

**New Mexico Dressage Association**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Mar. 3, 2015**

Board Members Present: Cindy Kavan-Winfield, Cathy Soller, Barbara Burkhardt, Cindy Begay, Marybeth Perez Soto, Anne Sparks, Virginia Gredell, Kristen Valencia, Donald Simpson, John Collins

Board Members Absent: Charlene Strickland

Guest: Nance McManus, Western Dressage Chair

### **Officers' Reports**

**Secretary:** Minutes accepted

**Treasurer:** Need a "registered agent" for Tax Exempt; Cindy K and Cindy B will submit paperwork. Cindy B reported the financial statement.

### **Committee Reports**

**Schooling Shows:** Marybeth reported that the calendar on the Web site is up-to-date. July 12 in Espanola (Roy-El Morgan Farm): Barbara will judge; Kathleen Martin is the manager. For the insurance, we need the farm's address. **Action:** Marybeth will send the address to Cindy B. For the Caballo show (Mar 29), Anne will get insurance info to Cindy B. The Santa Fe show will probably be at the Downs at Santa Fe.

**Recognized Shows:** Donald reported the May show is on the schedule as planned.

**Membership:** Virginia stated we have 111 members, 11 of which will be sent to USDF this week. It was asked to hold off on sending to USDF until Friday so can send memberships from show entries. Barbara said this was not necessary because she checks membership dates after show to see if any entered on time.

**Year-End Awards:** Barbara requested that Cindy K mentions changes in the President's Message that competitors should check their scores early and often; rider and owner need to be NMDA members at the time of the show; riders need two Test 3s; and Juniors can qualify for the new Junior Equitation Award.

**Junior and Young Riders:** Kristen presented a draft of a letter to send to membership about organizing Youth. She will edit the letter before sending it.

**Education:** Anne mentioned the Anna Quint clinic April 8-9 at Horses Unlimited, \$100 per ride. The clinic is listed on the calendar. Anne wants to send emails of articles about dressage training plus put them on the Web site.

**Publicity:** John is sending out emails to NMDA trainers about a "Showcase for Trainers" at Four Winds Equestrian Center (Estancia) May 16-17. He showed two kinds of flyers to leave at feed and tack stores advertising NMDA. The magazine *Horse Around* has our events on their calendar (Mar through May), and the second quarter will be June through Nov.

**Western Dressage:** Nance has a flyer about State Fair Western Dressage Sept 10. She asked about having WD "schooling shows" at Donald's rated shows. The Board questioned if this addition is allowed by USEF and USDF.

### **Old Business**

**General Membership Meeting:** The meeting will be March 21 at Horses Unlimited. Cindy K presented the agenda, starting at 4 pm with the DVD "On The Levels" with snacks and pizza. The business meeting 6-7 pm includes short officer and chair reports, feedback of members on Western Dressage, announcing possible "Member Hosted Clinic" (format still being developed), and announcing unclaimed Year End

Awards. Anne will provide the projector; Nance, Cindy K, and husband Roger will get the food. We need a cleaning crew at HU at 1:30 and extra folding chairs. Cathy will bring unclaimed prizes to the meeting. (Cindy K left at 8:00 and Cathy took over the meeting.)

**Member Hosted Clinic:** A member who wants to host a clinic may apply for money from NMDA. The member must clarify the *intent* of the clinic. The Board will consider different methods of implementing this, or not, at the next meeting. **Action:** Cathy suggested Board members bring written drafts of methods to the April meeting.

**By-Laws:** These will be updated. A committee headed by Anne proposed changes to the By-Laws. The first step is to send out a letter asking for suggestions and proposals. Virginia will send a total member list to: Cathy, Barbara, and Cindy K.

**Standing Rules:** Anne led the discussion, with many rule changes deleting references to a newsletter, which we no longer have. Other changes are:

- Member Obligations – delete b. (about a Handbook and Member Directory.)
- II Business Members: clarify benefits.
- IV. Budget – delete; replace with sentence about purpose of the Standing Rules.
- V. Insurance – include volunteers in insurance for Events.
- VI. Elections – delete “possible ways to secure the ballot process.”
- VIII. Job Descriptions of Chairs – delete Newsletter Editor. Under Awards Chair, delete “Also helps plan the Year End Awards Ceremony.”
- IX. Clinics – suggest to add: “2. Member Hosted clinics,” tabled for next Board Meeting/
- IX. 4. – Advertising clinics: deleted about advertising in Newsletter.
- X. Handbook – deleted.
- (renumber) X. Web site. Clarify Web site advertising.
- XII. Newsletter and/or Web site: delete.
- Newsletter Survey: delete.
- (renumber) XI. New Mexico Horse Council: NMDA “may” become a member. Did not discuss: “adding an annual donation to The Dressage Foundation” (they have given us grants 2 years in a row).
- (renumber) XII. NMDA Year End Awards: reword about “horse/rider combinations” and ADD: “9. Final Standings: Preliminary Standings will be tallied and published by November 30. Any protests must be submitted in writing to the Awards Chair no later than December 10. Final Standings will be published by December 15. No protests will be heard after December 10.”
- XV. Shows Recognized by NMDA for NMDA Awards. Deleted by vote.
- XVI. Ride Re-Ride Clinics. Deleted by vote.
- (renumbered) XIII. Judge’s fees: 1. Schooling show judges to be paid \$150 for up to 8 hours (includes 30 min. lunch and 10 min. break every 2 hours. (delete the 60 rides) plus \$20/hr for over 8 hours. Delete: “4. If possible, schooling show judges will be NMDA members ...” and Add: “3. Schooling Show judges must be “L” graduates or licensed judges.”
- “Other fees:” Delete “Schooling fee.” This is moved to Schooling show rules.
- (renumber) XIV. Schooling Show prizes. 2. (reword): “Show High-Point Awards/Ribbons are up to the discretion of each schooling show manager whether they are awarded.” (rest of para deleted)

- (renumbered) XV. Schooling Show Cancellation Policy: reword to: “If a show manager is considering canceling a show for reasons other than weather or insufficient *entries (less than 20 at closing of show)*, he or she must consult the Board, ideally at least a week before the show/event.” (Bd Mtg 2/4/09/; 4/6/10; 6/14/11)
- (renumber) XVI. NMDA Arena Rental. Change to “\$100 to rent,” “\$250 damage deposit.”
- (renumber) XVII. The New Mexico Dressage Assn. Education Fund and “Voucher Program.” Tabled until next meeting.

The Board tabled discussion, which will continue at the April meeting. Topics include ways NMDA can support Recognized Shows, more Standing Rules and By-Laws updating, and Voucher Program. **Action:** Cathy suggested Board members bring written drafts of updates to the April meeting, and Schooling Show Rules.

Announcement of Next Meeting: April 7, 7123 Prospect Place NE; look for the orange door.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:00.