

NMDA Board of Director (BoD) Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2018

Foundation for the Pure Spanish Horse 115 Elm St NE, ABQ 6:32 – 8:08 PM

All members and interested public welcome.

Present: Teresa Heine, Winnie Fitch, Kathleen Martin, Valerie Simpson, Susan Reed, Barbara Burkhardt. **Absent:** Gina McKay, Maureen Mestas. **Open position:** Treasurer.

Officers' reports

Minutes of 2/14/18 meeting accepted with correction of USDF to USEF and one spelling error.

Treasurer's report: Winnie Fitch stated the treasury currently has \$19069.61. Winnie will reimburse herself for \$152.98 for purchase of ribbons for remainder of 2018 show season. Income for 2017 was \$8977; expenses were \$9195.00; a deficit of \$218.

Winnie filed federal income tax report (zero expense), bought insurance for \$726 for all 2018 events, and investigated reporting to NM Attorney General and NM Sec'y of State. She will make these filings for 2016 which, though in arrears, will incur no penalty and for 2017 which will be on time.

President Heine asked Winnie to write up a step-by-step protocol for treasurer's duties for the benefit of next treasurer.

Winnie shared information on banks which will pay more interest on NMDA monies than is being received at current bank. She, along with Kathleen Martin, secretary, will research, compare, and make a proposal for transferring some or all the funds to another bank.

Committee/Liaison Reports

Membership no new members since last report. Current membership stands at 66.

Valerie Simpson, member-at-large, suggested incentivizing prompt membership payment by adding a penalty fee if not paid by a certain date. Discussion followed. Consensus was to think about incentivizing membership but not add a fee which would be cumbersome for treasurer and membership person.

Schooling shows People who sign up and pay for membership on day of this show are eligible for year-end awards.

Jane Bagwell has contracted to judge the April 25 schooling show at Cherry Tree Farm with DJ Collins as show manager and Winnie Fitch as show secretary.

Teresa stated that the May 13 rated show being held in conjunction with the AHANM has been officially licensed. She is working on a prize list which is due April 13. Judge Renee Johnson is confirmed and insurance is covered.

Teresa is looking into having a schooling show in partnership with the Los Alamos Pony Club's X-Games at Goose Downs Farms in Lamy NM in June, exact date to be determined. This show will have classical dressage, eventing dressage, and western dressage available.

Vista Sandia is confirmed for a September 9, 2018 schooling show. Michelle Baca will judge the Oct. 28, 2018 show at Cherry Tree Farm.

Susan Reed proposed that we have a show at Bosque Farms Rodeo Arena; Barbara Burkhardt listed some available dates. After a discussion, it was determined that the BoD couldn't move on that until a show manager came forward. Kathleen will put this request in the next E-mail blast.

Youth No Report

Education

Western Dressage Barbara Burkhardt announced that the WDAA now has a Level 4 test effective April 1, 2018.

Old Business

Old Business Round-up President Heine will prioritize the list and add to agenda for next several meetings until finished.

Board meeting place or time change: no results at this time. Kathleen will stop in at current venue during daytime to talk to employees about having the meeting earlier in the day on Wednesdays.

Member-at-large duties: after discussion it was determined that this person will solicit feedback and information from members in a variety of ways: circulation at shows, attendance at general membership meetings, telephone contact, etc. He or she will help other board members when needed.

New Business

Standing rule changes on home page of website: Barbara Burkhardt will talk with webmaster about updating this page to match changes in the SR section.

Conflict of interest form for Board members: Teresa Heine will bring forms to be signed to next meeting.

Dual signatures of NMDA checks: no change for now. The consensus was that it was not necessary if BoD pursues changing funds to a money market account.

Susan Reed proposed **an online survey** of members to seek direction for NMDA activities. After discussion it was decided to table this for now while Valerie Simpson, Member-at-large, seeks direction from members.

Classified ads on webpage currently include two people who are not members. Kathleen will contact these people to ask them to sign up for membership or pay the \$45 membership fee to have their ads posted. If neither occurs, the ads will be taken down.

Photos on classified ads: current standing rules state “text only.” BoD voted to remove the words “text only.” Barbara Burkhardt will make this change in the standing rules.

Winnie Fitch moved that the BoD **change the wording in Standing Rules II A 4 to *business ads rather than website ads***. Teresa Heine seconded. Unanimously approved.

Volunteer hours: Barbara Burkhardt suggested BoD eliminate all volunteer hours. Winnie Fitch responded with request to leave it the way it was until end of show year as the BoD just reduced volunteer hours in late 2017.

Barbara made **several proposals for changing the year-end award system** which were tabled for now in deference to having a single-issue meeting at end of show season to discuss changes to standing rules. Teresa Heine made motion to table; Winnie Fitch seconded. All agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Martin, secretary.