

New Mexico Dressage Association

Regular Meeting

Feb. 3, 2015

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

Board Members Absent: Kristen Valencia

Guests: Nance McManus, Dawn Foster

Officers' Reports

Secretary: Minutes accepted.

Treasurer: Cindy B distributed the report, including the 2014 summary sheet. She has done the 1099 forms.

Committee Reports

Schooling Shows: Marybeth is talking with judges about assignments at upcoming shows. The NMDA Web site will also include dates of regional and national shows, and CDIs in Region 5.

Recognized Shows: Donald reported no March show in 2015. The May and August shows will be 2 1-day shows.

Membership: Virginia reported 23 more memberships, totalling 97. She distributed test booklets to Board members.

Year-End Awards: Cathy reported on the banquet. She will explore other venues so the banquet sales might cover the cost. The number of vouchers redeemed seemed to reduce sales of raffle tickets. Anne suggested possibly splitting raffle items to voucher-only or purchased ticket-only. The Board tabled discussing the option of goodie bags to volunteers instead of vouchers. For the 2016 banquet, Marc Soller will produce a PowerPoint presentation of award winners; Marc also volunteered to run the photo contest. Cindy K reported suggestions of moving the banquet to February; the Board decided to keep a January date, agreeing on Jan. 9. About several award winners who didn't collect their awards, John volunteered to hold the awards at CTF.

Barbara discussed the Junior Equitation award proposal, and Kristen's input. A junior member will compete in equitation classes at 3 schooling shows, on a horse owned by an NMDA member, with the 3 highest percent scores averaged. Cindy will publish the award requirements to members.

Junior and Young Riders: Kristen absent.

Education: Anne reported requests to repeat the Anna Quint clinic and will talk with Anna about possible dates. She hasn't heard back from Kristi Wysocki for the new test clinic and will try again for a possible date in March.

Cindy K applied for a USDF grant for the Pilates clinic, May 2-3.

Dawn Foster distributed information about Bill McMullin clinics that have been scheduled at Rancho Mañana. Anne mentioned that possibly a clinic could be held at Horses Unlimited.

Cindy K brought up the Western Dressage division as an ad hoc committee and requested approval of Nance McManus as a liaison; Nance has volunteered to represent the division. Appointing Nance now would be timely for the Mar. 29 schooling show, where a number of Western riders are expected. The board discussed voting for the ad hoc committee chair, and inviting comments from the membership about the development of Western Dressage. The President will oversee the ad hoc committee. The Board approved appointing Nance. **Action:** Nance will develop a proposal the Board can review at the March meeting, for presentation at the next general membership meeting. The Board also agreed that adding a new link on the Web site for Western Dressage info should wait until hearing the membership's opinions.

Action: Cindy K will talk with the Webmaster about preparing to add that link, along with Schooling

Show Guidelines, which can include a checklist and Western-specific information. She'll also ask to retitle Calendar to Calendar of Events.

Nance proposed a Western Dressage symposium for L judges, and distributed a questionnaire for the L judges present. She mentioned possible options, involving participants in other states.

Publicity: John talked with the local magazine *Horse Around* about listing shows on the calendar. John will confirm the calendar listings, and discuss a possible article.

New Business

Cindy K brought up scheduling the general membership meeting. Anne volunteered HU as a site for a pizza party, and Cathy suggested including the video of the new tests. The tentative date is Mar. 21, 4 PM.

Announcement of Next Meeting: Mar. 3, 7123 Prospect Place NE; look for the orange door.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 8:25.