

**Northwoods Dressage Association
Board Meeting
2/13/17
Blackwoods, Proctor MN**

Present: Pam Forsythe, Alex LaFleur, Jess Amundson, Kathi Marshall, Jen Hovde, Natascha Artang, Leah Nelson, Teresa Kolar, Julie Williams, Leah Nelson, Amanda LaFleur, Jennifer Manty, Rachael Tomczak

Call to Order: 6:30

Conflict of interest: None

Mission Statement: Rachael

Treasurer Report: Checking—\$19,977.24 Money Market—\$25,007.02

Please see Treasurers report. This includes expenses for the Banquet. We still have more expenses coming in. Raffle and Silent Auction items are the same as past years.

Still working on Quickbooks with Blaine—he feels that an update affected our Quickbooks. Jen checked into prices of online vs the actual program. Jen purchased the program for a computer.

Blaine will do 2015/2016 taxes together

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

Secretary:

Please see report

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

Governance: Nothing new

Question—Can a person serve on 2 GMO boards? Would there be a potential conflict of interest? Kathi will email USDF to see if this would be a problem

Education/scholarship: The Freestyle Clinic went well. There were 8-9 participants. It was well received and they will present it at Central States.

Information on “L” program:

- An application is required and needs to be in 6 months before the event.
- Leah will get numbers on the potential cost to see if we need to make a formal motion to move forward.
- Leah doesn't think there is a minimum number of participants but thinks there should be enough demand.
- Multiple sessions/days are required. Could use Springhill and possibly the OP
- Can't be a host and a participant
- Need a GMO and a contact person
- Participants would pay a fee
- Springhill will want a rental fee
- More info on fees at next meeting

Ride a test day:

- Do it along with another scribing clinic. Possible date would be April 8
 - Potentially use “L” judge from schooling shows from last summer—they were good
- Yoga for Riders with Tonya Sterner:* tentatively thinking about March 11??. Yoga North could rent a spot
- Sports Psychologist would be another potential clinic

Membership: 92 members—higher than in past years. 78 primary, 14 supporting. Jen has 4-5 members from the banquet

Equipment: Lots of stuff in Kathi's garage. There are extra supplies from the Banquet that can be kept at Springhill. Will keep the cupcake holders with Sara C for now. It's hard to store stuff in the trailers as they are in Iron River

Shows: The show committee should meet to finalize things to allow us to be organized. Potentially meet 1 time in March and 1 time in April.

Would like the judges to stay over night the last day of the show—not sure yet if this will happen

JR/YR: Did a good job at the banquet. Nothing else new

Website/newsletter: Working on the newsletter, collecting content information. If you come across interesting articles let Leah know. Would like someone to write an article on the Freestyle clinic—possibly Teresa?

Teresa will help with the mailing.

Nothing new on the website

Fundraising: Paula did a good job on the silent auction. She would be willing to do it again next year
Motion We will get a \$50 gift and thank you card for Paula. Motion by Julie, 2nd by Teresa—passed. Kathi will do this

Tack Swap is March 25th. Start getting items together. Extra calendars and clothing are at Kathi's. Need to get them to Kate for the Tack Swap.

Will get a sign up for helping at the tack swap. Set up is on Friday March 23rd

Awards banquet: Nice job! Photos came out this week and posted on Facebook page. Need to get them on the website—Leah needs them to be in a different format. Jen will check to see if we can get a CD with the photos from the photographer for Leah.

Do we want to do cupcakes again and maybe a photo booth next year?

It is important to think about what went well and what didn't.

For the silent auction, it might be more efficient to have a table set up to do business after the auction. For example: "Auction is closed. Please check at the table to see if you won"

Old Business: Omnibus—still waiting for the final copy. We do have a paper copy with the changes that we have made. Kathi will check again on the status. Once we have a final version it will go to the Print Shop. They can have it done in a couple of days.

Jen is starting to compile the documents on a flash drive.

Jess has offered to do it next year.

Jen and Kathi will send Jess an email copy with changes and Jess will look at it.

New Business: An email was received from Alfa Equis English Riders in Fargo listing their schooling shows. Do we want to put their events on our website? This is usually just for events from members. Jess will do the Equine Events email (goes out through our members list)—please send events to her or bring them to the Board meetings so she can post items. We could put the Fargo group's events out through this email

Jess signed up for CSDEA. They send out a "welcome email" to new members. This might be nice for us to do as it is more personalized. May want to have a "NWDA member number" and USDF GMO number in this email. Jess will bring a draft email to the next meeting.

Possible article for the newsletter "Benefits of Membership"

Next Meeting date: 3/13/17

Motion to adjourn 7:47: by Jen, 2nd by Pam