

MINUTES

NMDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AUGUST 9, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM by President John Collins.

Board members present: John Collins, Rusty Cook, Rena Haynes, Sean Cunningham, Randi Phillips, Susan Dezavelle, Marybeth Perez-Soto, Donald Simpson, Virginia Gredell, Barbara Burkhardt.

Board members absent: Denai Meyer, Linda Ettling, Harold Baskin.

1. **Minutes** of the July meeting were reviewed and corrected. **MOTION** by Randi, seconded by Sean, to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.
2. **Financial Report.** Rena distributed copies. Income for June/July included \$1,955 from the Luna Rosa schooling show. Total income was \$1,978.80. Expenses were 869.79. Total cash assets are \$20,924.34. **MOTION** by Susan, seconded by Barbara, to accept the report. Motion carried.
3. **Membership.** Virginia reported one new member and one name change since the last report. Total members about 172, all but the last one sent to USDF. Susan has updated the Yahoo group. There was discussion on applicable dates for new memberships. **MOTION** by Barbara, seconded by Sean, that NMDA and USDF memberships accepted after September 30 apply to the following year. Motion carried. Virginia will update the membership form and send to Harold.
4. **Youth.** Sean reported some youth volunteered to work at the Arabian Youth Nationals but it didn't work out. Some other girls did distribute flyers. To date, one scholarship application has been submitted. Several others are interested. The scholarship committee will try to come up with a packet of materials that can be used for publicity, and a list of volunteer activities.
5. **Education.** Marybeth reported that none of the barns she contacted want to put their clinics on the NMDA calendar. She suggests an e-mail blast requesting that people let us know what's going on at their barn. Susan will compose a message and send it out. Another suggestion is to do one clinic a year underwritten by the club and apply for a Foundation grant. This will be put on the agenda for the Annual Meeting.
6. **Schooling Shows.** Santa Fe Equestrian Center (Terry Berg) sent a sample contract to Marybeth. It included a \$20 haul-in fee per horse. After a lot of discussion that fee was dropped. Marybeth has 11 prizes (donated by Katrin Silva) left over from the Luna Rosa show which will be used for the SF Equestrian Center show. Holly of Barn Dogs will provide some samples. Marybeth will contact Karri at Hoofprints magazine about providing some copies of the magazine. Other venues can be investigated and information gathered.

Maureen Baca has asked to borrow the schooling show arena for the Juan Tomas show. A rental fee for use of the arena was discussed. **MOTION** by Susan, seconded by Randi, to charge a damage deposit of \$100 plus a rental fee of \$50. Motion carried.

Rena and DJ are managing the Bosque Farms show Sept. 25. Cindy Kavan will be asked to help DJ manage the Oct. 30 show.

Helmet and liability signs are framed and were used at Luna Rosa. They will be displayed at all schooling shows.

7. Recognized Shows. Donald reported that plans are moving along for the October show, which will include state championships.

8. New Business.

a. The NMDA Delegate to the USDF Convention will be Rusty Cook. **MOTION** by Susan, seconded by Virginia, to reimburse Rusty for the cost of registration and travel up to \$1,200. Motion carried.

b. Location for the General Membership meeting was discussed. Possibilities include the PRE building on Elm Street, the NMSU building where the Seana Adamson clinic was held, and the UNM Continuing Education Building. Date for the meeting is Saturday Nov. 12. A speaker or program is needed. Randi has a video we could use; Ulla has a video; John has an i-gallop machine we could use. Susan will work with Linda on a flyer. John will help with mailing.

c. The NMDA newsletter was discussed. Ideas for changes/improvements should be brought to the next meeting.

d. The Year End Awards Dinner was discussed. The date will be in January. Randi will work on locating a venue and a firm date will be set after a location is selected.

e. NMDA elections are coming up. **MOTION** by Barbara, seconded by Marybeth, to appoint Randi to the Nominating Committee. Motion carried. Randi will recruit two additional members to serve. Virginia offered to help with necessary labor. An e-blast will be sent asking for nominations for the four officer positions and for volunteer awards. Election procedures are outlined in the By-Laws.

9. Old Business. Rusty was the Dressage Coordinator for the Arabian Youth National Championship Show and publicly expressed thanks to NMDA members Marybeth Perez-Soto and Lynn Myers for scribing all three days of dressage competition. Marybeth suggested that L-graduates be used as scribes to give them experience working with S judges. Barbara volunteered for 2012.

Harold continues to do a great job keeping the website up to date. Events put on by NMDA members can be put on the calendar without charge. Minutes of Board meetings are posted after approval at the next Board meeting.

The next Board meeting will be September 13 at the 66 Diner.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Rusty Cook, Secretary