

## **NMDA Board of Director (BoD) Meeting Minutes**

**January 10, 2018**

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

6:31 – 8:05 PM

All members and interested public welcome.

**Present:** Susan Reed, Teresa Heine, Winnie Fitch, and Kathleen Martin, and Valerie Simpson.

Guest: Barbara Burkhardt. Absent: Maureen Mestas. Open positions: Treasurer and Year-end award/mini-grant coordinator.

**Secretary's report:** Winnie Fitch moved to accept the December 13 meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Valerie Simpson. Approved by all.

**Treasurer's report:** Winnie Fitch, treasurer pro-tem, reported \$19,479.87 in checking account.

**Membership:** Winnie Fitch reported a total membership for 2018 (since Dec. 1, '17) at 42.

**Youth/Educational activities:** Gina McKay and Susan Reed are planning a meeting with new chair Maureen Mestas to discuss ideas and opportunities to promote more young members.

**Western Dressage:** no report.

**Schooling Shows:** Teresa Heine, schooling show manager, reported the show at the Edgewood Equestrian center, though not confirmed, is on the calendar. Details on schooling shows in Stanley at the Bryan farm as well as at Vista Sandia are still pending. Teresa continues to work with Jim Porcher on the combined NMDA-AHANM recognized dressage show for May 13, 2018. She reports that the contract has been sent out to judge Renee Johnson. Old Business

**Year-end Awards and Annual Membership Meeting Brunch:** Winnie Fitch reported that 26 guests had reserved for the brunch. Darbie Cummings and her husband had to send their regrets after reserving; Winnie Fitch moved that they be given credit for the amount (\$30) towards entry at a schooling show. Teresa Heine seconded. All approved.

**Underwriting partial payment** for Marriott brunch service: Teresa Heine moved that NMDA underwrite \$5.00 for each attendee at the brunch, making the cost for guests \$15. Susan Reed seconded. All approved.

**PA System:** Kathleen reported that she hadn't pursued information on a PA system since last meeting and requested assistance. Teresa Heine will arrange a meeting with an acquaintance who has experience with sound systems to advise. This will result in having proposals for both

purchasing or renting equipment along with possible technical assistance for the Board to evaluate.

**Year-end awards for 2018:** Winnie Fitch moved that a person who is eligible (i.e. has received a minimum of three scores from three different NMDA shows during the current year) for year-end awards will be invited to substitute one score of the three from a non-NMDA dressage show in New Mexico. All other Standing Rules apply. Teresa Heine seconded. All approved.

**Volunteer hours:** After a brief discussion on donation or sale of volunteer hours to those not able to donate their time, the Board determined to leave the requirement as is (i.e. 4 hrs for adults and 0 hours for youth) for 2018.

**Standing Rules:** Winnie Fitch moved that the updated Standing Rules so far presented to the Board of Directors be accepted; changes to be dated 1/10/18. Teresa Heine seconded. All approved.

Valerie Simpson moved that the words “text only” be deleted from the Standing Rules under Part 1 II A 5, fees. Photos as well as text can be used. Winnie Fitch seconded. All approved. Kathleen, secretary, will make this change in the Standing Rules.

Standing Rules, Part 2 C 1 reads the NMDA’s schooling shows will follow “some” of the USEF rules. Winnie Fitch suggested we change the word “some” to “certain.” Barbara Burkhardt volunteered to send a copy of the USEF rules which are followed by NMDA to the Board for consideration of inclusion in the Standing Rules for the purpose of additional clarity. Item tabled until next meeting.

**Update on search for treasurer:** Kathleen reported that there may be some interest from Maureen Mestas’s husband, Brian Nenninger, for 2018. Mary Yastrzemski may be able to fill the position in 2019.

**Tax advice:** Winnie Fitch, pro-tem treasurer, has mailed out 1099 form to Judge Bill McMullin for service at 2017 clinic. She has a bookkeeper in mind who can help with tax advice and fees such as paying the NM Secretary of State’s office \$15/year and owing some funds to the Attorney General’s office. Winnie will present bookkeeper’s rates at next meeting.

**Other old business:** Kathleen has reviewed the minutes of the Board of Directors’ meetings from April 2017 to December 2017 and compiled a list of tabled items. The Board will discuss items on this list at the February meeting.

## **New Business**

**Purchase of letters for new arena:** Kathleen Martin advocated for purchase of new arena letters to match the new arena recently donated to the NMDA by Maureen Mestas. This would provide a class-A aesthetic look as well as make a second complete set of letters available if two arenas are needed. Teresa Heine moved that the NMDA purchase new letters to match the new arena. Valerie Simpson seconded. All approved. Barbara Burkhardt volunteered to look into the purchase and report at February meeting.

**Current Members** page on website: Winnie Fitch moved that the Current Members page on the website be removed as it isn't kept updated and there are other ways for interested people to learn who is a member such as through USDF files. Kathleen Martin seconded. All approved. Kathleen will contact webmaster Harold Baskin to have this page removed.

**Policy for renting arena to other clubs:** guidelines in the Standing Rules will remain as written: damage deposit required; small rental fee charged.

**Increased entry fee for freestyle rides:** Kathleen suggested a higher entry fee for freestyle riders to 1) acknowledge that freestyle presents more tasks for show management and 2) defray the cost of purchasing or renting sound systems to support freestyle. After a brief discussion, the Board tabled this item for future meeting.

**Freestyle judges' symposium:** Kathleen updated the Board on contact with Dolly Hannon, S judge from CO and chair of the USDF Freestyle Committee. Ms. Hannon is willing to come to central NM in 2018 to do a symposium for judges from L graduates on up. Kathleen will update the Board as more details are known such as date, venue, costs, etc.

**Other new business:** homage to Maureen Mestas for recent donations to NMDA: the Board will individually consider this and bring ideas to February meeting.

To end the meeting: President Susan Reed announced that she will step down from her leadership position as of this meeting in order to take care of personal issues. She will continue to attend as many meetings as possible as immediate past-president. Teresa Heine, vice-president, will step up into the president's chair. A search will be made for a new vice-president according to succession rules laid out in the NMDA's Bylaws.

