

NMDA Board of Director (BoD) Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2017

Foundation for the Pure Spanish Horse 115 Elm St NE, ABQ

6:30 – 8:05 PM

All members and interested public welcome.

Present: Susan Reed, Teresa Heine, Winnie Fitch, and Kathleen Martin. Absent: Maureen Mestas. Open positions: Treasurer and Year-end award/mini-grant coordinator.

Minutes of 11/8/17 meeting: Winnie Fitch moved that the Nov. 8, 2017 secretary's minutes be accepted as written. Teresa Heine seconded. Approved 4-0

Treasurer's report: Winnie Fitch reported a current bank balance of \$19375.28 with an additional \$100 received tonight from sale of donated bridle from silent auction. Of this amount, \$2442.00 is earmarked for the scholarship fund.

Winnie recommended that the board hire a bookkeeper to look after filing paperwork in a timely manner to organizations and government entities to which the NMDA is obligated. Winnie will research this.

Committee/Liaison Reports

Membership: Winnie Fitch reported that 36 people have sent in dues since the new membership year began on Dec. 1, 2017.

Schooling shows: Teresa Heine reported that records for all the 2017 schooling shows have been handed over to Winnie Fitch for archiving. *Information on 2018 schooling show schedule in "Old Business."*

Youth/Educational Activities: Susan Reed announced that Maureen Mestas is Youth and Educational chair for 2018. Gina McKay will serve as co-chair.

Western Dressage: Susan Reed read a report sent in by Nance McManus, liaison. Highlights: new rules have gone into effect including the acknowledgement of harmony in WD testing. Dressage is scheduled for next year's State Fair, Sept. 12, 2018, beginning at 9 a.m. Mariah Wilson of *Platinum Performance Horses* will host an informational seminar in the indoor arena at the Expo grounds on Dec. 27, 2017, starting at 1 p.m. If interested in auditing or riding, contact Mariah or Nance by Dec. 18, 2017.

Read Nance's full report and find online references and e-mail addresses on the Western Dressage page of the NMDA's website, NMDdressage.net.

Old Business

Election results: All who stood were elected to the Board of Directors. Two write-ins for vacancies declined.

Further Standing Rules updates: Kathleen Martin, secretary, reminded the board that she is working on the changes made in the standing rules in 2017 and will submit under separate copy.

PA system information: Kathleen Martin reported that two NMDA members, LaDelle Brown and Valerie Simpson, investigated the sound system used in the Las Campanas arena at a recent freestyle event. Kathleen gathered their feedback and added information from the Bose website. She sent all in an e-mail to the BoD for their perusal. This particular equipment was deemed to be too expensive.

Volunteer hours requirement: Winnie Fitch moved that the Standing Rules be amended to show that the volunteer hours requirement for Adult Amateurs and Open riders will be 4 hours and no (0) hours for will be required of Junior riders (18 and under). Kathleen Martin seconded. Motion passed 3-1.

Need for treasurer and awards chairperson: Given that the critical treasurer's position still remains vacant, Winnie Fitch moved that the BoD underwrite a one-time one-year membership for a potential candidate as an encouragement to join and serve. Teresa Heine seconded. Approved 4-0.

New Business:

Schooling Show schedule for 2018: Six schooling shows are planned. At this time, confirmed dates and venues include one in Edgewood in March. As a "Welcome to Dressage" gesture, non-member fees will be waived for this early show. Two shows are confirmed for Cherry Tree Farm in the south valley and one at Roy-el Farm in Espanola. The dates for shows at Vista Sandia and Stanley are unconfirmed at this time.

Change of meeting time: Upon confirmation with the venue at 115 Elm Street, the Board of Directors will temporarily change its meeting time to Thursdays from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in deference to the early darkness of winter hours.

Confirmed clinic schedule for 2018: At this time, the only confirmed clinics are the Pilates clinic in May 2018 and the Hillary Clayton/Bill McMullin clinic in September 2018. See calendar page at NMDressage.net for details.

Year-end awards: There is only one NMDA year-end award to be given this year. As an additional highlight, Winnie Fitch will present Azlynn Tittman an award for high-point junior rider in memory of NMDA founding-member, supporter, and friend, Ethel Ortenburer.

Awards banquet: Winnie Fitch moved that the awards brunch to be held Saturday, January 13, 2018, 11 a.m. at the Marriott Uptown include the required annual general membership meeting. Teresa Heine seconded. Approved 4-0.

Budget for Awards/Brunch meeting: Kathleen Martin moved that the Board of Directors set aside \$300 for purchase of gifts, raffles, and other awards. Susan Reed seconded. Approved 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.