

New Mexico Dressage Association
Regular Meeting
June 3, 2014

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

Board Members Absent: Virginia Gredell, Mary Jastrzemski, John Collins

Guests: Cindy Begay, Lori Bryan

Officers' Reports

Secretary: Minutes accepted.

Treasurer: Rena distributed the year-to date report.

Committee Reports

Schooling Shows: The Santa Fe show needs a replacement judge, and the Board discussed names. Lori Bryan is finalizing the show's volunteers, and will have extra volunteers as backup.

We have no venue yet for the next Santa Fe show. Insurance takes 3 weeks to set up. The Board named possible venues, and that we need more options in Santa Fe.

Recognized Shows: Donald reported the May show was successful.

Membership: No report.

L Program, Part II: Marybeth reported on the participants' judging at the May show. She distributed a financial statement. The judge, Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez, was pleased with how everything worked, and said she was impressed with the organization: Participants sat at tables and used clipboards, and they had food supplied. We may have funds left; Anne suggested we can reimburse Donald for tables and chairs that participants used.

Membership: No report.

Year-End Awards: Barbara mentioned USDF horse awards and the Test 3 qualifications for Regional Championships. For NMDA, it would be easier to track scores at any test. In 2013, she tracked 140 horse-rider combinations—of those, 44 had the 3 required scores. We awarded Champion and Reserve at each level. If the requirement is Test 3, will riders enter Test 3? This year, with the prize money associated with the L program at recognized shows, we already have more entries in Tests 3. The Board discussed changing to only Test 3. Cynthia suggested leaving schooling show awards the same, but changing recognized shows to the highest level. NMDA might consider a championship schooling show for which riders must qualify, maybe with a USEF r judge. Anne suggested resuming the discussion in July. Cindy suggested the option of one Test 2 and two Tests 3, or three Tests 3, which is another example of inching riders up. The Board tabled the discussion.

Education and Clinics: For the June Pilates clinic, Cindy reported 14 rider participants so far. Some mat slots are still open. The clinic may break even financially. Anne needs help cleaning the barn Thursday or Friday.

Anne reported on the July mini fair. She talked with Joanie Bolton about the Santa Fe attendees coming down on the Railrunner. We might add a tack swap.

Junior and Young Riders: Cynthia described ideas to attract youth. One option could be team participation so riders from a farm could earn team awards. Another could be a young rider camp. In Oklahoma, a schooling show championship brought in more juniors. Cindy suggested maybe a summer series of events, such as scribing, grooming, judging. Anne suggested make the August fair free for juniors, 18 & under. Also the Arabian Youth Nationals hosts a junior day.

Publicity and Newsletter: No report.

Old Business

Charlene reported on the May 18 preview day at The Downs at Santa Fe, which attracted 60 riders. The venue is planning several equestrian events and addition of show and warmup arenas.

Announcement of Next Meeting: July 1, 7123 Prospect Place NE; look for the orange door.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.