

MDA Board of Director (BoD) Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2017

Foundation for the Pure Spanish Horse

115 Elm St NE, ABQ

6:32 – 8:08 PM

All Members and interested public welcome!

Mtg started @ 6:32 p.m. with Board Members Susan Reed, Winnie Fitch, Teresa Heine, Kathleen Martin, and Gina McKay present. Welcome by Susan Reed, president.

- Corrections** to 5/10/17 minutes: 1) Susan Reed said there was a letter from Nance McManus about Western Dressage: Nance is promoting WD and trying to get people to come to NMDA shows. She has 70 people on her WD mailing list.
2) Teresa Heine volunteered to be liaison for Dawn Foster on awards and this was confirmed by the BofD.
3) Winnie Fitch specified the spelling of her last name: Fitch, not Finch.

Kathleen will send corrected minutes of 5/10/17 meeting to webmaster.

Winnie Fitch moved to accept minutes as corrected. Seconded by Gina McKay.

Treasurer's Report from Winnie Fitch: checkbook balanced at \$19240.62; \$1442.40 in educational and scholarship fund.

Committee/Liaison reports

Membership report by Winnie Fitch: 75 No new members this month,

Schooling shows report by Teresa Heine: Trinity Ranch show in Lamy went well; a profit of \$92.67. Positive remarks about judge. High point award for Western Dressage went to Susan LaRue who was not there to pick up; Teresa will mail and charge the cost to the Trinity Ranch show.

Winnie suggested Susan send a thank you note to the Parks (owners of Triinity Ranch) specifying the maximum of \$300 for arena rental in NMDA rules; would they accept? More shows? Susan agreed to do this.

Cherry Tree Farm show had a good turnout and positive response. Show manager D.J. Collins reported a \$456.50 profit.

Los Alamos schooling show: no confirmed date yet; possibly 1st weekend in Aug. The LAPC wants to partner a show with NMDA. Laura Kober will manage for LAPC. NMDA will provide ribbons, copies of tests, office show box, high point for classical and Western Dressage, cost of judge, and insurance. LAPC will cover cost of arena, food for volunteers and judge. Unknown: share expenses? contracts? These matters will be finalized for next meeting.

Espanola show at Roy-el Morgan Farm: possibly first weekend in September. Contract sent out to Erlene Seybold-Smythe but not signed or returned yet.

Teresa has discussed with Laurie Bryan about Stanley for later in the year. Maybe Trinity Ranch or Top Form? Will give Erlene a deadline and then move on.

Youth/Educational Activities report from Gina McKay: Gina will get in touch with Kristen Valencia to get kids to join NMDA and attend the de-spooking clinic; there may be a braiding clinic at Valencia Farms.

Western Dressage report from Nance McManus: Nance sent a letter in which she announced Valerie Simpson was an NMDA member. Nance was the only WD rider at Beth's clinic; good event.

Old business

Dawn Foster on the Bill McMullen clinic: Dawn sent an e-mail saying the clinic(s) were coming together. Dawn asked for \$625 from NMDA in order to reduce the ride prices to \$100 each. Winnie Fitch moved we give \$625 for clinic; Gina McKay seconded.

Dawn Foster on mini-grant applications: none this month.

Discussion re items in a note from member Barbara Burkhardt: Susan Reed will contact Dawn Foster as to when she will return to meetings; bylaw and standing rule discussion was tabled until Dawn's return.

Clarification to Jr and AA age classification? Should we go by USEF or USDF or go by our own rules?

TH suggested AA is over 18 as of DEC 1 of current competition year and junior is 18 and under who have not turned 18 by Dec 1.

Teresa Heine moved that NMDA entry forms and show schedule show junior (18 and under) and AA (nonprofessional). Seconded by Winnie Fitch.

The year-end awards (per Barbara's note) will be clarified at the single topic mtg.

Awards banquet report by Teresa Heine: no charges (except possibly a room set-up fee of about \$50) for Marriott; just buy meals. With non-taxable certificate, we have no tax on food. About \$20/person. Alcohol would be served outside room but can be taken into banquet room.

This group present decided on Sunday luncheon, Jan. 21.

Teresa Heine will continue to work with Nance McManus on banquet.

Single topic mtg tabled until BoD know when Dawn Foster returns to meetings.

Question of required volunteer hours: Susan Reed had complaints from several people re kids e.g. who don't drive; tying horses to trailers, etc. Winnie Fitch suggested dropping the volunteer requirement for junior riders. This issue was tabled for consideration at single-topic meeting.

New business

Saddle donation: Winnie Fitch stated that the owner of the Ready to Roll food truck donated a new Passier dressage saddle (ridden in two times) with a wide tree and 17.5" seat. No fittings. What to do with it?

Suggestion: put up for bid at silent auction at October Cherry Tree Farm show during a tack swap event with a set minimum (reserve). Donation letter states saddle is salable for \$1000; sells for \$1900. Could get \$600.

Coordinator for tack swap? Will ask DJ Collins.

Emily Keene from Trinity Ranch, Lamy, invited NMDA to support/sponsor having first-Sunday informal clinics at the facility. She knows bio-mechanics; would charge \$25 to venue and \$25 to her; auditors free. Events would be informal with opportunities to ask questions. Tabled for further discussion.

Kathleen Martin introduced the freestyle clinic she is planning for fall, '17 with clinician Cynthia Collins of LunaTunes.com. She invited NMDA to co-sponsor with SFDA; no money requested at this time. BofD agreed to co-sponsor this clinic.

Teresa Heine donated a box of 8x14 yellow paper for copying Western Dressage tests.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Martin, Secretary