

New Mexico Dressage Association

Regular Meeting

Oct. 7, 2014

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

Board Members Absent: Mary Jastrzemski, Cynthia Ramsey

Guests: Lori Bryan, Cindy Begay

Officers' Reports

Secretary: Minutes accepted.

Treasurer: Rena distributed year-to-date reports and discussed billings on L program fund. She explained completing the 501 C 3 form. She will meet with Cindy Begay for transition planning, and requested Cindy Kavan-Winfield to assist in transferring responsibilities.

Committee Reports

Schooling Shows: Lori reported she still needs 2 volunteers for the 12 Oct. show. The Board suggested possible names to fill in. For the 2 Nov. show, John reported planning is moving on. CTF will offer \$100 for the high-point award of the day. Anne discussed scheduling a schooling show in Caballo, NM, in 2015. Possibly the show could be at Sandy Perez's barn; Sandy has clients in the area. Marybeth will be the 2015 schooling show chair and will discuss with Sandy. At the Nov. meeting, the Board will discuss specific dates.

Recognized Shows: Donald is still working on plans for the 2015 schedule.

Membership: Virginia received a membership application for 2015.

Year-End Awards: Barbara distributed the proposed guidelines for the NMDA Trainer of the Year award. The Board discussed the guidelines, and agreed to table the discussion till the Nov. meeting. Cindy B mentioned that a rider should earn points in at least one NMDA-sponsored show before becoming eligible for a year-end award--1 qualifying score from an NMDA-sponsored show will be required.

Marybeth purchased cotton scrim sheets for awards. Cathy reported on plans for the January awards banquet, tentatively 24 Jan. 2015. Cindy and Charlene will discuss the draft guidelines for the photo contest.

Junior and Young Riders: Cynthia absent. Anne asked Kristen Valencia if she was interested for 2015, and she said yes.

Education: Cindy reported on the Melonie Kessler clinic weekend. All slots were filled. Due to popular demand, participants wanted a repeat of the Pilates clinic, tentatively 1-3 May 2015. Anne would like to bring Melonie back, praising her positive teaching methods.

L Program Part II: Marybeth discussed progress on the final exam at the October show. One slot has opened. Marybeth will charge that person, because participation was nonrefundable. She has 3 possible names on the waiting list and will send them information on the charge of \$400 for this one session. Scribes and scorers will be needed Saturday only. Sunday will be oral judging with the examiners. The written exam will be Friday night. Marybeth mentioned that we need 7 rides at each level for the October show; even Opportunity rides could help fill the classes.

Publicity: John reported on the hats, showing a sample. Hats will retail for \$16, including tax.

Old Business

Leaf blower: No decision.

Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee needs to mail the packets of ballots and membership forms by Oct. 15. John needs labels printed. Virginia will send John and Cindy Begay the

current membership list. John requested bios from nominees.

Announcement of Next Meeting: Nov. 4, 7123 Prospect Place NE; look for the orange door.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 8:10.