

NMDA December Minutes

December 11th, 2024

Roll Call: John Collins-VP, Cindy Kavan-Winfield-Education, Cecilia Cox-Member, Maribeth St Cyr-President, Diana Corbin-Secretary, Sarah Turner-Membership, Kim Fredenburgh-Member

Cindy moved to accept the November minutes, John 2nd this.

Minutes from November were approved

Old Business:

John- January 18th is set up at Rib's. He is working with them to have more vegetarian meals.

Diana brought up the raffle ticket prizes for Awards Banquet.

It was decided that members would be asked to bring an item for the raffle as an entry fee. This will not have a price attached and can be any new item. Old tack will not be accepted.

Board members will bring an item too for entry fee, then add in 2-3 items for about \$50 which will be refunded.

Sarah shared that the roster has 24 members. She is going to submit another roster early next week so if there is any board members that haven't yet renewed their membership please get those in ASAP. She will get these checks to Maribeth.

Maribeth shared the Treasurer's Report:

General Fund including Paypal is \$15,858.41

Education Fund: \$4,097.15

Total: \$19,955.56

Amy Glenn-Member-at-Large joined meeting at 6:17

NEW BUSINESS:

Cecilia Cox was our representative to the convention and shared her experience and upcoming changes:

- USDF now is allowing Limited GMO's of 8-24 member
- There is also a new VIP program/pin to recognize volunteers
You do need to contact USDF to get them, but a great way to recognize the hard work of volunteers.

- The Dressage Foundation has a lot of grants out there for such things as virtual sessions, book clubs for credits.
- Know your rules and what equipment is legal. To find this go under Annex A in USEF under dressage equipment.
- New rules are coming out in regard to horse welfare. These can be found under USEF for GR (general rules), and DR (dressage rules). New rules will be highlighted.
- Para dressage is now under USDF
- As of December 1, 2025 it is mandatory to have your horse microchipped to show in a rated show. They are recommending the Biotherm Microchip because with this one you can check their temperature.
- This will be on the entry forms this year to get us prepared for this.
- Our basket was well received

Thank you, Cecilia for going and giving us a great report.

Cindy shared that Leslie Carpenter would like to once again sponsor a grant.

She would also like to take entry fees for one rider, for each of our rated shows in addition to the clinics.

Her idea was this year our clinics would be taught by trainers in the area who have ridden with Rachel Saavedra.. There would be three-one with Rachel, one with Stacey Williams, and one with Jo Marley. The Carpenter Grant will pay for the arena fees and help subsidize the clinician fees so that they are more affordable for our members.

Cindy asked if NMDA would help the Carpenter Grant subsidize the member's rides also-\$20 dollars/per rider for Stacey and Jo: and \$40 for Rachel's.

Cindy will be working on these dates.

Cindy's vision for 2026 is to bring in a big name clinician, such as Janet Foy, Lauren Sprieser, or Volker Brommann (USDF instructor from CA).

Amy suggested Adrienne Lyle.

Cindy will look into these and see if she can get any booked for our 2026 calendar.

And she is hoping to get one of these instructors 2 times.

Maribeth shared that there is an update to the Year-End Awards. Scores were received later from the Arab shows. It used to be that we had to have scores by November 15th.

The rules state that riders can only submit one test score from an outside show. The question was raised by clarity of this rule. Is it one rider or one rider/horse combination?

This needs to be clarified for next year's results in the standing rules.

This prompts us to update the standing rules regarding submission of scores from other clubs.

Danny is now the champion in the Intro level

And Danny is also the Reserve Champion in Training level.

The Arab Club asked if NMDA could sponsor lunch for the April show. It would cost us \$450.

It was acknowledged that we have not yet sponsored lunch for our own shows.

No motion was made to sponsor the Arab show lunch.

Sarah moved to adjourn the meeting

Diana seconded it