

New Mexico Dressage Association
Regular Meeting
May 6, 2014

Board Members Present: Cindy Kavan-Winfield, Cathy Soller, Rena Haynes, Barbara Burkhardt, Charlene Strickland, Marybeth Perez Soto, Anne Sparks, John Collins

Board Members Absent: Mary Jastrzemski, Cynthia Ramsey, Donald Simpson

Guest: Cindy Begay

Officers' Reports

Secretary: Minutes accepted.

Treasurer: Rena distributed the year-to date report. She discussed D&O insurance and that we must file an IRS form 1043. Rena requested assistance in filling out the form for the 501 c 3 exemption. NMDA can contact the Arizona Dressage Association to request the ADA narrative description. **Action:** Marybeth will talk with the 2 ADA people who are in the L Program. Cindy added that we also need a description of the next 2 years' activities. Rena commented that we need to get this done in the next 2 weeks. After we get ADA info, we will create a task force to complete the form; Cindy, Cathy, and Cindy Begay volunteered to work with Rena. **Action:** Rena will announce a meeting of the task force. **Action:** Barbara will give Rena a writeup on the scholarship fund. Reviewers can be Jane Bagwell or Susan Dezavelle.

Committee Reports

Schooling Shows: Cindy read a message from a former member about doing a Crazy Ribbons show, with donated ribbons. The Board discussed the suggestion, and will accept donation of ribbons. Barbara reported that she bought a pin to attach to the equipment trailer's hitch, and a lock to secure the trailer to prevent theft, with 2 keys. She also visited Vista Sandia, where a sign announces NMDA has the facility May 18. She reported the footing looked okay and did not need discing. Water for horses is now available.

Cindy has the show office staff, and can help in the PM. Cathy will judge. If classes have 3 or more entries, Cindy will buy Dan's gift certificates for prizes. Barbara moved to spend up to \$200 on prizes, and Anne seconded.

Lori Bryan needs a judge for the June 15 Santa Fe show. Marybeth suggested Alexandra Sternhagen. Lori asked if we need a contract to assure condition of footing. The Board agreed we should give Arrowhead Ranch a contract about grooming the arena.

Recognized Shows: No updates.

Membership: Virginia reported NMDA has 145 members.

L Program, Part II: Marybeth reported 10 participants, with 1 a retest, for the exam only. The Board discussed how to charge this participant and decided to charge her just for the test in October, which is more expensive than the other sessions. **Action:** Marybeth will figure out the charge to the participant. Marybeth also discussed needing a scribe for the instructor and gave Cindy the list of participants and scribes. Marybeth requested a scorer; Anne and Rena volunteered (and also Anne's son, Caleb). Marybeth reported about the radios rented from a local company, and that the company rep will instruct participants Friday night.

Year-End Awards: Barbara has posted standings on the Web site: 3 shows, 2 rated shows. No rider has 3 required shows or judges yet, and they usually don't till July. Every score needs to be up, because the 3 best may change.

Marybeth mentioned the previous discussion about 1 person winning the same award for the same level in multiple years. The Board discussed if this situation is fair or is there an impact of the winners not competing. The Board also discussed if only test 3 should count, or at least 2 tests 3? Now it is skewed;

does it represent a champion? **Action:** The Board should consider choices and we will discuss again at the June meeting.

Also, for the award the rider needs 3 different judges for rated shows. For schooling shows, it is 3 different shows.

Education and Clinics: Charlene reported on the photo workshop, and the request for a follow up. The task force for the photo contest is Olga Sacasa and Lily Luman. The Board suggested ideas for the photo contest. **Action:** The task force will meet to draft rules. The goal is to finalize the contest rules and post them on the Web site by 30 July.

On the Pilates clinic, Cindy mentioned a participants' dinner Saturday night. Janice Dulak has Friday AM arrival.

Anne reported the plan for the summer mini horse fair, July 19: Bernardo and Gigi Vergara will come to do saddle and bridle presentations. The event has a 1 pm start, finish by 5, then dinner. \$20 member, \$25 nonmember. Anne will contact Nancy Ambrosiano (bitting) and vet tech Sandra Smederovac (what to do till the vet arrives). The second mini fair will be Aug. 17, with the topic getting ready for shows: braiding, wrapping, clipping, grooming, tack box, twitching a horse, and recognized show paperwork and why it's needed. Horses Unlimited staff and Donald will be the presenters.

Junior and Young Riders: No report.

Publicity: The Facebook group NM Horse Shows & Events lists the recognized and schooling shows.

Newsletter: No update.

Old Business

The Board tabled the project, Dressage for the Cure.

New Business

Cindy mentioned that Equi Chip will be at the May 18 show, as a vendor. She also will suggest they join as a business member. John suggested we invite business members to the summer horse fairs, along with insurance Julie Vogel of Oklahoma, a Great American rep who inquired about business membership.

Cindy mentioned the rental of the arena for the Western Dressage clinic.

Announcement of Next Meeting: June 3, 7123 Prospect Place NE; look for the orange door.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.