

MINUTES
NMDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 8, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM by President John Collins.

Board members present were John Collins, Barbara Burkhardt, Marybeth Perez Soto, Donald Simpson, Virginia Gredell, Randi Phillips, Kathleen Martin, and Rusty Cook. Guest present was Kathy Mueller.

1. **Minutes.** MOTION by Randi, seconded by Marybeth, to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion carried.
2. **Financial Report.** Rena was out of town and John stated that she would send the financial report by e-mail.
3. **Membership.** Virginia reported that NMDA has 10 new members, bringing the total to 150.
4. **Youth.** Kathleen reported that the demonstrations at the New to Dressage event were wonderful. The event earned \$88. Expenses were \$1,588. There was \$137 in donations to the scholarship fund. There is no need to apply to the Dressage Foundation for the balance of grant money. Kathleen has sent the evaluation to the Dressage Foundation and will send a copy to Board members. John thanked Kathleen and her committee. Kathleen also thanked the committee for all their hard work. Barbara passed along comments she got from participants, all positive. For the future, John would like to see a dressage day at the State Fair, possibly in 2013. John also mentioned that the article in the Journal seems to have gotten more people to the New to Dressage event than either the radio or TV spots.
5. **Schooling Shows.** Marybeth turned over money, checks, and membership applications from the Los Alamos show. The profit was approximately \$500. She forwarded a few photos to Harold for the website. There were 16 dressage riders at the Pony Club show. Susan will manage the next show June 10 at Luna Rosa and has things well organized. Marybeth is still working on the July clinic. She had some suggestions for high point prizes that are inexpensive but cute. The footing at Vista Sandia was too deep on Saturday of the New to Dressage event, but much better Sunday after John worked it with his tractor. There is no May schooling show. For next year we may schedule one the same weekend as the Pony Club show because our members don't participate in that and Pony Club doesn't use the Horse Arena. The Juan Tomas show will be August 19 at the Top Form Arena in Corrales. Barbara will judge.
6. **Awards.** Barbara thinks we should award only Champion and Reserve and delete the 3rd thru 6th ribbons. There weren't many who picked up these ribbons and there was no other prize for these places. It had been suggested that 3rd thru 6th places might encourage more attendance at the banquet, but that hasn't happened. MOTION by Barbara, seconded by Kathleen, that only Champion and Reserve be given for year-end awards. Motion carried.
7. **Old Business.** John has sent design proposals for a new logo to a graphic artist. He will forward them to us for review and a vote at the next meeting. The new logo can be used for Awards and any other items the club wishes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Rusty Cook, Secretary