

NMDA August Minutes 2023

Roll Call: John Collins/VP, Maribeth St Cyr/President, Amy Glenn/ Member-at-Large, Sarah Turner/Membership, Cindy Kavan-Winfield/Education, Diana Corbin/Secretary, Margaret Henkels/NMDA member

Cindy moved to approve minutes from last meeting
Sarah seconded it

Diana needs to get the June minutes to Harold

John has an updated list of all the volunteers so far this year from the shows

He is also looking for a venue for Year-End-Dinner

Cherry Tree is ready for the August 20th Show

August 16th is the closing date for show entries

Sarah reported no new members-still at 70.

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund Balance-15886.18-this includes \$278 in Paypal-all money is for August show

Expenses paid since last meeting-

USDF \$222

Diane-Winner! \$50

Michelle Combs-May show payment \$278

Big 0-Tires for trailer \$333

Education Fund-\$5006.29

No expense out of Ed Fund since last meeting

Maribeth shared that the Schooling Show on October 7th will be at the Stanley Arena. Maribeth helped the group putting on the show to find a judge. It is a WDAA judge who is also a L judge. She is a little over our budget, so we need approval to use this amount.

Sarah moved to accept this amount

Amy seconded it

All approved

Maribeth will haul the arena up there, and be the scorer. There is a group willing to set up and provide all the volunteers. If this is successful we can have a show there every year.

August show has entries coming in. Elise is the judge. Everyone is excited about Cindy's Century Ride!

Sarah presented the idea of a hospitality table at the show to welcome riders. Diana and Sarah volunteered to do this, but asked that they ride early so that they could preform this task.

Diana shared that Casa Vieja in Corrales is good with us having a social gathering there on September 22 at 6:00. Board members will bring appetizers.

NEW BUISNESS:

The election for Treasurer and Secretary are due to start. Maribeth sent Harold the announcement to put on the Website so people can send in nominations. If we know anyone who is interested please send their names in.

The Board Insurance has lapsed for the last 8 days, it will be reinstated in the next few days.

Everything else was filed on time. The IRS website that we get our 990N, that gets summited to our insurance company, is broken and has been for weeks. Maribeth called the broker and they have it handled.

Maribeth has researched putting on a rated show next year.

This is her proposal:

As we move into a new era of equestrian sport, we need to examine the obstacles that our members have as they seek to achieve their goals.

Based on personal experience as well as member feedback, it is clear that the cost of participation in a rated show is prohibitive. This single issue prevents our members from pursuing the dream of competing and receiving the awards and medals that acknowledge their hard work as they move up the levels with their partners.

After examining the financial requirements for a USDF show, it appears that the largest impact on the expense of a show is threefold

- S judges

- Overnight stalls

- Very high venue fees

Since much of our membership hovers in the pre-FEI levels, they would be sufficiently served by an 'r' or "R" judge. "r" being able to judge to 2nd level and "R" to 4th level. Michelle Combs is currently an "r" that is working on her "R". I believe we would be able to grow with her as well as pursue a secondary option.

A one day show, small and marketed to local riders, would not require stalling. A list of nearby barns that have available stalls could be created and included for attendees that wish to come in from out of town.

Cherry Tree Farm is suitable for a Level 1 show and is not cost prohibitive.

With that in mind, I propose that we host a Level 1 USDF Recognized show next September at Cherry Tree.

This show would allow participants to qualify for 2025 Regionals, allow participants to work toward earning their medals, and be the culmination of 9 months of clinics and educational events that prepare our members to succeed at a rated show.

These events would include braiding clinics, turn out clinics, zoom meetings that review tack and attire, riding clinics focusing on success at the lower levels and any USDF staff participation we can include to explain medals, qualifying for regional awards, and the benefits of dressage.

I am including a financial proposal that includes the expenses I have researched. The estimates are based on 20 or 25 horses signed up for the show and from 40 to 50 rides. My goal is to keep the participants expense under \$200.

I also propose that we increase the maximum mini grant to \$100 in a year to assist our members to be able to afford the show by volunteering.

Open for discussion.

See next page for financials:

	Flat Fee	Travel	Per Ride	Per Horse	total cost	cost to participant
Secretary Fee				30		
Venue	300					
EMT (ABQ Ambulance)	440					
Judge (Michelle Combs)	450	300				
TD-(Victoria Powers)	275	300				
USDF Drug fee				23		
Qualifying			15			
USDF Fee			0.45			
Ribbons			4			
			x40 rides	x 20 horses		
	1465	600	778	1060	3903	/20=\$195
			x50 rides	x25 horses		
	1465	600	972.5	1325	4362.5	/25=\$175

Unknown expenses-insurance to name USDF as insured.

Other unknowns-lettering in covered arena-is it legal?

Discussion was opened up and things discussed were lettering in Arena, parking, 3 year goal for awards, how we will pay for this. Education opportunities will be provided all year long to get everyone ready for this event.

We would like to have many winter education opportunities to prepare for this. Ideas are: bridle/bit clinics braiding clinics, turnout clinics etc.

Cindy moved that we put on a rated show next year

Amy seconded it.

Everyone voted in agreement

Still several opportunities for volunteers!

Treasurer's position

Schooling Show Manager- (appointed position)

Youth Chair

WD Liason

Tack Swap Coordinator

John moved to adjourn

Sarah seconded it