

**Northwoods Dressage Association  
Board Meeting**

**Blackwoods, Proctor MN**

**Present:** Pam Forsythe, Alex LaFleur, Jess Amundson, Kate Hinz,, Kathi Marshall, Jen Hovde, Natascha Artang, Leah Nelson, Teresa Kolar, Julie Williams

**Call to Order:** 6:31

**Conflict of interest:** None

**Mission Statement:** Kate

**Treasurer Report:** Checking—\$21,764.33 Money Market—\$17,022.89

On the 2nd page of the report: Fairground bills—there are some questions but the bills have been paid. They will be reviewed.

Typically we have been charged per night for camping (x2) not per day (x3). This will need to be checked on.

Not sure if we were charged for all of Scott's hours.

The licenses have been paid for 2017 shows—\$175/day

All shows have made money.

Kathi sent Jen the bills for all shows (ribbons, lodging).

We need to have a better way to track the \$\$ received for clothing.

Last year, Deb H gave us a spread sheet with expenses. Jen has something like this for this year.

Taxes—Jen gave the information to Blaine in May. Had filed for an extension. Blaine will be sending Jen an email with a couple of questions that he has and then they will be ready to be signed

Motion to approve by Julie W, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kate—passed.

**Secretary:** See report

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

**Governance:** By October 1st we need to have a slate for the board elections to get it out to the members 30 days prior to the annual meeting.

Julie DP will be stepping down. She will still help with the shows

Pam and Jess are willing to continue. Haven't heard from Colleen yet (she is the VP). Still looking for additional members. Per Alex, Rachael Tomczak is interested. Amanda LaFleur may also be interested.

**Education/scholarship:** No pending scholarships.

Possible ideas for upcoming events:

—Jeremy Steinberg clinic—would be more expensive than prior clinics (~\$200/ride). We would need to advertise more. We could possibly get riders from the Cities. More auditors might attend if a "bigger name" clinician was instructing.

—3 part clinic: spring/summer/fall

—First aid seminar

—Western Dressage clinic—may be some riders from Randi Golden's barn that would be interested

—Dressage Yoga: winter series—Leslie Larson (yoga instructor and rider) is possible teacher

Megan Baertsch—possibly would be interested in "fitness options"

—Dirt floor arena in Proctor might be an option for location of holding clinics

The education committee will explore options/prices for clinicians and will bring information for upcoming meetings

**Membership:** Membership numbers are up. No other updates

**Equipment:** Everything is in good shape. Stuff is being stored in the "Marshall Garage"

Kathi has talked to Scott about the gazebo platform but no specific details yet. Will need to get specifics ironed out as this is a goal for next years shows.

Trailers are ok to be stored outside

**Shows:** Dates were discussed at the last meeting. Recognized shows are all registered for Erica will be doing the July show. Deb H is interested in the 2 schooling shows and 1 Recognized show. She charges \$20/rider for recognized shows, \$15/rider for schooling shows Carrie Calder would be interested in doing the 2 schooling shows \$15/rider. It would be nice to keep the show management in the club. Consistency is nice but communication can be hard at times.

If Carrie Calder does the shows, she would like a scanner to read the labels (we would purchase this). Erica might be able to use this too.

Kathi will ask Erica if she is interested in both shows. There are some things that she would need to work on. May need to revisit these and other options. We will also need to ask Deb H if she is willing to just do the June recognized show. If not, then we can ask Erica if she would do this show. If not, maybe Erica can help us find someone

Reviewed the email from the rider about a refund request. There are variations to her story. As a board we will need to review it and make a decision. We did receive a letter from her vet stating a nail under the horse's shoe caused a bruise.

***Motion by Kate: We will refund the rider's Sunday entry fee in the form of show fee credits to be used in the upcoming season. Credits must be used by the end of next years show season 2nd—Pam Passed***

Deb H has the needed information on Fox Village. Kathi will talk to Carrie Calder and then take care of the refund.

Moving forward we will need to carefully collect and review any information related to refunds

**JR/YR:** Conversation is ongoing about the dates in October for the members only play day at River Ranch. (Saturday or Sunday).

Working on dates for next years JR/YR clinic

**Website/newsletter:** Newsletter is at the print shop. Hopefully it will be ready for mailing by Friday.

Get any updates for the website/Facebook to Leah

Can put show results on the website but will need to get the information

Will put a call out to members for possible clinicians

**Fundraising:** Nothing new.

Omnibus: Mandy is willing to do it again.

List was compiled for advertisers—please sign up to contact people. Advertiser forms and fees will stay the same as last year.

By mid November we need to review things. The earlier we get stuff to her the better. In the past we have had a meeting but this may not be necessary if we break it up by committee

**Awards banquet:** Suggestion box ideas for themes—Pioneer, Packers vs Vikings, Black and White, Harry Potter, Star Wars. Will send out an email blast and post on Facebook to get other ideas and then we can make a decision on the theme at the October meeting

Kathi brought in a “Save the Date” idea from PAVSA. She will find on the cost and check back with the board to see if we want to go forward with this.

**Old Business:** Flowers from Natascha's friend—she can get them for us. We will need to get them shipped (save the receipt). We will need to find a way to keep them in place when displayed. We have a credit from Menards that might work for display pots

**New Business:** Leah has feelers out about hosting the “L” program here. She will get us more information on this.

Should we have Mandy at a meeting about the Omnibus? Will check

**Next Meeting date:** 10/10/16

**Motion to adjourn:** by Jen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Julie W