

# NDQHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**November 22, 2025 / 11:00 AM / Gladstone Inn, Jamestown, ND**

## ATTENDEES

Katherine Beaudine, Sherri Matuska, Mary Youngs, JoDee Hass, Andrea Butler, Dawn Martin, Robin Danielson, Tara Wolf, Doreen Swenson

## **Call To Order**

President Mary Youngs called the meeting to order at 11:35 AM

## AGENDA

### **Secretary's Report**

The Secretary's Report was shared prior to the meeting on October 8 via email & Facebook BOD group. Tara made a motion, seconded by Robin, to approve the October 8 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report was shared prior to the meeting on November 17 via email with the following balances:

Open \$26,177.21/Amateur \$36,778.83/Youth \$11,698.80/Futurity \$838.51

Sherri made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Dawn, approved subject to audit.

**Directory Report** – Cassidy Strommen & Zava Zupan – A directory contract/proposal was sent out to the board. The front and back cover will be auctioned off at the annual banquet. The ads that are to be auctioned off will have a deadline of January 24 to get their ad in. The dates for ads being collected will need to be changed – the board is going to ask that ads be collected by January 15. The board will ask that the rest of the dates be pushed out. The \$1,500 salary for each is acceptable by the board. ND Proud ads will have a deadline to be in by January 15.

**Website Report** – Sherri Matuska – the link for the banquet to reserve hotel rooms is out on the website. Sherri will start putting out the forms for the banquet and will put the form for horse of the year on the front of the website.

**Youth Report** – Alexis Gleason – absent from meeting. The year end placings are being worked on. She will finish this weekend and begin ordering prizes. At happy hour at the banquet, the youth will be putting on a game for fundraising. The youth will also be making tie blankets for auctioning off.

### **Committee Reports**

**Annual Banquet** – Sherri Matuska & JoDee Hass – The banquet space has been booked. The date will be January 17, 2026, at the Double Tree in Fargo. We received affiliate money from AQHA – \$2,500. Sherri is working on getting larger items to auction off to raise

money for Bison Strides. There will be water in the meeting rooms. Discussion was held on the buffet meal choices. The choices that were decided on for the banquet are: house salad, french dressing, ranch dressing, London broil with raspberry reduction, chicken breast with mushroom marsala sauce, red river garlic mashed potatoes, sauteed green beans, chicken strips for the kid's meal, penne pasta with savory sauce and fresh vegetables for the vegetarian option.

**Awards** - Andrea Butler - Andrea is working on open awards. Sherri is almost done with the amateur year end standings. Discussion was held that amateur awards will possibly have to be monetary since the year end standings aren't finished yet. Andrea said that she would possibly have exhibitors receive a water bottle with a NDQHA sticker with the money in it. Molly's is also having a sale on buckles, which is another option for first place.

**Budget Review** - Dawn Martin - nothing new to report.

**Bylaws** - Stacey Thelen - absent from meeting.

**Futurity Report** - Sherri Matuska & JoDee Hass - There were a total of 95 entries and 47 horses. NDQHA paid out over \$12,000 dollars. Suggestion to announce winners when they are in the arena and present awards when they come out of the arena.

**Hall of Fame, Sportsmanship Award, Horse of Year** - Tara Wolf - Connie Armstrong sent Mary the 2 Hall of Fame nominees: Alvina Ebensteiner and Leland Buller. Mary read off the applications to the board. The board voted, and the majority of votes was for Alvina. There are no nominations for horse of the year yet.

**Marketing & Membership** - Robin Danielson - nothing new to report.

**Show & Special Events** - Makayla Nyre - absent from the meeting. Region 2 has moved their dates out to September 16-20, 2026. The Labor Day show next year will be September 4-7, 2026. Sherri brought copies of the class list from Wadena. The only change Sherri suggested would be changing the all-breed small fry to AQHA small fry. Mary suggested separating the amateur ranch classes, so they aren't back-to-back. The other suggestion was moving the youth halter classes. Robin made a motion to approve the Wadena Run class list and Labor Day class list, seconded by Tara. Motion carried. Sherri will make the approved changes that were discussed. The futurity classes were discussed, and no changes will be made. The Labor Day show classes should match the Wadena show classes. The all-day fees for each show were discussed. Mary talked to Royce about the contract. If we raise the stall fees \$10, Royce will find someone to clean the stalls. Tara made a motion to increase the stall fee \$10 in the NDWS contract for the Labor Day show, seconded by Sherri. Motion carried. There were 2.5 dumpsters used at the Labor Day show, which was \$875.00. The camping fee or the

office fee could be increased \$5 to cover the cost of the dumpster. Tara made a motion to increase the office fee \$5 to cover the cost of the dumpster fee, seconded by Robin. Motion carried.

### **Unfinished Business**

**501c3** - Approved - effective as of August 24, 2024.

### **New Business**

**New Board Members** - There will be 3 open board positions for next year. We will be posting an information sheet on the expectations of a board member. The board member contract changes: #3 = Board members will not be required to attend every single meeting. #9 = Can state vice president can call. #1 = Financial statements can be sent as needed. The organization document will be posted on the website. Dawn made a motion to make the changes stated above, seconded by Robin. Motion carried.

**Little I Sponsorship** - Tara made a motion to send a \$100 sponsorship to Little I, seconded by Andrea. Motion carried.

**NDQHA Clothing** - JoDee suggested possibly start selling NDQHA clothing - a possible youth fundraiser.

**AQHA Convention** – Nikki Medalen sent a message to Mary asking what the marketing and membership team at AQHA could help our affiliate with. Fundraising and under-utilized programs were brought up for NDQHA.

### **Adjourn**

Tara made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dawn, meeting adjourned at 1:53 PM

**Our next meeting will be held on Friday, January 16, 2026, in person at the Double Tree in West Fargo, North Dakota.**

NDQHA Secretary/Treasurer, Katherine Beaudine