarships that were approved: Jessica Foschi, Steve and CeCe Manty

Erica would be willing to present a class on how to fill out Recognized Show forms and information on show management

Membership: 96 regular and 16 supporting members.

Have almost run out of Omnibuses (5 left).

Motion by Kate—Ok to print 25 more omnibuses through the print shop. 2nd by Julie—passed

Question: Should Jess send out an email confirmation for membership and horse membership when we receive them? and a certificate for Lifetime Memberships? This will start next year.

Equipment: There was a gazebo picture on Facebook, submitted by Natascha. It will be stained for next year. It is solid and works great.

There were problems with the wind at the last show. The ring moved and shingles on the judges booth came loose. Stabilized the letters with cement blocks which seemed work. We should have more cement blocks available.

The rings were designated by flower colors—pink ring and yellow ring. Looked really nice.

We need to figure out the screen/shade for one of the judges booth.

We need to have the combos for the trailer locks available for the show managers. Jen will be getting a new cash box and will tape the trailer combos in the cash box

Cost for the Gazebo: Supplies—\$1115.11, Building fees—\$1000, Scott's fee—\$200 for a total of \$2315.11.

Motion by Kathi—We will spend and addition \$1315.11 to build the Gazebo platform. 2nd—Kate—Passed

Shows: Recognized show judges: most riders were happy. They seemed fair, not demanding. Schooling show judges: were fine

Items that came up:

- Round pen is deep, will need to remove some sand
- Rock picking needs to be done
- Rings are still deep
- Warm up ring is rocky
- 2 pieces of glass came up
- Grass in the jump ring and dressage rings. Kathi will ask about this at the Fair Board meeting

Jess brought up a wireless speaker system (Bluetooth) that we can use for the freestyles. Can be hooked to the NWDA laptop, will need a CD drive for the laptop. Jess will check on the range of the system. We can advertise this

Motion by Jess: We will spend 357.62 on speakers and a CD drive for a wireless speaker system to be used for the Freestyles 2nd—Natascha—passed

Show credits at this time can only be used for class fees. Question: Can we use the credits for other things for example sponsored clinics or clothing, etc. Alex will explore what other options we have and change the wording. She will bring this to next meeting.

We may need to look at using more stalls in the draft barn. We can apply for a grant through CSDEA to have the doors repaired (facilities grant) \$1000 (can be a matching grant up to \$5000)

Motion by Kathi—Board will approve Kathi writing a grant to CSDEA for upgrading the stalls in the draft barn 2nd—Jen—passed

August Showbill adjustments—Carrie is asking for approval. Corrections made and will be sent to Carrie
Motion by Kathi—to approve Showbill corrections for the August Schooling show. 2nd—Jen—passed

JR/YR: 8 registrations received so far for the clinic with the potential for 4 more. 2 adults are pending, 1 adult may ride twice. The clinic will start later the first day.
2 entries have been received for the fall play day

Website/newsletter: Still taking content for the next newsletter. It may include “Leah’s Super Secret Show packing list” Also will include high point scores from the shows.

Fundraising: Sarah owes NWDA \$50 from both shows

Discussion was held about clothing for the upcoming shows.

Motion by Kate—We will spend \$800 for more clothing items and hats for the upcoming shows 2nd—Jen—passed

Awards banquet: Keep thinking about a theme

Old Business: Taxes—have emailed Blaine twice, have heard nothing

New Business: Do we want to do Yoga again? Morning is the best time. Donation for each session should be made to NWDA. She charges \$20/session We will do it one more time at the recognized show.

Kathi will attend the Fair Board meeting

Sarah will make certificates for custom bonnets for awards to allow her more time to make them. The bonnets will be mailed to the winners. Sarah will need to submit a bill. Kathi and Sarah will discuss how many have been purchased from Diamond Royal

Recycling at shows: We will add signs to the garbage cans to separate items. Scott will haul the recycling in.

Leah paid for Facebook advertising

Next Meeting date: 7/10/17

Motion to adjourn: 8:12 by Jen, 2nd by Jess