

## NMDA December 14, 2022 NMDA Minutes

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

John has gone through the scores for awards

Only 3 people had qualifying scores for awards: This is one horse/one rider combinations with 3 rides.

Training 3 was the most competitive with the most score for the year. Teresa Heine with average scores of 67.9 and John with 63.61.

Western Dressage was the only other winner with Danny

Carol Blackshire (gaited intro 4) and Jose Luis, and Teresa Heine

Maribeth and John will meet this weekend at Cherry Tree and go over these scores to make sure of winners and go over banquet.

Maribeth opened discussion to amend standing rules so forms do not need to be signed and sent in to receive yearend awards by members because we have changed how we record show standings. We now post on our website all the show scores. This will allow us acknowledge and celebrate the successes of our members without making them chase it.

The average of the 3 scores still have to reach a minimum score to qualify.

Cindy made the motion and Sarah seconded it, and all the board members voted in favor of this.

Maribeth has ordered ribbons, Visa gift cards will be in the amount of \$100 for Champions and ribbon for Reserve Champions. Cindy will do the certificates.

Maribeth has reached out to Amanda Simms about the Susan Kirkby award but haven't heard from her.

5 certificates and make a certificate for the Susan Kirkby award so they have something to keep.

Maribeth asked John to reach out to Laura Hunsacker to get the award back.

We are having the banquet at Ribs Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1-4. They are all ready for us. They would like a \$100-\$150 down so they can buy the meat. So they can be prepared. We are estimating between 20-25 people.

John made a motion not to charge members and their spouses/significant other for the Awards Banquet. The Club will pay for the meal. Diana seconded this. All were in favor.

This is our annual meeting and will give an update of the status of the club. Give a financial report. Vice President is in charge.

Raffle ticket prizes discussed. It was decided that we all get 2-3 prizes around \$25 each and will be reimbursed. Maribeth will reimburse us at the banquet. We can also donate new stuff. Also Maribeth will bring water bottles and hats that we have in stock.

The Arab Club offered to give us a basket for one of our raffle prizes.

Sarah shared that membership is up to 21 members and a few more were added tonight.

Next month we will do conflict of interest forms.

Amy moved to accept the minutes from last month. John seconded it.

Cindy is thinking of what we should next year for our 2 clinics. One idea was having Rachel Saavadra do one on test riding again with the new tests.

And bring in a big name for the other clinic. She will send out feelers and get quotes. We can use a grant for this.

Amy handed out sheets to all the members about what she has put down for the "Best Turnout Award" She would like us all to put down our thoughts on paper and get it back to her so she can get it together by February.

Treasurer's Report: Education Fund: \$4,354

General Fund: \$18,672

Every year we usually end about \$1,000 down. We are in excellent shape. Tack swaps are helping a lot.

Dress Code Guidelines from Amy Glenn

Maribeth brought up the idea of asking Lindsey Lechnar to do a braiding clinic for us.

Maribeth brought up the concerns some people have about which board positions vote and those that don't (mainly the Schooling Show Chair that is not a voting position). She and Cindy looked into it. When we redid the bylaws in 2016, to make sure we were compliant with the non-profit corporation both Federal and State.

In the old by-laws we had 13 positions that were able to vote. However New Mexico Non-profit Act requires a quorum of no less than 1/3 present at the meeting to conduct business. So we had to have at least 5 voting members present at each meeting. We wanted to get the quorum number down that is why we reduced the number of voting positions to 10. The current voting positions are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Member-at-Large, Past President (for one year), Membership, Youth, Education, and Awards.

If we still have concerns from members about Schooling Show Chair not being a voting position, Cindy proposes that we swap it out with Awards. That would require an amendment of the by-laws. This position actually isn't mentioned in the by-laws or standing rules. And that if someone does want to change this then that person can do the paperwork required. Maribeth would have to put this in motion and has no interest in doing it at the present moment. This isn't because she is against it, just that we have so much else that needs to be done at the present. If anyone feels this is important and needs to be addressed we will revisit this concern.

Cindy will send this to Diana in writing for the minutes-which is:

Here is a summary of the BOD voting positions relative to the 2016 Bylaw changes.

1. Old bylaws - (2010) allowed for 13 voting positions. New bylaws - (2016) reduced it to 10 (the 6 elected officers, including past president plus 4 standing committee chairs)
2. Reason for the change - the NM Nonprofit Corporation Act - required a quorum of "no less than 1/3" to conduct business". Also, NM Nonprofit Corporation Act required directors to be physically present - no teleconference, or Zoom (probably wasn't even Zoom then) to vote. With only 10 positions NMDA now only needs 4 board members present to conduct business. (Under old bylaws It was 5 & it became increasingly difficult to get the minimum 5 voting directors at each meeting).

Here are our 10 voting positions of the Board:

President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary, Member at Large, Past President, Membership, Youth, Education & Awards.

Mariah Wilson from the Arab Club presented to us. She would like to collaborate with other clubs and accommodate needs of our /their members and make available resources and vice versa. In doing this it diversifies things we both can offer, promote each other's clubs and activities, with hope that it will build a stronger horse community in the whole area. Their dates are set for spring March 17-19 and May 24-26 shows are contracted at the fairgrounds. The August 18-20 will be at

HIPICO. This show she is hoping to develop into a multi-breed affair. Showcase the dressage riders both Western and Classical, have full days. Ideas include having a high-point dressage yearend award. They are hoping next year to offer an award at their yearend banquet to a non-Arabian/dressage horse for doing their circuit, if the interest is there. Other ideas were a profit sharing system, where if we are able to bring in people and promote shows/activities we could get a percentage of net income. And reciprocate shows.

We can partner and sponsor a show. One idea is that this might be a Western Dressage Show, since they always have a qualified judge. It would take a little pressure off of us to find that large R judge. This would benefit our members. They are in planning stages right now so can accommodate ideas we need if we tell them. (Showing on weekends, rail classes, etc.) Maribeth would like us to think about supporting their shows, overlapping schooling shows that we all agree would be beneficial. Arab Club would get us the placings and show scores by the end of the show and should not be an issue. We will talk about this at the next meeting. And Maribeth might reach out to SFDA too.

It has been a great year! Maribeth thanked everyone for their work, we will see everyone at the Awards Banquet

Cindy added that she has sent the Clinic Guidelines to Rachel Saavadra and Rachel added a few things to the document. Cindy will send these to the board and we will vote on this next meeting.

Maribeth will change the Standing Rules on the paperwork for awards.

Mariah invited everyone to the Arab Awards Banquet.

John added that he believes that collaboration between clubs in New Mexico is vital to the existence of horse activities in the area. And thanked Mariah for coming to our meeting.

John moved to adjourn meeting

Cindy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion