

## **NMDA Board of Director (BoD) Meeting Minutes**

Foundation for the Pure Spanish Horse 115 Elm St NE, ABQ

**August 8, 2018**

10:40 am - 12:03 noon

All members and interested public welcome.

President Teresa Heine welcomed all members present: Barbara Burkhardt, Kathleen Martin, and Winnie Fitch. Absent: Maureen Mestas, Valerie Simpson, Susan Reed, Gina McKay.

### **Officers' reports:**

**Secretary's** report: Teresa Heine moved the secretary's report be accepted as written. Winnie Fitch seconded. All approved.

**Treasurer's** report: Winnie Fitch reported the purchase of directors' insurance through the Philadelphia Insurance Co. brokered by a local broker at HUB International; thanks to Maureen Mestas for this referral. Cost was \$975.00 and will cover the calendar year starting August 1, 2018. Winnie will renew PO Box rent. Treasury checkbook stands at \$18,751.44 before payment of directors' insurance policy and PO box rent.

Treasurer Fitch followed-up on sale of the donated Passier saddle: purchaser has recently remitted.

**Vice-president's** report: Barbara Burkhardt reported that an analysis of recent schooling shows indicated that most volunteers were non-show people.

### **Committee/Liaison reports:**

**Membership:** Winnie Fitch reported one new member since last meeting for a total of 94 members.

**Show manager's** report: Teresa Heine reported that Karen Lensyk will judge the Cherry Tree Farm show on October 28. Michell Combs of Phoenix AZ will judge the September 9 show at Vista Sandia Equestrian Park. Her fee of \$175 plus airplane fee of \$179.96 made the total cost for judge over the limit for show fees in NMDA's standing rules. Teresa Heine moved to approve the fee. Winnie fitch seconded. All approved.

Kathleen Martin, manager of Roy-el Show in Espanola on Aug. 19, reported that all volunteers are settled and she has received a signed, e-mailed facilities contract from Erlene Smythe. Erlene has a food vendor in place and several volunteers ready to help.

Kathleen will make and hang a flyer on bulletin board at Vista Sandia Eq. Park to "reserve" 9/9/18 for NMDA use.

The NMDA received a request from an exhibitor to show a gaited horse in English tack at the Vista Sandia show using a new test, the *2018 IJA English and Western Dressage Two-Gait Tests*. After some discussion, the BoD decided to stick to USEF tests. Teresa Heine moved to offer the following accommodation: the exhibitor will ride WDAA tests in English tack Hors de Concours.

Barbara Burkhardt seconded. Three approved; 1 opposed. Motion carried. Winnie Fitch will inform exhibitor.

**Youth Committee:** Maureen Mestas, chair of Youth Committee, sent information that she was stepping down as chair of this committee because of the devastation her farm incurred during a recent severe storm and flooding in the Santa Fe area. The NMDA sends Maureen its best in the recovery efforts and thanks her for her service on the Board of Directors.

**Member-at-Large, Western Dressage:** no reports.

**Old business:**

**Nominating committee:** Teresa Heine, Board member on the nominating committee, announced that members Coyla Heine and Cindy Kavan-Winfield have agreed to serve on this committee with her.

**Mini-grant proposal:** Barbara Burkhardt submitted a revised proposal to change some of the wording on the mini-grant proposal in the Standing Rules. After some discussion, President Teresa Heine moved that the proposal be voted on in its entirety. Winnie Fitch seconded. One approved; 3 opposed. The motion was defeated.

The BoD now needs to get the motion about mini-grants from the minutes of the 4/20/17 into the Standing Rules. Barbara Burkhardt agreed to do this.

**New Business:**

**Update on candidates** for 2019 positions: Barbara Burkhardt will be seeking the president's position. Winnie Fitch said she would take on full-time treasurer's position. As this is not an open position for 2019, the BoD can vote on this. Kathleen moved that Winnie Fitch become full-time treasurer for the remainder of the term. Teresa Heine seconded. All approved with Winnie abstaining.

Follow-up on Maureen Mestas's concerns: see above information on Youth Committee.

Barbara Burkhardt shared a view that a comprehensive re-write of the Conflict of Interest section in the By-laws is needed as the current verbiage is difficult to understand. She suggests putting more detailed information in the Standing Rules and will bring a proposal to next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Martin, secretary.

