

**Northwoods Dressage Association
Board Meeting
1/9/17
Blackwoods, Proctor MN**

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

Call to Order: 6:31

Conflict of interest: None

Mission Statement: Pam

Treasurer Report: Checking—\$17,832.90. Money Market—\$25,002.77

Jen hasn't purchased a new computer or Quickbooks yet. Blaine wants to try one more thing before we get something new. Need to make a decision soon

Jen will check with Laura Gloor to do the taxes for 2016

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

Secretary: See attached

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

Governance: Nothing new

Education/scholarship: Freestyle clinic is scheduled for 2/5/17. Leah talked to Erin, she suggested 8:00–12:00, Leah suggested 9:00–1:00. Leah will discuss with her and confirm the time. It will be a classroom clinic. We will need a view screen to play music and watch videos. We may be able to use the basement of the Other Place. Kate will check on this and check on the availability of something to use as a screen. Kathi can bring a projector if needed. As far as a fee, Leah will get more details. Erin is looking at writing a grant. She is planning on bringing Heather Kurtz.

Motion: We will spend up to \$500 for a presenter fee for the freestyle clinic.

Motion by Leah, 2nd by Kate—passed

Participant Fee: \$40 for members, \$50 for nonmembers, \$20 for JR/YR

Leah will talk to Pam about contacting Ulf Wadeborn/Lars Holmberg if necessary

Awarding Scholarships: Do we want to look at revising the rules for awarding scholarships?

More discussion will be needed.

Membership: Kate met with Colleen. She will send out an email with an update on the memberships when able, hopefully in the next couple of days.

Equipment: Natascha may be able to pick up the flowers that we discussed earlier.

Kathi suggested a “clean the trailer” party to organize and get rid of stuff.

Shows: Dates are locked in. Erica is running the Recognized shows, Carrie C & other are doing the schooling shows. Carrie will be able to have the laptop

Judges—what we know so far: June 2—TBD, TD Cleon Wingard; July 22—Arlene Regdon, Neena Denman; Aug 19—Jody Ely. We will have separate judges for jumping

JR/YR: Nothing going on except the skit for the banquet

Website/newsletter: Julie sent out the Newsletter.

Kathi would like to submit a newsletter to the convention.

Please start thinking of articles to submit for the next Newsletter

We will be doing 4/year, 1 each season.

Julie reports that the cost to mail them is the same if we use envelopes, just need to add the cost of the envelopes

Website is going well. Alex will help out.

Question: Can the omnibus be put online? Yes if we have a PDF of it. We may want to leave the membership list off the website if we decide to do this.

Fundraising: Jess has 8-10 pictures for the calendar and is checking into the cost.

Motion: We will order 150 calendars which will be given out as gifts at the banquet, spending up to \$500. Motion by Kate, 2nd by Pam—passed

Awards banquet: Coming along. Invites going out and it is also online. Barn name was included on the invite so people can sit together

12 additional ribbons this year compared to last year. We are “moving up the levels”

Same number of ribbons for Mastery Level. It is fun to see the pages of awards submitted.

Some strategizing: Hope to get in early, possibly the night before to decorate.

Silent auction items—most everyone brings something. We will also buy some items to put in the auction. Please bring more ideas forward.

We are looking at other ideas for the awards, maybe leather halters?

Kathi has been looking at old newsletters—we are doing pretty much the same things. Neat to look back and see how we have gotten where we are today.

Old Business: Omnibus: Getting close to having it done. Need to review the showbills. We should have a PDF and an editable format.

Motion: We will approve the information we have on hand now for the omnibus. Motion by Julie, 2nd by Kate—passed

New Business: None

Next Meeting date: 1/13/17

Motion to adjourn: by Alex, 2nd by Kate—passed