

**MINUTES**  
**NMDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**June 12, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by President John Collins.

Board members present were John Collins, Kathleen Martin, Barbara Burkhardt, Rena Haynes, Susan Dezavelle, Donald Simpson, Virginia Gredell, Randi Phillips, and Rusty Cook.

1. **Minutes.** MOTION by Susan, seconded by Virginia, to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion carried.
2. **Financial Report.** Rena reported that she did not yet have receipts on the Luna Rosa Schooling Show. Current total cash assets are \$20,307.82. Gross income for April and May included \$350 in membership dues, \$150.75 scholarship fund donations, \$2,078 in show/NTD registrations and donations, \$39 in sales, and \$1.43 in interest. Expenses included \$1,571.50 for the New to Dressage event, \$837.70 for 2 schooling shows, \$971 for D&O insurance, and \$140 for group membership fees. NMDA also paid \$300 for a deposit on the Bernalillo Sheriff's Posse arena, \$10 to NMPRC, and \$30 to the New Mexico Horse Council. MOTION by Kathleen, seconded by Barbara, to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.
3. **Membership.** Virginia discussed the issue of the lady and the Winter Woolly shows, who somehow thought she had paid dues because she entered a show. Virginia will contact her and get the matter straightened out. She also has 2 new memberships and is resolving a couple of other issues. Current membership is 155.
4. **Youth.** Kathleen sent the final evaluation of the New to Dressage event to The Dressage Foundation/Violet Hopkins grant, and received a letter in return. They thanked NMDA for putting on a quality event. Kathleen read part of the letter and would like it entered in the minutes. See attachment. Kathleen had purchased photos for use in publicity and had them put on a CD. She gave the CD to Rusty to keep with NMDA records. Susan requested that for further clinics we emphasize training of the horse over riding a test. John pointed out that the tests are written to emphasize increments in training of the horse. John is still working on a 2013 demo at the State Fair in the evening, coordinated with horse and NMDA presence in the NM Horse Council booth. More information at the next meeting.
5. **Schooling Shows.** Marybeth was absent. A deposit of \$300 was paid to the Sheriff's Posse for use of their grounds, but Donald has talked with Ann at Horses Unlimited and they will host the clinic. If it becomes an issue, Donald will reimburse the club \$300 paid to the Sheriff's Posse. Susan reported on the Luna Rosa show. Some people scratched early and she will tear up their checks. \$355 in entries was taken in; there were 44 rides. Refund policy was discussed. Refunds are paid if the request is received prior to the closing date. After closing, refunds will only be given if ride times can be filled. There was discussion of scheduling to accommodate exhibitor wishes. The policies and procedures outlined in the Standing Rules will be adhered to.
6. **Recognized Shows.** Donald reported that the May show was full and went well. Corral panels were removed from the Dairy Barn and a tent was erected the full length of the arena, with tables and chairs for spectators. Stabling was spread out among several barns to give everyone lots of space.
7. **New Business.** John presented samples for a new logo which had been developed by a graphic artist, and there was discussion of the merits of the favorites. John will refine them a little more with the graphic artist and bring them back to the next meeting. An e-mail blast promoting voting for PM delegate will be sent. Rusty is the nominee from NMDA. There was discussion of having a meeting in Santa Fe, or of having conference calls, or more extensive e-mails, or some other means of sharing information with members outside of Albuquerque. Marybeth was the one who suggested an out-of-town meeting, so she will be consulted about what the perceived needs are. There was discussion of possible locations for a General Membership Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rusty Cook, Secretary



May 11, 2012

Kathleen Martin  
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Dear Kathleen and Members of New Mexico Dressage Association,

Despite the winds and conflicting events, it sounds like your recent dressage expo was very educational and well-received. I hope that this event sparked some interest in dressage to the local equestrians, and that your GMO will be able to follow up with them and continue to offer educational events to help them learn and grow.

Thank you for declining the remaining balance of your \$2,000 grant awarded for the clinic. This \$500 "give back to dressage" adds up over the year, and will help others have the opportunity to get financial assistance for clinics.

Also, thank you for sending us your evaluation forms. The Grant Selection Committee reads each evaluation and will appreciate hearing about your event. The financial assistance to your group is a good investment in dressage education and we are glad that The Dressage Foundation is here for you!

To "do good," we must first "do well," and so we will welcome future support from your group, in the form of a benefit class at a show you sponsor, or donation if possible. And we always welcome good PR about the Foundation in your newsletter. We would hope that you would welcome the opportunity to help us advertise The Dressage Foundation to your participants and audience.

I look forward to working with you again!

Cordially,

Jenny Johnson  
Administrative Director