

NMDA February 9,2022 Zoom Meeting 6:00

In attendance: Maribeth, Susan Reed, John Collins, Sarah Turner, Diana Corbin, Amy Glenn

This meeting was held to focus on the budget and becoming more financially stable as a club.

Susan pointed out that there is a grant available from the Dressage Federation for \$1500 for training purposes for any young trainers 20-30. This is due the 15th which is next week.

In the past years we have seen a deficit in the budget and we are losing money every year. This can only happen so long before the club is depleted of funds.

Maribeth pointed out that travel for judges is increasing. And judge's fees are also going up.

We discussed raising fees for shows

Adding a Tack Swap Online (We make about \$100 a show for live Tack Swaps)

Increasing fees for the rental of our dressage arena from \$100 to \$200.

John made a motion to approve this

Sarah seconded it

We can't raise membership fees in the middle of the year as some members have already paid and it wouldn't be fair.

Tests are changing next year and we need \$1,000 to get test booklets to all the members.

We decided that this cost would be covered by each participant when they register next year. If they want a book they can add the cost to their membership fee and the booklet will be sent to them. But USDF also sends the tests in the first month subscription to their magazine.

We discussed adding merchandise sales such as stickers, shirts, hats, mugs etc.

Maribeth told us about Red Bubble which is online and all proceeds would go into our account.

Cindy had previously suggested finding local artists to make a beautiful logo.

Diana will contact Cindy and together hopefully they can get this set up in the near future.

Other fundraisers were suggested such as silent auctions and cookouts.

Silent Auction was put on the back burner for now.

Cookouts for money would need an inspector to come out. Nelson from Nelson meats once offered to supply us with ground meat. We are not sure if he is still willing. But selling sandwiches already made from Subway or other restaurants is an idea since they are made from someone else.

It was suggested that we do as a club need to do a social event to get members together that isn't a fundraiser

A summer fundraiser will be revisited at a later time

Donation jar at shows and soliciting donations by email is an idea

Reducing expenses by using only L judges which are local and once a year using a little r judge for Western Dressage qualifying members for World.
Little r judges are usually \$500 and travel expenses

Reducing expenses by using free arenas such as Sandia Vista and 4H arena.
Issues with this are no shade, or shelter from the wind.

4H arena is open only end of August or beginning of September-will be revisited

It was decided that we would change the May show from Cherry Tree to Vista Sandia and the April 3rd show would be at Cherry Tree.

Show fees are to be raised \$5 to cover the cost of online registration.
We will always have paper registration on the website, but online is much easier for the show manager.

We decided at the time not to raise test fees.

John moved to support the above decision
Diana seconded

We briefly discussed that some members do not like the ribbon system in place. This will be revisited at another time.

Susan added that she had talked to Enchantment Driving Dressage. The President would advertise for us if we had a show for them at Vista Sandia the arena on the south side has good footing. Will be revisited.

Virtual shows not a lot of turn out in January

Next meeting on March 9th-time to be determined because of time change

End 7:06 John moved to adjourn, Susan seconded it.