

April 10, 2019

NMDA Board Meeting

Special Collections Library

Meeting called to order at 1:05.

Attending: Valerie Simpson, Barbara Burkhardt, Maribeth St Cyr, Susan Reed, John Collins, Theresa Heine, and Winnie Fitch

Standing rules have been updated to include the change to the ribbon system.

Secretary's report of minutes. Winnie has a correction for last month's minutes. Checking account has \$16,243.52, including \$3552 in education funds

CD has almost \$5400 in it.

Movement to approve minutes as corrected-Unanimous

Treasurer's report-\$16243.52 in checking account outgoing \$262.00 for ribbons, deposits for schooling show on the way

Ride re-ride clinic : entries = \$400, expenses = \$525, net lost \$125

Barbara moved that the ride re-ride was a clinic so suggested that the loss be transferred out of the education fund instead of taking the loss in the general fund. She stated that clinics should try to break even but if they don't the money should be taken out of the education fund. Education fund is receiving donations and needs to be spent.

Maribeth objected to making this decision after the fact stating that if the education fund was going to be used to support the ride re-ride clinic that should have been part of the initial proposal.

Winnie stated that the expenses for the clinic be taken out of the education fund, not just the loss.

She also stated that the future clinic proposals should include wording that the expenses should come out of the education fund and any profits go into the education fund.

Teresa brought up the initial intent of the education fund as a means to support individual members in educational events. She said proposing that clinic expenses being taken out of the education fund would be a fundamental change to the initial intent of the fund.

John explained the history of the changes of the education fund. From large grants to youth and amateur riders in the beginning to the mini-grants that exist today.

Barbara read from the Standing Rules defining what constituted educational activities, and how the source of the education fund is defined.

It appeared that the education fund lacks clear definition except as an application for a mini grant.

Maribeth suggested that clinics should be promoted as educational events and promote the use of mini grants to attend those events so that the education fund can be used for these events.

Barbara reminded us that the mini grants are only available to volunteers.

Barbara made a motion to subtract the loss of the ride re-ride clinic from the education fund.

John brought up that the only clear way to spend any educational fund is through the use of a mini grant. Therefore, it isn't "legal" to use the fund to reimburse the club for the loss at the clinic. He recommended that a discussion occur to examine what options members have to use the funds.

Since no one seconded Barbara's motion the conversation moved on.

The old arena was sold to Kathleen Martin for \$400. That will be deposited into the General Fund.

Percent ribbons have been received to support the new ribbon standard decided at the March Board meeting.

Barbara made a suggestion that we pro-rate the insurance as an expense of a schooling show.

Maribeth argued that the cost of insurance is static and the number of shows can change during the year, changing the math for the cost of each show as the show season progresses.

Winnie argued that she considered the cost of insurance to be cost of doing business, not a show expense. Like the cost of the website or the liability insurance for the Board.

Barbara stated that the reason for doing this is to offset the income for the shows in what she feels is a more accurate fashion.

Winnie argued that there are several revenue streams for the club, merchandise, selling the arena, donations etc. so the show revenue doesn't need to account for all of the expenses to the club.

Barbara decided to drop the issue.

A discussion was begun regarding the learning grant for the "Dressage through the levels" clinic in Santa Fe. Three entries were received and it was agreed that all should receive the grant for the clinic.

Teresa suggested since the entire amount dedicated to funding attendance at the clinic would not be used up, because funding had been set aside for 4 attendees, but only 3 applied, that the excess funds should be donated to the SFDA to offset expenses for the symposium.

John said that the \$300 was a cap, and that the amount sent should only be \$60 each for the 3 that applied. (\$60 for 2 non-members plus \$55 for the member = \$175. Winnie will send a check to Taminy Marshall of SFDA and the 3 names.)

Some discussion occurred, previous minutes were consulted and discussion continued.

It was decided that the 3 entries of the contest would be funded and no additional funds would be removed from the education fund.

Vice President report- John discussed items he had found as awards for auditing the awards banquet that were within budget and would be treasured by the membership. John asked for any

recommendations for venues. He asked for emails for any suggestions be sent to him. Saddle pads also appear to be a favorite.

Membership report-81 members at present. No other new business

Schooling Show report- June 9th Dennison Park show contracts are signed. Grooming will be provided by the venue. A food truck has been arranged to be present. Theresa would like to try to get food truck guy to come to more events if the members like the food at this show. Venue will allow the club to set up the night before the show since no one is using the arena the day before.

A judge for the Vista Sandia show hasn't been found but there's still time as it's in September.

Barbara provided instruction to Winnie and for handing out the new ribbons.

Barbara moved to change the description in the Standing Rules of Schooling Show Manager to Schooling Show Coordinator to reflect the purpose of the position. Since each schooling show could potentially have a different manager, the coordinator is technically very different. The Coordinator assures that there are no conflicts in the calendar and that managers and show secretaries are in place.

Teresa expressed concern that the definition sounded like the coordinator managed all of the shows. She was also concerned that some of the responsibilities had been executed by other board members even though it was her responsibility.

Susan suggested that the wording change for the 2020 season.

A motion was made to change the name of the Schooling show manager to Schooling show coordinator.

Six voted for, one against. Motion passed.

Youth Chair-Susan Reed discussed a plan to have Gina Mc Kay's husband, who is a retired EMT, give a talk about concussion to kids and their parents. This would be part of a talk instructing riders in what to do if they came off of their horses.

Gina said she'd help set up another de-spooking clinic but the timing and place had not been decided.

Also, Dr Diana DeBlanc said she would be willing to do a presentation regarding what to do if your horse gets hurt out on the trail. She would be willing to blend this with a presentation on her work with the White Rhino rescue in Africa where she will be all summer.

Old Business

Barbara made a motion to give Mini Grants for NMDA for schooling show entries since Schooling shows were considered an educational activity. Motion passed

Barbara made a motion to use coupons instead of writing checks when someone uses a mini grant
Motion was passed.

A motion was made to provide grants to the two people that had applied for them, Cindy Kavan-Whitfield and Barbara Burkhardt

Six voted for, one against.

A motion was made to allow Juniors to attend Schooling shows without paying any class fees, just the office fee (and appropriate non-member fee)

Six voted for, one against, motion passed

Adjourn at 2:55 PM