

## MDA Board of Directors (BoD) Meeting Minutes for August 9, 2017

Foundation for the Pure Spanish Horse

115 Elm St NE, ABQ

All members and interested public welcome!

The meeting started at 6:35 p.m. with board members Susan Reed, Winifred Fitch, Teresa Heine, Cindy Kavan-Winfield, and Kathleen Martin present. Gina McKay absent. Members Jayne Stewart, Dawn Foster, and Valerie Simpson were present.

Welcome by Susan Reed, president. **Secretary's report** from Kathleen Martin: Winifred Fitch moved to accept the minutes of July meeting as written; seconded by Susan Reed. .Carried

**Treasurer's report** from Winifred Fitch: currently \$19,216.18 in checking account.

**Membership report** from W. Fitch: no new members since last month: currently 77 members.

**Schooling show report** from Teresa Heine: Teresa will manage the August show at Roy-el Morgan Farm in Espanola; Barbara Burkhardt will judge. Karen Lencyk is on tap to judge the October schooling show at Cherry Tree Farm.

**Youth/Educational Activities** report from Gina McKay: Gina sent in her report stating that no new educational activities are planned; looking into a braiding clinic with Kristen Valencia at Valencia Farms in Corrales NM in spring, 2018.

**Western Dressage report:** No new report from Nance, WD liaison, but related news from Nance via Teresa Heine: Nance McManus and Sandy Welch attended a WDAA recognized double pointed show at the Colorado Horse Park. They won Championship Coolers and reserve bridle bags.

**Old Business**            **Update on Bill McMullin clinics** from organizer Dawn Foster: Both clinics open to entries on September 1 and will close on October 14. Space available in both Ride/ Re-ride and 2-day clinic. The lecture "From the Judge's Perspective," which will include Bill's experiences judging the Region 5 championships in September '17, will take place at Jayne Stewart's home on Edith Blvd (see NMDA website for location). Videos will be shown.

**Update on freestyle clinic** from organizer Kathleen Martin: *The Dressage Foundation* has gifted this clinic with a \$400 stipend from its Dancing Horses fund to help with expenses.

Clinician Cynthia Collins' plane has been ticketed and her lodging and transportation have been arranged. The Friday night lecture on October 27 will be held in Shawn and Tom Thomason's home in Santa Fe where Cynthia will reside.

**De-spooking clinic** from Gina McKay: Gina reported she'd received kudos from many people on this clinic and requests for more de-spooking clinics from potential future participants, especially adults. Gina submitted a request for reimbursement of \$92 for food for the three officers' lunch in addition to funds for some other miscellaneous expenses.

As the officers did this clinic on their own time and without charge, Gina suggested the NMDA donate \$100 to each of the officers as a thank you. The NMDA Board will take the donation under advisement and look into a benefit or police officers' association to which it could donate some funds. Winifred Fitch moved that we find out the preference from the officers and that we donate \$100. Cindy Kavan-Winfield seconded. After a discussion, 4 voted in favor; 1 against.

**End-of-the-year banquet:** Susan Reed has signed the contract and is waiting on Marriott to sign it. Winifred Fitch is working on getting a non-taxable certificate.

**Tack swap and silent auction** at Cherry Tree Farm schooling show on October 8, '17. Still looking for someone to supervise these events. Susan will ask Cindy Randolph. Promotional pictures of donated Passier saddle are on the NMDA website.

The NMDA will charge \$5 for members and \$10 for nonmembers for tack swap tables. There will be a "free" table; leftovers will be donated to a horse rescue organization.

**Dawn's mini-grant request:** Dawn's mini-grant was approved at last meeting. Since that time she has sent on the required paperwork which the Board determined she should keep as she is in charge of the mini-grant program.

**Recognized show with AHANM** in May '18. A recognized dressage show will be held on Sunday, the last day of the Zia Classic and the Region 8 Arabian show. Jim Porcher, show manager, sent a "facility-use request" from the Expo which must be signed by NMDA president/treasurer. Teresa Heine suggested the Board delay signing until negotiations have proceeded further. Teresa Heine, Susan Reed, and possibly Nance McManus will meet with Jim to get more details. After this meeting, Susan Reed and Winifred Finch can/will sign the contract given the general agreement of the Board for this activity.

**Carry-over from July** when a phone survey of the Board of Directors suggested subsidizing the Freestyle clinic in the amount of \$200; a hand vote was taken at tonight's meeting to confirm and the funds were approved. Susan Reed made the motion; Cindy Kavan-Winfield seconded.

**Clarify protocol for submissions to website:** Cindy Kavan-Winfield moved that all submissions from the general membership must go through a board member. If the submission is from a Board member, another board member must approve. Schooling show results may be submitted by the show manager. Winifred Finch seconded. Three opposed this motion; two abstained. Tabled for future discussion.

**New Business            The Dressage Foundation:** Kathleen Martin said that she had accepted a request from TDF to serve as NM representative. She will update the Board about her duties as more information is available.

**Pilates Clinic:** Cindy Kavan-Winfield submitted a budget for a Pilates Clinic for Equestrians that she is planning for May 18 (evening lecture), May 19-20 (two-day group clinic), and May 21 (additional private lessons), 2018. She's confident it will fill and won't cost the NMDA any money but just in case, she asked the club to cover shortages. Winifred Fitch moved to support the budget as written and Teresa Heine seconded. Motion carried.

**Collection clinic** for September 28-29, 2018 at Pinon Farm Santa Fe: this event is in NMDA's calendar. Clinicians will be Dr. Hillary Clayton and Judge Bill McMullin.

**PA system:** Question in front of BoD is whether to buy one or rent one. Kathleen volunteered to research this issue with local vendors and report findings to board.

**Drill Team:** The flyer/information on an NMDA-sponsored drill team stipulates it is for "members only." Dawn Foster clarified that exclusion of the public is not allowed under 501 3c rules. Organizer Jayne Stewart agreed to change it.

**E-mail blasts:** Kathleen Martin indicated that her e-mail blast system with blind distribution list is ready to go. She will send out a blast with flyers and information for the Drill Team start-up, the Bill McMullin clinic, and the Freestyle clinic as soon as possible.

The August 9, 2017 meeting of the NMDA Board of Directors ended at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Kathleen Martin, Secretary

