

**Northwoods Dressage Association
Board Meeting
10/9/17
Blackwoods, Proctor MN**

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

Call to Order: 6:28

Conflict of interest: None

Mission Statement: Teresa

Treasurer Report: Checking—\$25,023.67. Money Market—\$18979.09

- No report but no changes.
- Still need to find the “wire basket”
- *Motion by Jen: We will move \$5000 from checking account to money market account. 2nd: Kate—Passed*
- Still waiting on taxes from Blaine. Kathi may have someone that can help us with the taxes.
- Did get the dressage arena for \$2550.
- May want to think about a financial planner

Secretary: See attached report.

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

Governance:

- *Motion by Pam: We approve the slate of board members up for election: Alex LaFleur, Amanda LaFleur, Kate Hinz, Natascha Artang and Jen Hovde. 2nd: Teresa—passed*
- Annual meeting mailing to go out this week with a packet of the bios for board members up for election. Also to be included are the awards forms, new membership forms and the save the date form for the banquet with Animal theme “Hay Party Animals”
- Cleaned up the Jack Pine award information in the omnibus to make it clearer. Allow for members to check their scores online. What is NWDA’s responsibility vs the riders responsibility for the scores? Should be the riders responsibility to check scores.
- At the annual meeting, need to elect the following officers: Secretary: Pam, President: Kathi
- Tried to make wording changes in the bylaws for Skype attendance at meetings. Article 4 #6 talks about meeting attendance by members. Article 7 takes about meetings. Suggestion is to require them to attend 1 meeting/quarter including the annual meeting. Jen will work on this and we will vote on it next month

Education/scholarship:

- *L Program:* had a meeting of the committee after the last board meeting. Now have Google Drive spreadsheets for registration, demo riders, auditors, volunteers and those expressing interest in the program.
- We still need demo riders and alternates. Can’t have the same demo riders for all of the classes.
- Saturday is lecture 8-4 and Sunday is at the barn
- Auditor form to come
- Will we allow NWDA scholarships? Yes. Can we offer more money? Maybe worthwhile to have an essay contest of 1000 words
- We will include auditor information in the omnibus
- *Motion by Leah: We will create an L program scholarship of \$500. People will submit a 1000 word essay on What the L program means to the applicant. The essays will be reviewed by the board to determine who will be awarded the scholarship. 2nd, Jen—passed*

Membership: 125 members, 109 individual, 16 supporting

Equipment:

- Jen will pick up the new dressage ring
- *Motion by Kathi: We will reimburse Jen for picking up the arena in Madison—\$400 for travel and expenses plus gas receipts. 2nd: Kate—passed*
- Question: What will we do with the ring? Kathi will work out the details of getting the ring into the trailer/storage with Scott

Shows:

Meeting was held last Saturday (10/7) at the Marshall house. **Dates for shows:**

1. *6/8–10 Recognized*
 2. *6/29–7/1 Schooling*
 3. *7/20–22 Recognized*
 4. *8/3–5 New Recognized show. “Last Chance Summer Dance” Can’t use the dairy barn for this show*
 5. *8/17–19 Schooling show*
- Need to make sure that all voices are heard when putting together the show bills
 - Lumberman’s is locked in for all dates
 - If you have judges recommendations, please pass them along
 - Document all things that we are doing to keep communication clear
 - We can put them on the website
 - Have to apply to USDF for the new show.

JR/YR: 7–8 riders for the Play Day on 10/14. Not as many riders this time. Apps due by 10/10

Website/newsletter:

News letter is pretty much put together

Website—Scores can go up . Need to get scores to Leah (from Carrie)

Fundraising:

- Need to get pics for the calendar. Will put a blurb in the annual meeting mailing to have people send photos to the NWDA email. Need to include rider, horse owner, horse name, barn name. Make sure to get good quality pics—highest resolution JPEG
- Omnibus ads: Have the list from before to look at and to add other possible advertisers. Jess will send out a digital form. The list was rotated for board members to sign up to contact people

Awards banquet: Theme: Animals. Name: “Hay Party Animals”. Date: 2/3/18 @ Blackwoods

Old Business: Taxes: Kathi will work on contacting new person.

New Business:

- Convention: Jess is attending and will be our Proxy. Next month we will put together the basket and goodies. Kathi submitted our letter of intent
- Omnibus: Deadline is 12/15/17. A meeting will be held on 11/11/17 to go through it at The Marshall House
- We will form an awards committee to come up with new gifts for the awards.

Next Meeting date: 11/13/14—Annual meeting. All are welcome to attend. Spread the word. Last meeting of the year is 12/11/17

Motion to adjourn: 7:37 by Jen, 2nd by Pam