

NMDA Board of Directors (BoD) Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2017

Foundation for the Pure Spanish Horse

115 Elm St NE, ABQ

All Members and interested public welcome!

The meeting of the Board of Directors began at 6:35 p.m. after condolences to President Susan Reed on that day's loss of her beloved 35-year-old Thoroughbred mare, Jamaica Rain, with whom Susan had partnered that entire time.

Present: Teresa Heine, Cindy Kavan-Winfield, Gina McKay, and Kathleen Martin. Absent: Susan Reed, Winifred Fitch.

Vice-president Teresa Heine conducted the meeting in President Susan Reed's absence.

Secretary's report: accepted after additions were made.

Treasurer's report: read by Teresa Heine: Checkbook shows \$18961.18. PO Box rental fee paid for another six months.

Committee/Liaison Reports: Membership report: read by Teresa Heine: no new members; roster remains at 77.

Schooling shows: Teresa Heine: The September 3 show at Roy-el Farms, Espanola, went well with 24 rides and a profit of \$392.00. Erlene Seybold-Smythe expressed interest in having the show at Roy-el again next year.

Youth/Educational Activities: Gina McKay: No other activities planned for the rest of 2017. Gina presented receipts of \$92.67 for the mounted police officers' lunches and for making change of \$10. Auditors' fees of \$105.00 will be given to the care of officers' horses. An additional donation of \$100.00 from NMDA treasury will be made for the care of the horses.

Western dressage: Nance McManus: no report.

Awards/mini-grant program: Dawn Foster: No mini-grant applications received.

Old Business: Classified ads on NMDA website: Kathleen has made calls to people who had ads in the website's "classified" section, many of which have been on for more than a year. One

ad has been removed. Others whose items are still available agreed to review the asking price, send new pictures, or think about other places to sell.

Cindy Kavan-Winfield reminded the board that there is a fee in the standing rules for putting ads on the website and that a notice should be put on classified page stating this. The BoD will look at this in a future meeting.

Names on the “trainers” page of website: Kathleen will check for membership. The Board discussed the practice of putting trainers’ names up automatically (i.e. without a request from the trainer) upon membership. Kathleen suggested that trainers should request this; to be discussed at a future meeting.

PA system: Kathleen had estimates from two Albuquerque-based audio-visual equipment merchants (a third pending) stating that new equipment for full arena sound could cost as much as \$2000. Rental can go as high as \$600-\$1000 for two days. She asked Donald Simpson to provide sound for the Bill McMullin clinic in October, and he is considering it. She suggested a moderately-priced system from a warehouse store (e.g. Costco) might be adequate and she would also look into renting one from an acquaintance.

Cindy Kavan-Winfield warned about putting a lot of money into technical equipment that the BoD would not be able to set-up, monitor, or ensure safekeeping over the years. Discussion to be continued.

Bid increments at the saddle silent auction at the Cherry Tree Farm show: ten dollars had been suggested but Kathleen was concerned that the bids would not go up very quickly or significantly at this amount; she suggested something between \$25 and \$50 increments. The BoD determined \$25 would work.

Kathleen’s duties for *The Dressage Foundation* of which she is the NM state representative: Kathleen agreed to postpone this for a future meeting.

New Business: Change of date for Cherry Tree Farm show: due to the Collins’s not being able to mount the show on the October day, the show, tack-swap, and silent auction have been rescheduled to November 12, 2017. Kathleen will compose and send out an e-mail blast announcing the new date.

New donations to NMDA's fundraising efforts: Kathleen has received offers from Maureen Mestas of Hell Canyon Farm in Santa Fe for sponsorship of some of the expenses of the Cherry Tree Farm show, a dressage bridle, and a dressage court.

She also had received an offer of new and/or like-new dressage apparel from Susan Stinchcomb.

Kathleen will communicate with these donors and report next meeting; the BoD will decide at that time how to handle the items in the best interest of the NMDA's needs.

NMDA delegate or proxy to the National USDF convention in Lexington KY: Kathleen will add to the *schooling show change-of date e-mail blast* an invitation to any member who might be in Lexington at the time of the meeting, November 29- December 2, to represent the NMDA and offer a gift basket on behalf of the NMDA. Member would have to pay his/her own way, but grants may be available from the USDF to assist with travel and other costs.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Martin, secretary