

MINUTES
NMDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 8, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by John Collins, President.

Board Members Present: John Collins, Denai Meyer, Rusty Cook, Rena Haynes, Susan Dezavelle, Virginia Gredell, Donald Simpson, Sean Cunningham, Barbara Burkhardt, Marybeth Perez-Soto, Randi Phillips.

Board Members Absent: Linda Ettlting, Harold Baskin.

Guests Present: Peter Forrest.

1. February Minutes were approved as corrected.
2. Treasurer's Report: Rena reported the checking account balance is \$16,041.49; total cash assets are \$21,333.78 including the CD. Income from membership dues this year is well ahead of last year. We received a \$750 grant from the Dressage Foundation for the Seana Adamson Sports Psychology Seminar. Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation have been approved by the NM Public Regulatory Commission so we can proceed with tax exemption request with IRS. Federal and state income tax filings are due and will be filed. MOTION to approve the Treasurer's Report carried.

The Conflict of Interest policy in the Standing Rules was discussed. Members cannot make money from the club, but they can be paid for services rendered. MOTION that it is not a conflict of interest to pay judges for schooling shows. Susan moved, Randi seconded; motion carried. MOTION that it is not a conflict of interest to pay for use of facilities for schooling shows. Susan moved, Denai seconded; motion carried. These items are in our schedule of standard fees.

3. Schooling Shows: Denai reported that schooling show managers are set through July. The entry form has been updated, and the website has been updated for the Mar. 20 show. There was discussion of Western Dressage. We might increase participation and membership by offering this in schooling shows. Rules are in the Morgan chapter in the USEF Rule Book. Western Dressage tests are available, and differ from the standard USEF Dressage tests. We should establish a section in the Standing Rules for Western Dressage. MOTION that NMDA follow USEF guidelines for Western Dressage but use standard USEF Dressage tests. Denai moved, Virginia seconded; motion carried.

Denai reported on the Horse Fair held at the Santa Fe Equestrian Park Feb. 13.

4. Recognized Shows: Donald reported that plans for 2011 shows are moving forward. Qualification for State Championship requires signing up and payment of a \$25 fee.

5. Membership: Virginia reported that NMDA currently has 148 members. She got an inquiry from a person in Colorado who is a Life Member. To be an NMDA member she needs to pay because we have to pay USDF for all Group Members. To prevent problems, members should submit membership or renewal at least 60 days prior to recognized shows. MOTION to update the Standing Rules to state that NMDA membership is effective on the postmark date or the date the application is turned in. Susan moved, Randi seconded; motion carried.

6. Education: Marybeth reported that there were 27 participants in the Seana Adamson seminar. Everyone enjoyed the seminar and clinic in spite of some weather challenges. For the Carol Lavelle Clinic all rider slots have been filled. Additional auditors are welcome. At the Dolly Hannon Clinic, they didn't get through all the tests, but it was a very good experience.

7. Youth: Sean reviewed changes in the Scholarship proposal. Funds need to be tracked separately but remain in the MMDA checking account. A Scholarship Selection Committee composed of Sean, Randi and Kathleen was appointed. MOTION to accept Sean's revised proposal. Denai moved, Susan seconded; motion carried.

8. Old Business: There was discussion of the helmet rule. It will be enforced at both schooling and recognized shows.

9. New Business: It was announced that both Susan and Rusty are running for PM Delegates for Region 5. A question was asked about reducing fees for JR/YR participants at schooling shows. There was no motion. The question of stallions at schooling shows was discussed. It was decided that we should not be making rules because of a single incident. There was no motion.

10. Announcements: The next meeting will be held on April 12, 6:30 PM at the 66 Diner.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Rusty Cook, Secretary