

New Mexico Dressage Association
Regular Meeting
Feb. 4, 2014

Board Members Present: Cindy Kavan-Winfield, Cathy Soller, Rena Haynes Barbara Burkhardt, Charlene Strickland, Marybeth Perez Soto, Anne Sparks, John Collins, Donald Simpson

Board Members Absent: Virginia Gredell. Mary Jastrzemski, Cynthia Ramsey

Officers' Reports

Secretary: Minutes amended. Rena approved, Barbara seconded.

Treasurer: Rena distributed the year-end report and the year-to date report, January to 4 February. Rena discussed insurance for shows and for the L Program, Part II.

Committee Reports

Schooling Shows: Marybeth needs storage for arena and show items; John volunteered. Rena has new calculators and clocks. The next show after Cherry Tree Farm is Los Alamos, and they have their own arena. Cindy said she does not yet have a show manager for April, Sandia Vista. Marybeth and Cindy will co-manage the May show, with the Watermelon Mountain Pony Club. We share their judge and scribe also. Anne suggested soliciting L Program participants, who need scribe experience.

Recognized Shows: (See L Program.)

Membership: NMDA has 106 members plus an additional \$45 donated to the education fund.

L Program, Part II: Marybeth said the L judge candidates will judge only tests 3 at the recognized shows in May, July, and October. NMDA agreed to award money to Champion and Reserve, in Training, First and Second Levels, Test 3. We will make no distinction among Junior, Amateur, and Open. Awards will be determined Sunday afternoon of each show. We will exclude Opportunity classes except if Training 3; Marybeth will check that decision with the L Program instructors.

Year-End Awards: The 2013 event had 72 attendees signed up, which Cindy said is a record. She credited the efforts of Randy Phillips and the venue for a good turnout, and mentioned a \$365 profit from the raffle. Marybeth has a few leftover gift certificates from Paul's, which NMDA will award at the March show.

For 2014, Cathy will manage the event. Cindy mentioned coordinating the date with the Arabian association. Barbara usually posts standings in July, so riders can see how they're doing. Cathy suggested a spreadsheet for standings, and the Board discussed how riders can watch scores, posted quarterly or after each show. Marybeth moved to post standings monthly, starting with the third show. As a beta test, Cathy will make a spreadsheet, and she and Rena will work together for the first schooling show. Anne seconded the motion.

Education and Clinics: Horses Unlimited will host Pilates, including the Friday night potluck. We expect 20 attendees, or 10 with horses. The instructor can handle 15 mounted.

The Melonie Kessler clinic will also be at HU.

The photography workshop will discuss good and bad shots; NMDA will sponsor a photo contest to show at the banquet. Cindy will distribute a survey to see who would be interested, possibly early May.

Anne discussed other clinics she's hosted at HU, along with what prices riders would be willing to pay. The Board discussed bringing in a name clinician, or maybe one of the L instructors who were here previously. Cindy will include this option in a members' survey.

Junior and Young Riders: No report.

Publicity: John volunteered for this position. Harold wants to include a Member Spotlight on the Web site each month. Suggested candidates include Past Presidents, Anne, Maureen Baca, Andrea Vasallo as Trainer of the Year, and Donald.

Newsletter: Susan Dezavelle declined; the position is still open.

Old Business

General Membership Meeting: Cindy suggested Saturday, March 8, 3:30 in the Expo Horse Arena. NMDA will supply refreshments.

New Business

Arena Rental Contract: Cindy suggested reworking the contract, possibly raising the price. Last year a problem arose, so the contract should enforce the renter's responsibilities. Barbara said the contract requires \$150 deposit and \$50 to rent. The renter writes two checks, and receives the deposit check back when they return the arena. NMDA will charge Watermelon Mountain for arena rental at the normal rate.

Announcement of Next Meeting: March 4, Route 66 Diner.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.