

NMDA Board Meeting Feb 10, 21

Meeting called to order at 1:02 p.m.

In attendance: Mary Beth St. Cyr via cell phone

John Collins

Susan Reed

Sarah Turner

Winnie Fitch

Valerie Simpson

Barbara Burkhart

SCHOOLING SHOW COORDINATOR (BURKHART): Revision to February minutes: “Only going to accept NMDA show results for year-end awards.”

AWARDS CHAIR (COLLINS): Is NM Quarter horse going to sponsor a trophy and is it for their members that come to our shows or are they going to sponsor a trophy for NMDA year end for quarter horse owners?

President-St. Cyr is going to try to get them to sponsor a high point award for the winter challenge. NM Quarter horse has not gotten back to us on that. We would like them to sponsor a QH year-end award to encourage QH owners to participate in our shows.

Motion was made by Collins to approve February minutes. ST seconded it. Minutes accepted with Sarah’s revisions.

TREASURER’S REPORT (FITCH): USDF fees paid this morning: \$236 (General Checking. All other accounts remain the same). We took in \$200 in entry fees – 2.9% from PayPal and occasionally an extra \$ .03 per entry. Judge charges \$180 per ride. There is a question about a PayPal transfer into our account. PayPal tends to lump charges together; apparently was not itemized. According to MB St. Cyr, we took in \$470. 11 riders, 2 youth = 10 each. MB is having a hard time logging into PayPal; can’t see if participants have paid

when it's a credit card vs PayPal. Kathleen Martin paid via check. MB gets an email when riders pay the entry fee whether by PayPal or credit card. There were some lump payments of membership plus show entry. MB will forward emails to Winnie to see who paid what? Sarah Turner thinks that there is a way to sort this out and she will look into it. MB St. Cyr feels the virtual shows are providing revenue.

Vice President Report (John Collins): working on tracking show scores. Due to covid restrictions, we do not have a location for end of year banquet.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR (SARAH TURNER): 55 members presently. 11 used on-line portal to join. Turner can now get access to online portal/form. Suggested a couple of modifications for form:

1. Have a disclaimer that there may be a lag between membership and when form received. There is a date/time stamp that Turner can see that show participant did submit membership in time to participate in shows.
2. **Renewing members may purchase test booklet for an additional \$10 but not automatically granted. They must be request it. "Do you want a test booklet?" Need to clarify that new members automatically get a test booklet. Renewing have options of ordering/not ordering.**

Turner plans to reach out weekly to new members to acknowledge membership received.

We have 3 new youth members that seem to be in a close location/siblings/friends?

We have 2 business memberships: Cherry Tree and SW Equine Insurance

Business members get a free business card size ad on the website. There are some other business ads that we need to determine if they have paid or not. We need to have a mechanism to follow up on business ads...need to follow up with Harold with a list for update. Also need to clarify if these businesses need their info updated.

Also need to also make sure members did not pay twice; one submitted online memberships twice. W Fitch and S Turner will co-ordinate payments/memberships.

B Burkhart states that USDF still has her listed as President. S Turner states that she updated positions through on-line portal already but will follow up to make sure this happens.

Member at Large (V Simpson) had nothing to report.

Secretary (S Preteska) not present.

Youth Chair (S Reed): States can't do anything clinic-wise until we can meet in person. (Braiding clinics, etc.)

Schooling Show Coordinator (B Burkhart) report provided in writing.

Per MB St Cyr: Stacey Williams is a new judge from Utah. She is in Albuquerque now and we could use her for a judge. Should keep option to pay by check or via pay pal for show entries.

The tests change in 2022. New tests come out in December for both traditional and western dressage.

Maureen Maestas RMDA has a big calendar...monthly clinics, Jeremy Steinberg.

## NEW BUSINESS

JCollins: Have a meeting with Dan Morning with State Fair grounds and find out if we can use them for rated shows (Covid restrictions)

BBurhart: Set up a review the by-laws committee. By-laws need "housecleaning" and new articles. Make Schooling Show Coordinator a voted position. The bylaws committee works out changes, then goes to the board, then a lawyer, and then put to a General Membership meeting. This would be a good year according to WFitch since we have the funds to pay for an attorney to review. ST works for an attorney that is familiar with non-profits. MB St. Cyr thinks is a good idea, push towards spring/summer time frame as she is moving and will be pressed for time. Revisit this in the March meeting. MB feels time to revisit...2016 was the last time they were reviewed. Need to set up By-Laws Review Committee: get suggestions for rules. Then present to board and then the board goes over the new proposals. This will be a separate meeting (by-laws review) from the general board meeting. Cindy Kavan-Winfield did the last revision and may be a good resource.

MB St Cyr: Do we need covid guidelines set out by the club, or do the individual venues need to set covid guidelines? JCollins states follow state mandates. Property is large enough to accommodate quite a few

participants. Can put mask signs up at Cherrytree. Need to have in case any members ask what the guidelines are. Winnie Fitch is looking into a headset/microphone so the scribe can sit away from the judge and still hear the test comments. JCollins confident we can maintain proper social distancing/covid precautions.

WFitch will check with owner of Trinity ranch and see what guidelines they have for covid.

MB St Cyr: We have a large educational fund. Do we want to sponsor the Rachael Saavedra clinic, possible Janet Foy clinic? Vote on it in March. MB will discuss with SR about getting youth involved. MB has a 3<sup>rd</sup> level rider in mind that might be good to sponsor for the Janet Foy clinic (symposium). Kathleen Martin is now the president of SF DA. This keeps MB in the loop with what is going on in SF. Will revisit all of this in March.

STurner : last month we discussed a survey for the members....what info do we want to know? We have questions from 2019 survey. Things to think of: what do we want to know? Current membership? NM horse community at large via social media/non-members? What is the purpose of doing the survey? Increasing club membership? If so need to think of a survey beyond NMDA memberships. Possibly use Kathleen Martin as a point of contact since she puts out "Contact."

MB St Cyr: How can our club serve the equestrian community? How can NMDA serve a child who is a barrel racer? Dressage helps all horses and riders. BBurkhart: What will get riders to our shows? That is our income. What are the obstacles coming to a schooling show? ½ of our members are 60 years old or greater and don't necessarily ride/show. SReed feels she needs another lesson horse and if we can do some "fun things" then we can get more youth.

JCollins states there is talk of legislation to pay hay farmers not to grow hay....STurner states we need to send out an email blast if this is the case. Need to put info on Facebook, send to MB. Find out who is sponsoring the bill and get their contact info so that we can protest!

JCollins moved to adjourn meeting at 14:05. Seconded by WF. Approved by unanimous consent.