

## **New Mexico Dressage Association**

### **Regular Meeting**

**Dec. 2 , 2014**

Board Members Present: Cindy Kavan-Winfield, Cathy Soller, Barbara Burkhardt, Charlene Strickland, Marybeth Perez Soto, Virginia Gredell, Donald Simpson, John Collins

Board Members Absent: Rena Haynes, Anne Sparks, Mary Jastrzemski, Cynthia Ramsey

Guests: Cindy Begay

### **Officers' Reports**

**Secretary:** Minutes accepted.

**Treasurer:** No report. Cindy ordered the test booklets.

### **Committee Reports**

**Schooling Shows:** The Board made some changes to the tentative schedule posted on nmda.org. Action: Marybeth will submit the revised schedule to nmdressage.net.

**Recognized Shows:** No report.

**Membership:** Virginia submitted 53 names of members to USDF so far.

**Year-End Awards:** Barbara distributed the list of award winners. Cathy discussed the awards of saddle pads for schooling show champions, and embroidered show tote bags packed with coolers for recognized show champions.

The Board discussed revising the minimum averaged scores for the 2015 awards, and decided to leave the scores as is.

The Board also discussed taking over the award for the Trainer of the Year. This year the winner will receive a plaque.

A new award will be for equitation, and the Board will announce it at the awards banquet.

Barbara proposed adding 3 awards for Western dressage: junior, amateur, and open. The Board tabled this proposal till January.

Cathy discussed promoting the banquet, and the invitation logistics. She has been ordering raffle items and will assemble some themed gift buckets. Marybeth will order the championship ribbons.

The photo contest guidelines will be on nmdressage.net. Cindy Begay volunteered to assist with contest entries.

**Junior and Young Riders:** No report

**Education:** The Pilates clinic will be May 1-3. Marybeth suggested a Ride the New Test clinic, possibly with Debbie Riehl Rodriguez from Colorado, tentatively in early February. The Board discussed the format and costs. **Action:** Marybeth will talk with Debbie.

**L Program Part II:** Marybeth reported the finances remaining within the budget.

**Publicity:** John has been selling hats. We will raffle 1 hat at the banquet, and have them to sell that evening.

### **Old Business**

The election received 65 returned votes.

Announcement of Next Meeting: Jan. 6, 7123 Prospect Place NE; look for the orange door.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 8:30.