

NMDA Board Meeting 3/13/19

Present:

Barbara Burkhart-President

John Collins-Vice President

Maribeth St Cyr-Secretary

Susan Reed-Youth Director

Teresa Heine-Past President

Winnie Fitch-Treasurer

Diana Corbin-Membership

Charley Stevens-visitor

Not Present-Valerie Simpson-Member at Large

President's report-

Standing rules updated per last months' meeting

Motion to approve amended minutes from February 13th meeting. All approved

Treasurers Report

We still have a cd at the old bank that will not mature until July so we can't move that until then. When it matures we will close out the old bank completely.

Airfare has been purchased for judges for upcoming shows. New bank account has \$16718.80 which includes the education fund of \$3517.40. The CD at the old bank has \$4282.70

The new bank account required two expenses of a new stamp \$20.15 and new checks which haven't come in yet.

Contract for facility and judge for July show are in. Other contracts are pending.

Vice President Report-

Discussion on awards banquet. John is open for suggestions and would like to know by July if we want to make changes to awards, venues, etc.

It was recommended that Valerie communicate with membership regarding this as well as asking Kathleen to send an email blast.

Membership Report-

Membership contacts with USDF have been updated. Membership form on website has been straightened.

We've added 5 members in February and 1 in March so far. That brings Membership to 85 members. New members contact will be sent to Barbara and Kathleen to include in email blast.

Schooling Show report-

Winnie has sent contract for Dennison Park but has not received it back. Teresa will follow up to assure we receive this. Teresa will also follow up with insurance for Vista Sandia. Once facilities are contracted Judges will be acquired.

Barbara added WD level 4 to entry form.

Susan is opened a discussion regarding Prix Caprilli be added to our entry form in order to attract more youth riders to our schooling shows.

Winnie mentioned that we don't have the jumps. Maribeth said she had jumps the club could use. Barbara asked where the tests come from, they are downloadable from the web. Pony club also has them.

Barbara objected because we have so many tests in the shows now and the club appears to be going in many directions.

The board discussed several options to attract kids and juniors to join. In the past the club has had fun shows with games that has resulted in increased junior membership enrollment.

Visitor Charley asked if we had added equitation and lead line classes or even a stick horse class. Existing barns with high youth populations were discussed as possible sources of youth members. Opening communication with these barns, getting email addresses to include in our email blasts. Susan said she would be willing to put on a youth show.

Charley mentioned Kelly Jones as an example of a hunter jumper youth that went on to be a top dressage rider.

It was mentioned that it would take time to grow the junior parts of this part of the club. John recommended that we reach out to local pony clubs to get their feedback on how to better include their members.

John asked if insurance would cover an event that has a jump in it.

A motion was made to table adding Prix Caprilli to the form until we can contact the insurance info.

Motion was tabled with 6 yays and one abstention.

Barbara made a motion to sell the old arena for \$500 OBO. Winnie seconded, unanimously approved.

Funds from the sale will be added to the general fund.

Youth Chair-Susan is considering putting on a de-spooking clinic. An educational component would include signs of concussion and safety around potential head injury. She is also considering a braiding clinic

WD-Nance's report was shared by Winnie.

The judge for the Trinity show has been acquired and contracted. Nance has found a sponsor for 2 buckles for the Santa Fe series. One for Open and one for Amateur riders. There is no additional charge to enter the series. The series is the Trinity show and the 2 arab shows at HIPICO. Once the rules are cemented they will be submitted to the NMDA website and posted on several FB groups.

Teresa left the meeting at this point

New Business

Barbara opened a discussion regarding eliminating the qualifying score chart in the standing rules.

The qualifying score meant that a rider needed to earn a 63% or above to get a blue ribbon for their ride, even if they were the only rider in a class and, by default, had won first place.

This rule doesn't count for juniors, it never did so the change doesn't effect them. 4 voted for and Diana voted against.

Barbara moved to begin to use a system of requiring a certain score to achieve a certain color of ribbon. Initial recommendations were to require 65% to earn a blue ribbon, 60 to 64% to earn a red ribbon and all scores 59 and below would earn a yellow ribbon. Barbara mentioned that the main mission of the club is education and that the scores should be the emphasis of a class, not who a rider beat in the class.

This would give meaning to the ribbon that a rider earned in a class as the rider would need to gain an adequate score to actually get a blue ribbon.

Even though this may result in potentially multiple blue ribbons for a class, the ride scores and ride rankings would still be posted on the NMDA website.

Barbara defended her 65/60-64/59 by stating that over the years she has observed the scores getting higher and that most rides are achieving 62-65.

Charley recommended that the highest score in the class get an extra something, like a gift card or something that allows them to stand out.

Maribeth thought that the blue ribbon range was too high.

John brought up that the schooling shows purpose was to support performance at a rated show and recommended that the blue ribbon be to the qualified score at a rated show.

It was decided that Blue should be 62%, Red is 59% to 61% and Yellow should be 58% and lower. This range was voted. Result was 4 yay and 1 no from Barbara

Movement made to adopt percent ribbons instead of place ribbons. It was unanimously approved.

Motion to adjourn made and 2nd, all agreed. 2:42PM

