

NMDA Board of Director (BoD) Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2017

Foundation for the Pure Spanish Horse 115 Elm St NE, ABQ 6:30 – 8:01 PM

All Members and interested public welcome!

Present: Susan Reed, Teresa Heine, Winnie Fitch, Kathleen Martin, Cindy Kavan-Winfield, Dawn Foster, Barbara Burkhardt, Valerie Simpson. **Absent:** Gina McKay.

September minutes: Correction by Dawn Foster - instead of “no report” on Awards and Mini-grants, minutes should read that Dawn reported “no mini-grant applications received...nothing new to report.” Minutes accepted as corrected.

October minutes: members supplied two missing “seconds.” Winnie Fitch moved that the Board accept the October minutes with additions of seconds in two places. Teresa Heine seconded. Approved.

Treasurer’s report - Winnie Fitch: \$15547.23; \$1200 received in entries for Nov. 12 schooling show.

Membership - Winnie Fitch. 77 for 2017; has received two memberships for 2018.

Schooling shows - Teresa Heine: Forty-five rides scheduled for Nov. 12 schooling show which will start at 8 p.m. with a food truck on-site. Tack swap and silent-auction ready to go.

Youth/educational activities - Gina McKay: no report.

Western Dressage - Nance McManus: no report.

Bill McMullin clinic - Dawn Foster: well-received clinic with all three days of Bill’s stay in NM filled with riders and Ride/re-ride participants. Arrears were incurred as a direct result of cancellation of Saturday Ride/re-ride at Vista Sandia and unbudgeted expense of \$215 for PA system. Total NMDA obligation: \$861.28.

Hillary Clayton/Bill McMullin clinic for September 2018: Dawn Foster is meeting this week with Wendy Wilkins to discuss. General topic: collection. McMullin will do the riding part; Clayton will discuss physiology and mechanics.

An aside: Kathleen mentioned that having a good PA system for the McMullin clinic was more of a necessity than an “extra.” Two of the three days in Algonones were extremely windy with blowing sand and dust. Bill mentioned he’d surely have lost his voice without the mic; Dawn mentioned she would have lost auditors if they hadn’t been able to hear.

Kathleen offered to continue her search for an affordable, easy care and simple set-up PA system in which the NMDA could invest. This is especially important now that freestyle riders will want to “try out” their musical tests at the schooling shows. Winnie Fitch said that she would look for recommended speaker systems on EBay.

Part II of Standing Rules discussion: see separate report under date of 11/8/17.

Susan Reed requested **help in looking for treasurer candidates** for soon-to-appear ballot for 2018 open board positions. One candidate was possible but couldn’t attend Wed. evening meetings. Members present said they would be flexible with meeting times. Some would prefer afternoon meetings during the early darkness winter months.

Maureen Mestas’s response to Susan Reed’s thank you note for recent donations to NMDA: Susan Reed read Maureen’s letter in which she stated she’d like to work with NMDA education and developing young riders. She was willing to donate a dressage horse to a young person who could maintain and care for it. Members suggested the Board ask Maureen to take on the Youth/Activities advisor role as Gina McKay was stepping down.

Update on **recognized show** for May, 2018 - Teresa Heine: the AHANM will use Renee Johnson as judge; she is getting her S license soon. Rusty Cook will serve as Technical Delegate. Teresa will reconfigure the NMDA contract to include TDs. She recommended that NMDA business members be given free advertisement in the show program.

End-report on freestyle clinic October 28-29, ’17: Kathleen reported a highly successful clinic with rides filled and plenty of auditors, good music, and great food. Cynthia Collins is a knowledgeable clinician and informative and entertaining speaker. This clinic ended with an excess of revenue from which Kathleen donated \$135 back to the NMDA treasury. This allowed the NMDA and SFDA to support the clinic with equal financial input. SFDA paid for design and printing of clinic program, about \$65.00.

Kathleen noted that Cynthia Collins will donate two hi-point rotating trophy-plaques to NM GMOs, one for schooling shows and one for recognized shows.

General membership meeting update - Teresa Heine: the Nov 19 meeting at the Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center will be informal and in two parts: first Eric Salazar will lead those present in movement exercises; then the group will discuss NMDA direction for 2018. Water will be provided. Bring your own snacks. 2018 membership forms will be available.

Board election ballots and membership forms: must send out before December 1. Winnie Fitch will host an envelope-stuffing meeting at her house; date tbd. All board members invited.

Cindy Kavan-Winfield will ask Harold Baskin, webmaster, to put the volunteer hours form, currently only on home page of website in the “Year-end Awards” notice, on the “Forms” and “Education” pages.

Clarification of duties of Member-at-Large tabled for future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.