

NMDA Board Minutes January 12, 2022  
Meeting called to order at 4:38 on Zoom

Attendees: Maribeth St Cyr-President, John Collins-Vice President, Winnie Fitch-member, Cindy Kavan-Whitfield-education, Sarah Turner-Membership, Diana Corbin-Secretary, Susan Reed-youth joined by phone

**Under Old Business:** There was an issue with everyone being able to find the prior months minutes but once found these were approved.

Maribeth nominated Sarah Turner for membership chair, John second this was approved unanimously.

Maribeth nominated Susan Reed for youth chair, Sarah second this was approved unanimously

Maribeth nominated Cindy for Education Chair, John second his was approved unanimously

John showed us the beautiful certificates that were framed and signed in a gold pen by Maribeth.

No one has been updated about the dressage pad awards so Cindy will follow up with that issue.

Maribeth showed us the other award-also very nicely done.  
The awards ceremony will be at the April show

### **New Business:**

Sarah Turner-there are now 26 members as of today.

There is an issue with uploading information to the USDF website for paying. USDF can see our information we need to send in a check to them. Sarah will follow up with Jill Chamberlain tomorrow.

Winnie- The year end Treasurer's report will be emailed to us. She can't get into Google Drive

Our year is from Jan 1-Dec 31

Membership in that period was \$1,675.26

We have to send \$1,492 to USDF

Schooling Show income was \$4534.49

Expenses were \$2988.26

Profit was \$1246.23

Virtual show income was: \$1360

Expenses were: \$720

Regular annual expense

Liability insurance \$918.32

Board of Directors liability \$1142

USDF donation was \$50

Test prizes, ribbons etc: \$34860

PO box and office supplies- \$294.83

Donations to other organizations: \$375.

Income \$7,569.75

Total expenses \$ 8,328.41

So we lost \$758.66

Education fund

Income from donations: \$225.

Tack box brought in \$215.

Income from Rachel clinic was \$2730.

Pilates clinic income was \$2890

Total income of \$6,060.00

Unfortunately clinics are expensive

Rachel clinic cost \$2840

Pilates Clinic cost was \$3546

So the education fund had a loss of \$306

Overall there is a loss this year. Financially we are in good shape but can't lose every year.

Maribeth suggested that the Feb meeting be a budget meeting. She will send out data and spreadsheets before meeting so everyone can peruse them beforehand and have suggestions and questions ready. This is to focus on finances and come up with scenarios to return to profitability.

Susan- Has been in touch with Brittany Sontag about using the 4H arena. We can use it for free if we have something for the 4H kids. Her idea was to offer a Western Dressage Clinic to them then have time for them to practice before having a show there. Then the venue would be free for us. They are working on the footing of the arena.

She also told us about the USEF Academic Equestrian Group that youth can participate in to earn letter for letterman's jacket. This group is for youth 6th-12th grade. They need 100 hours of riding/lunging time or 3 shows (schooling or rated) to qualify. Issues with this are the cost of having a USEF membership.

Minutes were approved

We are over TDF money from last year. \$10 for training level test 3. We already approved this as an expense so Maribeth will look it up and send out a check.

We also threw ideas out about the USDF Convention-inclusion of non-typical (for us) classes in our shows

Caprilli classes and carriage classes were suggested to be added to our shows. Welcoming non typical classes into our shows. Concerns were: 1. Do any of our judges know how to judge this? 2. Warm up areas for carriages 3. Riding horses freaking out 4. Is there enough of them to include in the show and who has contact with them in the community. Susan has a neighbor who she will talk to. Maribeth thinks the northern community might show up. And just start having pre-caprilli students go ahead and show. Insurance covers all. Susan has one youth who could maybe demonstrate this.

Maribeth will also be asking someone on the board (except John since we pay him) to help out with the treasurer's report until we find a new treasurer.

Our next meeting will be on Feb 9th at 6:00 on Zoom  
Cindy Moved to adjourn and John second it