

NMDA Minutes 3/11/20

Call to order 1:10pm

Present-

Barbara Burkhardt-President

John Collins-Vice President

Maribeth St Cyr-Secretary

Sarah Tucker-Membership Chair

Winnie Fitch-Treasurer

Barbara mentioned that because the board puts on the shows it is actually handicapped regarding receiving awards. Maribeth suggested that the board may be more familiar with the process of applying for the awards and committed to being sure that the facebook page reminds the members of the process so more awards are pursued. John mentioned that maybe we only require qualifying scores in two shows to make it easier, Winnie reminded us how easy our awards are to earn compared to other organizations. Barbara expressed a wish for more exhibitors.

Barbara asked for feedback around how the agenda is formatted

Barbara moved to approve the amended minutes. Winnie seconded, all voted Yes.

A discussion was held regarding the Ride a Test event scheduled in May. A change of judges was needed, Maribeth was inclined towards Nathalie Eikel-Baughman. We would have fly her out but it would still come in under the grant amount. She is a gold medal rider and trains youth in Arizona. We discussed Nathalie giving a clinic either the day before or the day after the event. John proposed that we have the clinic at Cherry Tree Farm and suggested that the he wouldn't charge the club but would just charge a trailer in fee. That would bring the clinic fee to a total of \$75.

Treasurer's report

General Fund: \$13923.29

CD-\$6082.23

Education Fund-\$4542.71

Maribeth was reimbursed for the fairground contract, Nance was reimbursed for mailing the Championship halters back to have the embroidery corrected.

The budget for the April show:

Michelle Baca-Judge-\$200

CTF-Venue-\$300

Food-\$50

Total budget of \$550

Insurance should be \$675 to \$700 for 2020

Winnie is looking for trailer insurance for the clubs trailer.

Members Chair report

65 Members as of the meeting date. More are anticipated as the show season approaches.

Sarah reported on the Fuzzy Fun show out at the Stanley indoor arena that was hosted by WNCR. She had taken NMDA info to the event and had a table. She had made flyers and connected with many of the exhibitors that were there. Sarah suggested that we create a tri fold pamphlet to hand out at these types of events. Barbara suggested we make a new photo board to take to events like this as well.

Sarah also suggested we hold more unmounted events that are short, single topic, impactful for our membership. Many ideas were floated. It was suggested that we come up with some ideas by April's meeting.

Youth chair-in Susan was absent. The potential event we discussed at February's meeting for the end of March was presumed to not be happening.

Barbara started a conversation to confirm that all of our ducks were in a row to qualify for the Regional Schooling Show awards. Maribeth confirmed that the shows had been submitted to USDF and the fees paid.

Education-The Pilates clinic had one slot left as of the meeting date

The Violet Hopkins Grant was received to support the Rachel Saavedra clinic. The fee to ride in the clinic will be only \$100 per ride. Auditors will pay \$10. We want to advertise that the fees are low because the event is being supported by our Education fund that receives donations from our members. The new dates for this event are June 12th to 14th. The 12th will be a potluck in the evening. There will be a lecture both Saturday and Sunday morning prior to the rides.

Barbara wanted to clarify if the L with distinction can do the USDF recognized schooling shows up to 4th level. Maribeth agreed to look into it and be sure

Winnie mentioned that Corona Virus may inhibit judges from coming to our events if they have to fly.

Motion to adjourn at 2:10pm