

## ***New Mexico Dressage Association***

### ***Board Meeting Minutes***

10/09//24 @ 6:00 PM

- I. Call to order: 6:06pm; 6:10 John arrived.
- II. Roll call: Maribeth St. Cyr, Cindy Kavan Winfield, Sarah Turner, Laura Pulliam, and Cel Cox member, John Collins joined.
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting: Will approve next meeting.
- IV. Officers and Chairs reports-John, Sarah, Maribeth, Cindy, Diana, Amy, Laura

Cindy, Education Chair: Working to schedule Rachel clinics next year, will schedule 2 or 3 clinics in 2025, maybe get other clinicians, possibly a "big" name clinician, next Rachel make-up clinic is 11/2 & 11/3, then done for the year; Leslie Carpenter wants to sponsor clinics next year, Rachel is not as available due to much traveling out-of-state; weather is a factor.

John, VP: See notes regarding Year End Award banquet below.

Sarah, Membership Chair: Ended 2024 year with 74 members, people who joined in October, 2024, will be put on 2025 Roster; first 2025 USDF roster must be submitted by 12/1/2024.

Laura, Treasurer: \$13,966. General fund; \$4,879 education fund; our Credit Union is considering merging with Sandia Area Federal Credit Union, NMDA BoD votes to allow Laura to vote on merger for NMDA.

#### V. New business

- a. Cottonwood Classic Review: most of expenses stay the same from show to show based on number of horses (per test); won't expect Cherry Tree Farm to donate venue in future, didn't expect putting Judges in hotels, let's get more volunteers to put up judges, depends on whether person is competing, Cel says may host, need to check with TD on what is allowed regarding hosting, Cel suggest NMDA members might donate using personal credit card "points" to pay for hotel or flight for Judge & TD, Cel offered to donate prizes again next year, some expenses listed were not unique to the show, such as office supplies, walkie-talkies, Cel has supply of paper if needed, \$263 expenses not show specific, may need more blue ribbons before next year's show, 2 scratches, 1 before closing date is refunded, if horse is ill, then must provide letter from vet, if no scratches, then would break even, part of this show was figuring out what actual costs will be, 18-20 horses will likely break even, we can accommodate about 28-30 horses, don't want fees to be over \$200 for most, if possible; "S" judge will cost more, only 1 or 2 TDs in Region 5, Cel has friend in San Antonio, TX who is new TD that might be able to help out.
- b. Venue for YE Awards: John went to 6 places, most don't have room & no private room, M'tucci's want \$2,100 to use room plus \$100 per waitress for about \$3,500; came back to RIBS, willing to shop for what we want, can have whole back room, decorate & setup as we want, El Bruno and Tomasita's need reservations to hold room, second weekend of Jan? Don't want to conflict with Arab Club, 1/18 ok? 1-4pm, will provide vegetarian food, just let them know and will shop appropriately, will ask if can bring own desserts?

c. Spring show: AHANM Proposal: Mariah of Arab Club has idea about using EXPO NM, booked most of 2025 with dog shows, only has 1 date for show next year 4/6, will be USDF recognized show with S judge, Judge is Amy McElroy, bumps into NMDA show at end of April, think move recognized show to 5/24, Santa Fe dressage club show is 6/7 & 6/8, move recognized show to 5/10 or 5/11 so as not to conflict with Santa Fe show, don't want to conflict with AZ and CO because we get a lot of people from both states, make sure don't conflict with USDF "mileage rule", appears there will be 5 recognized shows in NM in 2025; Arab Club is asking for money to sponsor show, volunteer will donate funds \$2k to NMDA specifically to be donated to Arab Show so that NMDA can sponsor Arab Show with S judge, BoD votes to use donated \$2k to sponsor Arab Show, want NMDA to be "present" at Arab Show, maybe do membership drive, give out some promotional materials with NMDA website?

d. BoD Elections: Deadline is first week of November, ballots are out to members, Kim Friedenberg is running for VP, Maribeth for President, and Amy for Member-at-Large.

Cel asks to discuss NMDA plans at USDF Convention, will put together information for her to share at GMO round tables; Cel says Janet Foy and Dolly Hannan are supportive of "grassroots" efforts.

October schooling show entries will open soon.

Adjournment: 7:08 Cindy moved to adjourn, John seconded, all approved.