

**Northwoods Dressage Association Board Meeting 10/10/16  
Blackwoods, Proctor MN**

**Present:** Pam Forsythe, Alex LaFleur, Jess Amundson, Kate Hinz,, Kathi Marshall, Jen Hovde, Julie Davies-Pagels, Leah Nelson, Teresa Kolar, Julie Williams, Colleen Hill

**Call to Order:** 6:33 **Conflict of interest:** None **Mission Statement:** Jen

**Treasurer Report:** Checking—\$16,880.74 Money Market—\$17,023.64 Taxes—still waiting for information from Blaine. Jen hopes to talk to him on 10/11/16. Maybe we should look at getting someone else to do the taxes next year.

Still waiting on going forward with the Refund request.

Kathi asked—At what time do we move money from checking into the money market account? How much should we keep in checking? We can move money at any time.

*Motion by Jen: Move \$7979.36 from checking into the money market account giving us a total of \$25,000 in the money market account. 2nd by Kate. Passed*

The new checkbook balance after this transfer will be \$9047.28.

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

**Secretary:** See report

Motion to approve by Julie W, 2nd by Teresa—passed

**Governance:** Ballot needs to go out the the membership. Jen will complete this in the next 2 days. We need to approve the slate.

*Motion by Jen: Alex La Fleur will take Helen Judziewicz's 1 year term. The rest of the slate for this election is as follows: Pam Forsythe, Jess Amudson, Jennifer Manty, Rachel Tomczak. 2nd by Julie DP. Passed*

VP and treasurer positions are up for this election. This is decided at the annual meeting. We need to come up with people for these positions to make the board continue to grow and move forward

**Education/scholarship:** “L” program information: Kate Phillips wants to put this on. She would be interested in co-hosting. May have parts of the program at Kate’s barn and parts in Duluth. We would need to draw people in from the cities. It takes ~ 2 years to do the program. A

Facebook page/group will be started to allow for more discussion. It would be nice to do the parts of the program in the winter at heated barns. We will need to check into the cost. May need to look at doing it next fall so we can get it organized. Julie DP will continue to get more information on the program

Kathi—Jim Masterson method—working with Beth Wilson. Beth would like to host/sponsor a weekend clinic. She has contacted them.

Looking at doing it next June—3rd of 4th weekend. The 4th weekend would work best for us. Would need ~ 12 participants. Wouldn't need to bring a horse as could use horses at Beth's barn.

Pam will talk to Lars Holmberg about teaching a clinic.

**Membership:** It's the end of the year, time to renew memberships! 122 members, 17 supporting. 84 annual horses, 64 lifetime horses. All of this information is on the Google drive

Jess will send out an email reminding members that it is time to renew. Want to get this out ASAP to allow people to get the omnibus

Looking for someone to take over the roll of membership chair

**Equipment:** Nothing new. Julie DP will go do an inventory. Need to talk to Scott about building the gazebo

Trailers will be ok stored outside.

Declined to rent out the sound system

**Shows:** Dates are locked in and confirmed with the Fairgrounds and Lumberman's

Kathi suggests that Carri C runs the Schooling shows and Erica runs the Recognized shows, but we do need to work on things with Erica. It will be nice to have the shows run by members. Kathi will send a letter to Deb H explaining this. We do run the risk of not having someone in following years

We do have everything we need from Deb H.

We need to make sure that NWDA has contracts/documents to give to show management going forward.

We will request that Judges stay overnight until Monday for the Recognized shows

**JR/YR:** 6/20—6/21/17 for the clinic. Jody Ely is interested in coming back.

Play day is set up for 10/22—15 riders

We need approval for: ribbons, River Ranch fee, lesson fees for lesson horses and snacks *Motion by Jen: We will spend up to \$350 for the Jr/Yr clinic. 2nd by Julie W, Passed*

**Website/newsletter:** Newsletter just went out. Leah is looking for help with mailing out the newsletter going forward—Julie W volunteered.

Minutes and show results need to go on the website

**Fundraising:** Nothing new from Julie W. Kat will write up something on what is available for clothing. Kate would like feedback on what we had. She will bring samples for the board to approve for next year

**Awards banquet:** February 4, 2017. Theme: Black and White. We will have black and white cupcakes at a table to decorate.

Save the date magnets not done yet. Kathi will get a time frame for them to Jen

Jen will send out a save the date reminder in her mailing about the elections

Paula helped with the auction last year and will help again this year

**Old Business:** Nothing

**New Business:** Kathi will check with Mary at Iron River about the “camping confusion”

GMO basket for USDF convention. Julie W will donate basket. Will include NWDA stuff (bonnet, shirt) Bring other items to be included to next meeting. Leah will take care of the delivery

**Next Meeting date:** 11/14/16 **Motion to adjourn:** by Jen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alex