

New Mexico Dressage Association

Board Meeting Minutes

2/14/24

- I. Call to order: 6:06pm
- II. Roll call: John Collins, Vice President; Sarah Turner, Membership Chair; Cindy Kavan-Winfield, Education/Clinic Coordinator; Amy Glenn, Member-At-Large; Maribeth St. Cyr, President; Mariah Wilson, President of Arabian Horse Association of New Mexico; Laura Pulliam, NMDA member.
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting: BoD members indicated they had reviewed the draft minutes; there was one proposed change to correct the spelling of a name; John moved to accept the minutes with the change; Cindy seconded the motion; unanimously approved.
- IV. Officers and Chairs reports

John: Submitted paper record of 2023 Year End scores for retention.

Sarah: 8 renewals bring Membership total to 42.

Cindy: A member paid for a NMDA Business Membership last year but her business information was not posted to the NMDA website until many months into the year, the BoD agreed to give the Member a discount of \$40 on a Business Membership for this year; Made suggestion to update the NMDA website with regard to business advertisements.

Amy: Nothing to report.

Treasurer (by Maribeth): General fund \$13,83.05; Education fund \$5,795.58; Award Banquet expense \$1,019.00; received \$195 donations to the Education Fund; a PayPal account for the Education Fund has been created; 2023 tax return has been filed; January expenses included \$260 for plane ticket for Michele Combs and \$35 to WDAA for recognition of March show.

Maribeth: We have a show every month March- October, judges under contract for all except July; Theresa Heine will be Manger of June show in La Cienega; calling for more volunteers to serve as Show Managers, will provide training;

- V. New business

- a) Nomination of Laura Pulliam to Treasurer: Maribeth nominated Laura to serve as Treasurer; BoD members asked Laura about her related experience to which she responded satisfactorily; John second the nomination; unanimously approved. Laura and Maribeth will get together to review the financial accounts prior to handover of duties.
- b) Clinics-March 1 turnout/equipment meet up: Potluck at Cindy's house; need somebody to present TD topics and model appropriate attire; Rules have changed to permit modest colors.
- c) March 31 Michell Combs: follows Schooling Show 3/30/2023 at which Michele will judge; Cindy has created a flyer for the clinic; fee \$100 a ride.
- d) June 1&2 Rachel Saavedra: Cindy will apply for grant from TDF and submitted proposal for "Showing Your Horse Successfully" focusing on qualities judges are looking for and ring craft; grant will help reduce cost to riders, NMDA to pay for lunches for participants; Amy second proposal; Unanimously approved.
- e) June 16th Julie Haugan in La Cienega: Will follow Schooling Show at which she will judge the day before; Maribeth will apply for WDAA grant; clinic will be both Classical and Western dressage.
- f) Sponsor Dressage High Point prizes/buckles at 3 AHANM shows: $\$150 \times 3 = \450 , NMDA to table at shows; NMDA logo on show premiums; Cindy seconds motion; Unanimously approved.- Side note: Mariah is running State Fair and makes same offer to NMDA, to be discussed later in year.
- g) Estate of Marybeth Perez-Soto donation and grant ideas: Received \$500 donation; want to create special, perpetual fund to honor her commitment to education and moving through the levels; a lot of discussion ensued.
- h) Individual Sponsorship Program-put a package together?: BoD agreed to continue discussion at a later date in special meeting session.

VI. Adjournment: John moved to adjourn; Sarah seconded; Unanimously approved. Ended 6:58pm