

NMDA Board Meeting

May 8th

Special Collections Library

In Attendance:

Barbara Burkhardt-President

John Collins-Vice President

Winnie Fitch-Treasurer

Maribeth St Cyr-Secretary

Diana Corbin-Membership

Susan Reed-Youth Chair

Teresa Heine-Past President/Schooling Show Coordinator

Presidents report-Standing rules have been updated without event. Barbara may call for changes to the By Laws in June's President's message. Barbara proposed that Maribeth be the "Awards/Mini Grant Chariperson" Maribeth expressed interest in working with the mini grant program but her schedule prohibits taking anything on during the end of the calendar year.

Treasurer Reports- Checking account 15254.12

Pilates clinics checks and some membership checks are not part of this total

4516.32 plus 5000 in CD. When CD matures we'll roll over these funds to the general fund

Income 2790

Expenses-Janice 2000 for Saturday and Sunday

Janice for Monday 360

Airport parking 60

Arena 300

Ribs 69

Airfare 438

Total 3237

Loss of 467

5 mini grant coupons have been given out and used

Vice President report-There isn't any new news. John will be tracking show results for awards so he needs results from the shows. Barbara walked him through the best way to track this.

Valerie asked why we don't just give the awards out, why do members have to ask for them.

Barbara explained that the standing rules dictated that members needed to apply for awards.

Susan expressed discomfort at having to ask for an award. Valerie also expressed concern that the awards wouldn't necessarily go to the high point winners because the high point winners may not have been aware of the awards program or may not be interested in the awards.

Barbara suggested that someone suggest a standing rule change if there was interest in changing the way the awards were given out.

Membership-6 new members, 2 are youth members. This brings us up to 91 members.

Shows-Barbara stated that the % ribbons appear to have been well received at the Cherry Tree show.

There will not be a rated show in May.

Teresa-Cactus Grill will be the food venue, it is the existing vendor at the show venue.

Laurel Peters is our judge, she will be driving from AZ.

Danny wrote a nice letter about his experience at the "Through the Levels" Clinic in Santa Fe.

Kathleen sent a report regarding the Lamy show.

Teresa announced that she will be leaving her position as show coordinator after the June show.

Valerie thanked her for her service to the club.

(Secretary's note: The following narrative contains the adventures of two people with the same name. Fortunately, their names are spelled differently. *Maribeth* St Cyr is the current Secretary of NMDA, *Mary Beth* Perez-Soto is a horse trainer, dressage judge and owner at Tonaya Farm in Albuquerque)

Youth Membership:Susan talked about the demonstration at the Watermelon Mountain Pony Club rally.

Mary Beth Perez-Soto brought her Friesian Stallion Warlock to the rally and provided participants and spectators of the rally a dressage demonstration.

Mary Beth had prepared a freestyle to the song "Baby Shark", a very popular kids song. Jose Luis Perez-Soto had written the freestyle just for the event.

A lot of youth and their parents were attending the demonstration. Susan and Maribeth St Cyr handed out membership forms. Coaches that were present expressed enthusiasm at joining NMDA and focusing on dressage as a way to improve their event scores.

This event was attended by people that came just to see the freestyle and were not attending the event itself in addition to many participants in the rally. Maribeth St Cyr put a flyer up in some tack stores and

posted the flyer on the NMDA Facebook page. Maribeth explained how easy it is to create and promote these types of events for free using resources already in the club. She also explained how Facebook works and how it can be used to promote events and support the club.

Maribeth made a motion to start an Instagram account. All were in favor.

Maribeth talked briefly about updating the website to something more modern. This was tabled to be discussed another day.

Susan made a motion to provide Mary Beth and Jose Luis Perez -Soto with a gift from NMDA to thank them for providing their time and beautiful stallion.

Valerie suggested a gift card, Barbara suggested a couple of Mini-Grants to pay to go to Schooling Shows. Susan suggested a gift card to a restaurant. An amount of \$50 was decided. It was decided that a gift card to Standard Diner be procured by Susan and given to Mary Beth.

Barbara made a motion for the above, all were in favor.

Susan also brought up the proposed clinic for preventing head injuries that she is organizing. This clinic would include first aid on the trail for a horse as well as information on how to identify a potential concussion. This is probably going to happen later in the summer.

Susan also introduced working more closely with existing clubs and lesson barns to increase youth membership in NMDA.

Barbara reminded us that we had a youth event a few years ago at Vista Sandia. This may be something that is pursued by the club.

Barbara reported that Cindy is considering putting on a Pilates clinic in October. She will be pursuing a grant from USDF to cover the cost. This may make money if a grant is used.

The motion on the agenda to re-vamp the mini grant system was tabled for the time being.

Barbara addressed a schedule issue with SFDA's schooling show on September 1st. Since our Vista Sandia show is the following Sunday. Barbara suggested moving the Vista Sandia show to a different date to be determined later. She reminded us that we're committed to putting on a schooling show at Goose Down Farm in August and that we might want to re-think that event. Maribeth and Susan think we should stick with that show since it's in conjunction with the pony club and we want to maintain our relationship with them. Barbara agreed that our focus on youth organizations is good for NMDA.

We discussed keeping the show on the 8th since moving it wasn't feasible.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:10PM