

**Northwoods Dressage Association
Board Meeting
11/13/17
Blackwoods, Proctor MN**

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

Call to Order: 6:34

Conflict of interest: None

Mission Statement: Pam

Treasurer Report: Checking—\$17,247.24 Money Market—\$30,025.43

See report Items of note:

- Still waiting all items from the Fall Show
- There is an increased number of 2018 memberships
- \$\$ is coming in for the L program
- Also shows results from the Fall Play Day
- We purchased the new dressage arena
- Still haven't received the fairground bills for the shows
- Bill was received for the doors

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

Secretary: See report

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

Board meeting Adjourned, Start of Annual Meeting

Governance:

Ballot of the new board members was approved. Please get your membership into Kate by 11/30

Contact form was routed for updates

Motion by Jen to change our Bylaws Article IV as noted below, 2nd by Kate—passed

Article IV - Board of Directors

7. (Current #7 will be #8)

7. (New Content) "Board members have the option of attending some meetings by Skype. Board members must attend at least one meeting in person per quarter (1st quarter is Dec/Jan/Feb, 2nd quarter is Mar/Apr/May, 3rd quarter is Jun/Jul/Aug, and 4th quarter is Sept/Oct/Nov). The President must be notified in advance if a board member will be attending by Skype.

Education/scholarship:

L Program is coming along.

- We still need demo riders—have 4 so far.
- We have the minimum number of participants.
- We are still looking for a lecture venue—Maybe East High School?
- Carrie Calder is working on auditor registration through Equestrian Entries. \$75/weekend with more information to come
- L program scholarship to be on website—1 \$500 scholarship. Deadline for scholarship application is Sunday 12/10/17. Application will be an essay on "How I will apply this

training to my future in Dressage” Jen, Pam and Kathi will review the applications. They will be rated on a 1-10 scale. Send essay to Jess at the NWDA email address

Membership:

2018: 24 new members—19 individual, 5 supporting. 10 horses. Brio is now a lifetime horse.

Equipment:

The new arena has arrived! It needs to be power washed. It will fit in the trailer. The letters have a spot on the top for flowers. We will need to paint over the sponsors. We should also mark the panels to make sure they are with the correct arena

Shows:

Show committee has met a couple of times.

- We will be having 3 recognized shows. We are officially registered for the 3rd show.
- Erica will be the manger for the Recognized shows and would like feedback on judges
- Carrie will be the manager for the Schooling shows and would like feedback on judges
- This means we will be having 5 shows this summer.
- The June Recognized show is usually small—we need to have 40 riders to break even
- The 1st Schooling show is the last weekend of June

JR/YR:

Play Day was held a River Ranch and it was a lot of fun! We had 6 participants
Considering an overnight/2 day camp at Iron River. Suggestions for trainers: Jody Ely, Tonya Simeone, Julie Davies Pagel

We need to make sure that our insurance covers this

Website/newsletter:

Newsletter is ready to go but it is now a Fall Newsletter.

We need to get content more quickly

It would be nice to include show results

Deadlines for upcoming Newsletters

- March—February 15
- June—May 15
- September—August 15
- December—November 15

Fundraising:

Ad Promotion—Need to get ads in as we haven’t received any yet

Upcoming events: Tack Swap, raffles at the Banquet

What do we want for clothing at the Banquet?

Motion by Jen: We will spend \$600 for clothing for the Banquet. 2nd by Julie—passed

Awards banquet: February 13, 11:30 @ Blackwoods

- Carrie is almost done calculating the score for the Jackpine awards
- Theme is “Animals”
- River Ranch will do a skit
- Teresa can organize stuff for the cupcakes and send it to some one here if she is unavailable
- Can figure out a bakery to get the cupcakes from

Welcome to the Incoming Board Members

Close of the Annual meeting

Reopen Board meeting: 7:59

Reviewed the list of committees. Remember to delegate. You can bring in any NWDA member to help out

Committees: *designates chairperson

- Governance: *Jen, Julie
- Education: *Leah, *Pam, Alex, Kate, Kris, Teresa, Amanda
- Membership: *Kate, Teresa
- Equipment: *Natascha, Julie, Julie DP
- Shows: *Kathi, Jen, Alex, Jess, Pam, Rachel, Jen M, Amanda
- Jr/Yr: *Alex, Jen, Jen M, Amanda
- Website/Ad Promotion *Jess, *Leah
- Newsletter: *Leah, Rachel, Jess, Alex
- Fundraising: *Kate, *Jess, Natascha
- Awards Banquet: *Jen, *Alex, *Kathi, Natascha, Rachel, Teresa, Jen M, Amanda

Appointment of Officers

- President—Kathi—motion by Jen, 2nd by Pam—passed
- Secretary—Pam—motion by Kathi, 2nd by Jen—passed

NWDA Board Members and terms:

Officers:

President: Kathi Kusch-Marshall - term expires 11/30/19

Vice-President: Jessica Amundson - term expires 11/30/18

Secretary: Pam Forsythe - term expires 11/30/19

Treasurer: Jen Hovde - term expires 11/30/18

2016-2018

Kathi Kusch Marshall

Leah Nelson

Teresa Kolar

Julie Williams

2017-2019

Jennifer Manty

Jess Amundson

Pam Forsythe

Rachel Tomzacak

2018-2020

Jen Hovde

Kate Hinz

Alex LaFleur

Natascha Artang

Amanda LaFleur

Old Business:

Julie made the basket for the convention. Jess will take it to the convention

Have an accountant that is working on the taxes

New Business:

Omnibus—Jess is working on it.

Need to get the ads in. Additional ideas for ads: trainers, farriers

Get any other ideas to Jess

Thinking of adding pages to make it a “go to place” for our members. For example:

- Look at your goals for the year
- Information on how to prepare for regionals, schooling shows, recognized shows
- AQHA information
- Map of show grounds, rings/barns, bathrooms, lunging ring, water, parking

Goal is to have changes by 12/15. Jess hopes to have it ready by 1/12/18. The print shop needs 1 week to get it done

Want to hand it out to the banquet

New class ideas for the schooling shows—suggestions for things we would like to see at the shows such as team competitions, Drill teams

Next Meeting date: 12/11/17 @ Blackwoods

Please bring \$10 gift to share

Motion to adjourn 8:28: by Jen, 2nd by Pam