

**Northwoods Dressage Association  
Board Meeting  
2/12/18  
Blackwoods, Proctor MN**

**Present:** Pam Forsythe, Alex LaFleur, Jess Amundson, Amanda LaFleur, Kathi Marshall, Jen Hovde, Natascha Artang, Leah Nelson, Julie Williams, Rachel Tomczak, Christina Steenekamp

**Call to Order:** 6:39

**Conflict of interest:** None

**Mission Statement:** Amanda

**Treasurer Report:** Checking—\$14,327.82 Money Market—\$30,030.74

Please see report

Horse Fair booth has been paid for

Banquet:

- some things are still outstanding
- 103 people attended the banquet
- Not as many items for the silent auction so we didn't make as much on it as in previous years. Usually most silent auctions start with a minimum bid. May want to consider this next year.
- Raffle was down also. More items were available than last year but we didn't show as much of a profit.
- May want to consider advertising for items for the silent auction to get people to bring more items
- May want to consider a separate committee for the auction/raffle.

Printing cost for the omnibus—\$481.00

Paid for the website. May still need to look at upgrading this

***Motion to approve by Pam, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alex—passed.***

**Secretary:** Please see report

***Motion to approve by Jen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Julie—passed***

**Governance:** Nothing new to report

**Education/scholarship:**

L Program—doing OK

We booked the Duluth Heights Community Center for all 3 sessions

May want to have flyers at events to publish upcoming events for new members that are attending the L program (like the tack swap)

We will publish Sam's Scholarship application essay in the newsletter

Next L program meeting is 2/14/18 at Pam's house for anyone who wants to attend

**Membership:** No report

**Equipment:** The seller notified us that we didn't get all of the boards for the new arena. Jen will pick them up the weekend of 2/17-18

**Shows:** Things are falling into place. We will be busy this summer! Will have meeting of the show subcommittee after the L program is done.

**JR/YR:** Looking for clinicians for the clinic, otherwise nothing else new.

### **Website/newsletter:**

Deadline for the newsletter is 2/23/18.

Possible items for the newsletter: Article on L program, Sam's letter, Governance article. Would like to have a photo from the banquet for the cover.

**Website**—at some time may want to consider having a member login. May not be too expensive

### **Fundraising:**

Tack swap is coming up 3/24/18

- We need some more tags with strings.
- Friday set up: Drop off 4:30–6:30. Kathi and Julie will be there
- Saturday: Drop off 8:00–9:00 Kathi, Julie and Jen will be there
- Julie will put together a schedule for the Tack swap
- We need more clothing as we sold out of almost everything at the Banquet

***Motion by Alex: We will approve \$500 to spend on clothing for the Tack Swap (1/4 zip shirts and ball caps) 2nd by Natascha—passed***

The logo washes off the knit winter hats. These were done by Diamond Royal. Kathi will take this up with Diamond Royal

**Awards banquet:** 103 people attended. This was a good turnout considering the weather Menu—Chef's Pasta. May want to look at other menu options for next year.

Asked about dates for next year. The 1st Saturday of February is locked in. Can get in Friday before to decorate.

May need to take more for reservations, especially if we look at changing the menu

We were down on \$\$ from the raffle and silent auction

May want to consider having a subcommittee for the silent auction and start to collect items earlier.

Some ideas for the raffle

- announce ticket sales more throughout the event
- get larger items for the prizes
- suggestion—clinic rides

Kathi may meet with CSDEA to maybe start working together with them

Jen will email out results of the survey

There were some errors on plaques. Will be getting the face plates redone. Suggestion is to get plaques done earlier so they can be proof read.

Ideas for other awards: would need to amend the Omnibus

- Musical Freestyle
- More jumper awards
- Western Dressage
- Top scores,
- Medals

**Please let Kathi know of any other ideas for the banquet**

**Old Business: Taxes have been submitted**

**New Business:** We need to pay Jess for her work on the Omnibus. She put in 42 hours.

***Motion by Pam: We will pay Jess \$15/hour for her work on the omnibus for this year only. 2nd by Alex—passed***

If you see any changes please let Jess know now so we can start making those changes sooner rather than later

**Next Meeting date:** 3/12/18

**Motion to adjourn @ 7:50:** by Leah, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jen-passed

