

### **Summary of April 2020 Board Meeting via email:**

Because of the CONVID-19 virus State wide stay-at-home rules, president Barbara Burkhardt declared an "Emergency Meeting" as per the By-Law : Art. V – 1. - B. "Emergency meetings may be called by the president..." Note: the By-Laws do not say we can't conduct a meeting by phone or email. Per Cindy Winfield, New Mexico laws do say voting electronically is not legal with the state of New Mexico 501c3 laws. Because we came to a consensus without voting I believe this "meeting" is legal.

Communications with: Barbara Burkhardt, president; John Collins, vice president (via phone); Maribeth St. Cyr, Secretary; Winnie Fitch Treasurer; Susan Reed, Youth; Sarah Turner, Membership; Cindy Kavan-Winfield, mgr Pilates clinic.

1. (Maribeth) Review and approve Feb 12<sup>th</sup> Minutes: The only correction is Sarah Turner's name. No other corrections were noted. Minutes approved.

2. Review and approve Treasurer's Report: (Winnie – Sun, Apr 05,2020 09:29 AM)

Checking acct.- \$13,786.85

Ed. Fund - \$4542.71

CD-\$6093.50

(Thu, Mar 19, 2020 12:58 PM) "I just spoke with our insurance agent, Frank Garnett regarding our liability if we were to hold a show during a time of closures, quarantines etc., and a participant/spectator contracted Covid19 and then sued us. He reminded me that our liability coverage specifically denies coverage for viruses (and terrorism). In looking through the policy that covers the board members I found that it would also not cover the board if we got sued for holding a show at which someone contracted Covid 19. So it appears that we have exercised reasonable caution by cancelling the 4/26 show."

3. Membership Report: (Sarah Mon, Apr 06,2020 01:05 PM)

"No new memberships or renewals since our last meeting. The regular "bump" we'd expect in preparation for the April show hasn't materialized. Of course, that's probably because there won't be an April show and everyone is watching their budget with the current economic uncertainty."

4. May Events – We need to decide if event(s) are on or off. Barbara needs to know for sure by April 20 if on or off:

No events of more than 5 people per NM Governor Grisham. Don't know how long this is in effect. Most CONVID-19 restrictions are in effect until at least April 30. If these restrictions are extended into May – we have no choice but to cancel.

a. (Cindy) May 8-11 Pilates at CTF. Per Cindy is on a wait and see basis. Cindy will let me know no later than April 20 if this clinic is on or off. We do have a Pilates clinic scheduled for September.

b. (Maribeth) May 16 (Sat.) Ride-A Test at Expo. USDF has approved the full \$1000 grant. But, Expo is State owned so will be open or closed according to NM Governor.

Barbara questioned if we should cancel or postpone this event, here are answers:

(Maribeth Monday, April 6, 2020 10:22 AM) "The fairgrounds (Expo) has a date open in July the last time I talked to them."

(Maribeth Mon, Apr 06,2020 11:34 AM) "Since we got the grant (from USDF) I think we should postpone it, not cancel it. I'm sure USDF will allow us to change the date, and even the judge and the venue under the circumstances. If we cancel it I may have to start over. Can we postpone until a later date to be determined at a later time?"

(Winnie Mon, Apr 06,2020 10:58 AM) "I think we need to follow the lead of the other GMOs in our region. I always try to err on the side of caution."

(Susan Mon, Apr 06,2020 01:54 PM) "I think we should postpone the Ride-a-Test until mid summer. If not at the fairgrounds, there are other venues we could pursue. I, personally, was looking forward to taking my inexperienced mare to the fairgrounds, even just hang out. So, I'd love to see it there. But, it won't be the end of the world if that doesn't happen. I think we should always err on the side of caution."

(Sarah Apr 6 - 12:44 pm) said: "move to July if possible."

John (by phone Apr 8) "I think it's a good idea to postpone if possible."

Barbara: It will be up to Maribeth to coordinate a new date; venue (Expo or elsewhere); judge; and USDF. If there are financial changes the board must be consulted. Here is the July&August calendar:

The first weekend of July is July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday on Saturday.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in July (11-12) is the Rated show at HIPICO.

The rest of July is at this time open (no dressage oriented activities that I know of).

August is open until the Trinity Ranch show Aug 16<sup>th</sup>.

5. Youth (Susan) Status of Prix Caprilli at Top Notch? (We "set aside" \$200 for this event.) (Susan Mon, Apr 06, 2020 01:54 PM) "There is nothing new to report regarding Youth activities. We are all holding off until the Stay-at-home order is lifted."

6. No old Business reported.

7. No New Business reported.

Submitted by Barbara Burkhardt

