

NMDA Board Meeting December 8, 2021
Meeting called to order at 3:02pm

Attendees: Maribeth St Cyr-President, Winnie Fitch-Treasurer, Susan Reed-Youth Chair, Sarah Turner-Membership, Barbara Burkhart-Past President, Diana Corbin- Secretary, John Collins - Vice President

Under Old Business:

Looking at a replacement for Trinity Ranch Marybeth had checked out the Socorro Arena and the footing was too hard and the people difficult to work with

She is going to go to the Belen Arena and check it out for the April Show.

Barbara Burkhart suggested checking out Terra Nova and the Cyclone Arena in Stanley

We have two judges secured for western dressage shows they are: Sharron Sarchet and Julie Haugan

We will be getting L rated judges for the rest of the shows.

For the virtual shows at the beginning of the year WD can do either the new or old tests. They just have to be clear about what they are doing.

New Business:

Treasurer's Report:

Checking:	\$13,369.19
CD:	\$6,172.23
Ed. Fund	\$4,069.19

Winnie will present a report at the year end general meeting.

Sarah Turner has begun the new year member roster and talked with Jill Chamberlain of USDF. As of now we have 12 members rerolled.

Barbara Burkhart shared information that SFDA is hosting a volunteer workshop Jan. 22nd. (Venue undetermined). This would be a great opportunity to teach people how to scribe and volunteer.

Western Dressage Association has changed the tests. Riders at shows in Jan and Feb can use either test.

March 1, 2022 The new tests have to be used.

We need to download these tests and add the new 4 & 5 levels

Barbara needs a new tire for the equipment trailer. The estimate is \$140. There was no opposition to this expenditure.

This is Barbara's last meeting. She has graciously offered any assistance or advice if anyone needs it.

John met with Expo NM about the rental of their arena.

\$775 to rent the arena, this is the warm up area and the inside arena.

Stalls are \$10 each.

Not many weekends open

Dates open are July 1-3 and Aug 6-7

It was brought up that at shows we presently offer Youth free classes. This has bumped up JR membership, but we are losing money. It was suggested that we offer one free class and they pay for any others that they wish to show.

John made the move to approve this new change

Sarah second the movement

There was no opposition

We did discuss that there had to be changes on the entry forms, and Standing Rule to make this clear

Winnie told us we have one recognition for AQHA that we need to use or refund the money

Marybeth suggested we ask the members

Sarah is going to give a presentation on USDF awards at the Year End Banquet

The Virtual Show Series is Jan-Feb and March of 2022

Barbara moved to continue this series

Winnie second the movement

Pilates Clinic

The rates are going up this year

We talked about how we can advertise this clinic differently so it would involve more/different people in the club.

A suggestion was made that we use a lottery system to pick those participants so that it isn't just the regular crowd.

Barbara reminded the board that mini grants are available if you have volunteered at an event.

The Award Ceremony Banquet is set for Saturday Jan 15th at RIBS in Los Lunas.

The venue holds 20-30 people (possibly up to 40)

The cost to rent the room is \$100.

The buffet is \$15 a person

We discussed making it \$10 a person to hopefully get more people to participate and the club would cover the difference.

Ideas for other awards?

Diana suggested a volunteer of the year award

Laura Hunsacker is eligible for the NMDA First Level A/A Memorial Trophy.

Discussed asking the persons getting awards if they would like the traditional dressage pad or if they would rather get a certificate and a gift certificate

Meeting Adjourned 4:25