

New Mexico Dressage Association
Regular Meeting
Sept. 2, 2014

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

Board Members Absent: Rena Haynes, Anne Sparks, Mary Jastrzemski, Cynthia Ramsey

Guest: Cindy Begay

Officers' Reports

Secretary: Minutes amended to clarify Aug. show cancellation details, then accepted.

Treasurer: Rena absent; no report.

Committee Reports

Schooling Shows: For the Sept. 7 show, Barbara reported 40 rides as of today, 9 to 3. For 2015 Cindy booked tentative dates at BFRA April 18 and Sept. 19, both Saturdays. BFRA is already booking dates, so early booking is necessary. Daylight Savings Time starts early in 2015, and the April date should be OK. The March show at Cherry Tree Farm may be scheduled the week before the March recognized show. About the Downs at Santa Fe, when riding her test in August Marybeth felt the slant in the arena. Donald mentioned the dust. Therefore, the Board decided not to schedule a schooling show at the Downs this year. We will book Santa Fe Equestrian Center with Emily Keene, and Cindy Begay will handle the insurance details for that show. Cathy reported on the show environment at the Juan Tomas Hounds show, with distractions affecting the competitors. Cindy suggested NMDA can put on 6 shows in 2015: 2 at Bosque Farms, 2 at Cherry Tree Farm, and 1 each in Los Alamos and Santa Fe. Barbara noted 14 schooling shows in NM in 2014, and NMDA hosted 7 of those. At the ride-ride clinic Sept. 20, the first score will count toward year-end awards.

Recognized Shows: Donald is finalizing dates.

Membership: Virginia received 2 new memberships, so now we have 156.

Year-End Awards: Barbara does not yet have results of the Juan Tomas Hounds show. Marybeth has asked the secretary to send those results. Barbara asked how members like the format of scores published on the NMDA Web site. She mentioned the Trainer of the Year award she has sponsored the last 2 years. They must show 2 or more horses owned by clients who are NMDA members, and the horses have finished champion or reserve at any level, at schooling and/or recognized shows. She requested NMDA to take over sponsorship. The board discussed the award and possibly revising the criteria. Ideas included weighting the scores and eliminating Intro tests. We tabled the discussion till the October meeting.

Junior and Young Riders: Cynthia absent.

Education: Cindy said the Kessler clinic is full Sept. 21; spots are still open for the ride-ride clinic. Cindy asked for volunteers to assist at the clinic.

L Program Part II: Marybeth continues to work financials.

Publicity: John reported on ordering the hats. He will have the prototype this week, and expects 25 hats. Cindy said we can start selling hats at the Kessler clinic.

Old Business

Nominating Committee: John reported that some nominations did arrive. Each nominee should send John a short bio. Others on the Committee are Kathleen Martin and Kathy Mueller. Nominations should be submitted by mid-September, to allow 1 month to return ballots and membership applications.

New Business

Thal Equine contacted Cindy about their app, Horse Side Vet Guide. Cindy will ask them about a business membership.

Equine Equipment Savings contacted Cindy about donating a Toro leaf blower to NMDA, in exchange for NMDA distributing flyers. Cathy mentioned that NMDA will not endorse the company, and will suggest that they become a business member. Marybeth suggested we could distribute flyers in show packets.

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

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 7:35