



## NEWDA State Board Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2016 Schreiner's, Fond du Lac WI

**ATTENDANCE:** Sally Tiegs, Jackie Devcich, Nancy Dechert, Carol Orwig, Paula Rush, Jenny Schmidt, Linda Smith, Kris Blacklock attended by phone.

**Preapproved absences:** Lori Fisher, Carolyn

**Unapproved absences:** Maddie Ryan

Sally called the meeting to order at 2:15, *motion to approve agenda made by Nancy, Linda seconded, all approved.*

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**VICE PRESIDENT REPORT:** Jackie will be attending the Wisconsin Horse Council meeting on May 25th. After a short discussion it is agreed she will be voting to support a bill modifying laws pertaining to fencing. Changes will make the animal owner responsible for the entire cost of a fence; currently a neighbor may be forced to share half the cost of fencing. It would also eliminate the need for 4 inches from the bottom of the fencing to the ground. Fencing may be removed if both neighbors agree, unless it is not maintained.

She also reports there are EVAI outbreaks at a stable in West Bend.

**SECRETARY REPORT:** The minutes have not been updated on the website since March 2015. Carol has resent the minutes from subsequent meetings to Lori for the website.

Carol reports she must step aside as Secretary at the end of 2016. She apologised for not giving the position the attention it deserves, but recent family issues and work obligations have taken precedence.

*A motion was made by Jackie to correct the minutes regarding reimbursement to Kris regarding the cost of an advertisement with the Wisconsin Horse Council, Kris seconded, motion passed.*

**TREASURER REPORT:** The treasurer's report was reviewed. Finances are improving, but fund raising efforts continue to be needed.

**MEMBERSHIP RECORDER REPORT:** Membership is down when compared to 2016. Changes to the membership form were reviewed.



*A motion was made by Jenny to approve the new membership form, Jackie seconded, motion passed.*

### **STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**COMMUNICATION COORDINATOR:** Report was received.

**YEAR END REPORT:** Report was received and reviewed.

**JR/YR REPORT:** No report submitted.

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:** Barb's report was reviewed. A scholarship was awarded to Carly Moreau for her participation in the Steffan Peters clinic, award is pending submission of the rider's report. Three riders have applied for AA scholarships. If all are awarded the AA scholarship fund will fall below \$800, allowing for future applicants awards of 15% of the funds left.

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION:** Chapter presidents are encouraged to discuss volunteer appreciation award criteria with their chapter members in order to encourage members to volunteer.

*A motion was made by Jenny to have a \$500.00/year cap the volunteer appreciation awards, Jackie seconded, motion passed.*

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**July 16 show:** Volunteers continue to be needed. Carol will scribe, one judge is bringing her own scribe. Jackie will ask one of her rider's mom, who is an RN if she can volunteer to be the EMT for the day. It is a WEC requirement that an EMT be on the grounds on the show day. Jackie will supply show numbers if needed.

**Worker's compensation:** Worker's compensation issues are settled. NEWDA does not need WC insurance, but changes are needed to policies and procedures to protect NEWDA going forward.

Chapters must hire only independent contractors as judges or clinicians.

Judges and clinicians must have a related business verifiable by website.

Because anyone paid more than \$10.00 may be considered an employee, no reimbursement can be made without a receipt.



### **NEW BUSINESS:**

*Nancy made a motion that NEWDA pay booth and a stall fees (\$50.00 + \$25.00) so the Southern Chapter can showcase NEWDA at the Harvest Horse Festival on September 24, Linda seconded, motion passed.*

*Carol made a motion to change the dates for score submission to reflect the dates used by USDF to November 1 through October 31, Jackie seconded, motion passed.*

The board discussed adding language to the general release form to allow potential publication of photos or videos versus having a separate form for this purpose. This is tabled for additional consideration.

### **CHAPTER REPORTS:**

Eastern Chapter dressage show is June 26, Liz Lamm and Marie Johnson judging.

Central Chapter Dressage show is June 4.

The next NEWDA BOD meeting is scheduled on October 9 in Waupun at 10:00 am at a location TBA.