

NMDA Board of Director (BoD) Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2018

Foundation for the Pure Spanish Horse

115 Elm St NE, ABQ

10:30 am - 12:00 noon

All members and interested public welcome.

President Teresa Heine welcomed all members present: Barbara Burkhardt, Kathleen Martin, Maureen Mestas, and Winnie Fitch. Absent: Valerie Simpson, Susan Reed, Gina McKay.

Vice-president's report on the 2019 General Membership Meeting and Annual Awards Dinner: Barbara will be orally surveying awards recipients to attain ideas for gifts. She has received information on the Mariott from Nance McManus.

Secretary's report for 5/9/18 meeting was not received by several board members. Approval has been postponed until July meeting. Minutes will be re-sent.

Treasurer's report from treasurer pro-tem Winnie Fitch: currently \$19,854.40 in treasury. Board of Directors' insurance is due.

Membership: chair Winnie Fitch stated that membership now consists of 92 people.

Committee/Liaison Reports:

Shows:

Teresa Heine, show manager, reported that the Goosedown Farms in Galisteo is on for Saturday, June 16, 2018, with judges Wendy Wergeles and Michelle Baca sharing duties. Teresa will use some of the remaining polo wraps from the recognized show in May for awards for this show. The August 19 schooling show at Roy-El Farms in Espanola is on with Erlene S-Smythe still owing a facility contract. Elyse Gold will judge this show. This will be the last show NMDA will have at Roy-El as Erlene is selling the facility.

The September 9 show at Vista Sandia Equestrian Park is still being planned with judge still to be contracted. Michelle Baca, who was invited to judge the October 28 show at CTF, hasn't returned her contract yet; Teresa will follow-up.

Show manager's financial review of recognized show, May 13, 2018: Teresa Heine reported that show income was \$2340.00 with costs at \$3832.42. NMDA received a \$160 refund from State Fair. Polo wraps were prorated in the financial report to expense only those used at the show. The deficit therefore was \$1224.44 with a late fee of \$450 to the USDF still owed. Teresa will

send a letter to USDF requesting forgiveness of this late fee as its incurrence was a first-time event.

Re having another one-day recognized show in 2019 in partnership with NMAHA: Teresa moved that the NMDA repeat the one-day recognized show in 2019 and run it similarly to the format used in 2018. Winnie Fitch seconded. 3 approved; 1 abstained; 1 opposed.

Youth: Maureen Mestas reported that a meeting is being set up between herself, Susan Reed, and Gina McKay to plan an informational session with young people and a judge to discuss their questions and explain how dressage relates to hunter/jumper riding and eventing. Demo riders may be included. This event will likely take place in November after the show season is over.

Educational activities: Cindy Kavan-Winfield, organizer of the Janice Dulac pilates clinic, reports that this clinic was another success with a \$10 financial deficit.

Western Dressage: no report

Member-at-large: no report

Old Business:

Tote bags: Kathleen will be given a tax receipt for her donation of \$90 toward purchase price of the 50 tote bags. The BoD discussed usage of the remaining 40 or so bags (some were used for prizes or gifts at the Recognized show). Kathleen Martin moved that the remaining tote bags be used by the NMDA as awards at shows or year-end events. Barbara Burkhardt seconded. Approved unanimously.

Research for investment of some treasury funds: Treasurer pro-tem Winnie Fitch will continue to search for a local bank with good interest rates on term deposits into which NMDA can place some of its treasury funds.

Mini-grant proposal: Barbara Burkhardt submitted, for the Board's consideration, a revised proposal to streamline application and receipt of grants based on recipients' hours of service. Barbara's proposal has this grant money coming from the education fund as it's currently intended to help dressage aficionados expand their education and incentivize volunteer activities.

Maureen Mestas recommended that the Board separate "awards" into two domains: one educational and the other incentives with incentivizing funds coming from the General Fund and educational activities coming from the Education Fund. She cautioned that giving mini-grants in

return for volunteer hours can conceivably be seen by IRA as “paying for services,” which as a 501(3)c organization, NMDA is not allowed to do.

The mini-grant proposal was tabled for further research. Maureen Mestas will talk to her CPA about the format for a volunteer incentive program which would be in compliance with 501(3)c rules.

Website Two calendar pages are currently on the website: one for all dressage activities, the other for NMDA activities only. As non-members can buy listings for their events, the BoD agreed to remove the calendar portion and put dates on the main calendar.

Directors’ insurance: Treasurer pro-tem Winnie Fitch continues to look into purchase of insurance to cover the Board members against liabilities; the BoD may have to find a different insurance company.

Meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Martin, secretary