

NMDA Board Meeting minutes August 14th, 2019

Called to order 1PM

In attendance:

Barbara Burkhardt-President

John Collins-Vice President

Maribeth St Cyr-Secretary

Nance McManus-Western Dressage Liason

Susan Reed-Youth Chair

Diana Corbin-Membership

Winnie Fitch-Treasurer

Nominating committee for upcoming elections will be Barbara Burkhardt, Cindy Kavan and DJ Collins.

This election is for Secretary and Treasurer. Both Maribeth and Winnie are willing to continue.

The club needs a USDF Delegate that is a current member of NMDA. This is a voluntary position.

The decision needs to be made by 8/31

NMDA will provide a \$500 stipend to assist with expenses. Voted unanimously

A new Membership Chair is needed by October as Diana may be leaving New Mexico.

Winnie moved to accept minutes from July, John seconded.

Maribeth proposed that the "boost" feature on the NMDA Facebook page be used to promote shows that may be at risk of being canceled before they get canceled so we can prevent shows from being cancelled. **i.e. to remind riders of upcoming Closing date.**

It was decided that \$50 be spent to see how the "Boost" feature works for the Vista Sandia show.

Treasurer's report:

There is \$18843 in checking

Paid Post office box-\$134 for one year

Paid Directors Insurance Premium-\$1028

Winnie proposed that the old club documents be shredded. Only documents that are required to be kept will be maintained.

Vice President report

Banquet has been tentatively scheduled for January 11, 2020 at the Marriott Albq.

One mini grant has been submitted for Cindy Kavan.

John is collecting submissions for year end awards.

Membership report-we increased membership by 3 in August

Show report-Goose Down Farms is the next show. \$150 for the judge \$400 for the venue plus food for the volunteers.

September 8th is Vista Sandia.

State Fair is September 5th.

Paso Del Norte show and clinic September 8th

Cherry Tree show October 26th

Youth Chair-No updates at this time

Education-Pilates clinic will be November 1-4

Western Dressage-no new business.

Nance- The Dressage Foundation (TDF) has a program where a GMO holds a "Benefit class" and donates \$350 to TDF. They will provide a special ribbon to the winner of the class and promote the club on the website and on social media. This is something we could do next year at one of our shows. It was decided to consider this during next year's show planning.

Barbara opened a discussion regarding USDF's new Regional Schooling Show Champion awards. The rules and requirements were discussed.

Nance expressed concerns around the forms being cumbersome and the fees for the qualified shows potentially adding cost to our schooling shows as each qualifying show must pay USDF \$25.00 in order to be a participating show. This would cost the club about \$75 per year. (for 3 "recognized" shows).

Maribeth was excited about the prospect of our schooling shows being recognized in some fashion by USDF and that those that don't typically participate in recognized shows would be able to still compete at the regional level. She also volunteered to help show management with any forms required.

Barbara proposed sending out a questionnaire asking the membership if they wanted to participate in this program. This would be included in the election ballots.

Meeting adjourned 2:45 pm.