

New Mexico Dressage Association
Regular Meeting
Sept. 1, 2015

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

Officers' Reports

Secretary: Minutes amended

Treasurer: Cindy reported current finances, including the Lisa Wilcox clinic. She's received data on online payments for the Sept. show; Harold has asked for the name of the person who should process these payments, which in October can be (1) memberships or (2) entries for schooling shows. Cindy K explained that each show secretary is responsible for processing entries. Cindy B received returned forms from the State on changing the name of the NMDA registered agent, and will discuss with Cindy K to reconcile the form with other NMDA records. Donald mentioned that his staff could assist.

Committee Reports

Schooling Shows: Julie Wilson has rented the arena for the Sept. 10 Western Dressage day at the State Fair.

Recognized Shows: Donald will post information for the Oct. show.

Membership: Virginia reported new members, most from the southern part of NM, for 170 members total. Oct. 1 is the cutoff date for the current year's membership applications.

Year-End Awards: Because the dual judges' scores at recognized shows aren't separated as reported by USDF, the Board agreed that NMDA will use the combined scores from USDF (not the judge at C as voted in the Aug. meeting). Barbara will post new standings this week.

Junior and Young Riders: Rachel has been talking with Lendon Gray about presenting a clinic for juniors in 2016. Lendon could teach up to 8 riders a day.

Education: For the Sept. Lisa Wilcox clinic, Anne will add information on Maureen Mestas (donor) to the program. Maureen's banner will be at the Sept. clinic. Anne reported that Lisa was happy with the Aug. session and is looking forward to coming back.

Publicity: John asked for names of other publications for publicity.

Old Business

Western dressage. Cathy has worked with Sandy Perez on setup of the WD division committee. Sept. 12 will be the next meeting of Sandy's group in Caballo. Sandy will send Virginia a list of attendees, to identify who's already an NMDA member. On the NMDA Web site, Sandy will submit postings (meetings and meeting minutes) on the Western page. Cathy distributed the draft of the WDDC's mission statement, which incorporates text from WDAA and NMDA. **Action:** Cathy will send the statement to the Board members for review.

Cindy B mentioned the instruction variations between WDAA and USEF publications. NMDA needs to consider these variations, with Sandy's involvement as WDDC chair. **Action:** Sandy will take charge of resolving discrepancies in tests and instructions. Cathy will discuss rule exceptions with Sandy.

Nominating committee. Some nominations have been submitted, with the deadline 18 Sept. Ballots will be mailed Oct. 15.

New Business

Anne will be the NMDA delegate to the USDF Convention. Virginia volunteered to produce the NMDA gift basket.

Cathy mentioned a possible change to the year-end award celebration, removing the banquet.

Announcement of Next Meeting: Oct. 6; location TBA.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:20