

## NMDA January 11, 2023 Minutes

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

John Collins approved the minutes from December  
Amy seconded the motion

John shared that there was only positive feedback from the Awards Banquet. We think we spent about \$700-\$800, Maribeth will come up with the final numbers soon. Everyone agreed that having it free was a nice touch.

One issue was raised that two members asked about the high point prize of \$100. None of us were aware of this and don't know where it was written. We think it might have been from a previous year, but John told them if they found where it was we would honor it.

Treasurer report will be done next month.

Maribeth nominated Sarah Turner as Membership Chair for the year. The board unanimously approved.

Maribeth nominated Cindy Kavan-Winfield for Education Chair. The board unanimously approved.

Cindy as Education Chair has 2 clinics in mind. The first would be in February and still working on a title but about "For the Love of the Horse". This clinic would involve bodywork clinics, grooming sessions and such by professionals. We discussed incorporating other clubs and offering a free lunch for social fellowship. Tack could be sold. Details will be discussed through emails this coming month.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> clinic would be Rachel Saavadra in March, with a clinic on how to ride your dressage test. She hopes to make this a two-day clinic, with a theory class held a week before the riding clinic. And this theory class could be done on ZOOM too. We as a board all approved her going forward with payment on this clinic and communicate through emails.

Another idea Cindy brought up was a ride/re-ride clinic with Elise Gold.

Diana shared that she has created a New Mexico Dressage Facebook Group since we are having trouble with the page. She will not be at next month's meeting so Sarah volunteered to take minutes in February.

Sarah shared that the membership was up to 28 and that she also got more membership forms at the banquet that she will soon send to USDF.

This being a year of test changes we decided as a board that we would not send out new test books since USDF sends one to every member. So we will change this on the form and buy a few books to sell at the shows. We can also direct them to website link where they can order them. Maribeth will put this link in the President's message.

### **New Business:**

Amy and Cindy made a new clinic guidelines that we all approved and will be put in the standing rules on the website in the education page. Cindy made a motion to include these in the standing rules. John 2<sup>nd</sup> it. All approved.

The new 'Turnout Award' will start this year and guidelines for that will be put on the website too. Maribeth read it to the whole board. The winner will receive a \$50 Visa gift certificate in the mail.

Diana motioned that we incorporate this into the shows this year. Cindy 2<sup>nd</sup> it. All approved.

Maribeth shared that she has a conflict with our schooling show and a recognized show. We gave her permission to get with Cherry Tree Farm to change dates as needed.

We discussed raising the cost of shows and having mini-grants to volunteers to offset the cost as an incentive for volunteering. We decided to not raise the cost of shows this year, but focus on social aspects to bring club members together and asking them personally to see if this would encourage volunteering.

We would love and need a Volunteer Coordinator.

At this next clinic about 'For the Love of the Horse' We decided to have burgers and food for free and hope to increase social aspect. The club will provide the burgers and we as members can bring smaller items. Maribeth will bring her grill.

Maribeth is still working on the June and July show dates at Expo. Maybe working with the Arab Club and using USDF grant.

There are issues with getting dates and the facility and staff are proving a little difficult.

John made a motion to adjourn  
Amy 2<sup>nd</sup> it.