

## NMDA Board Meeting 11/13/19

Called to order 1pm

Present:

Barbara Burkhardt-President

John Collins, Vice President

Winnie Fitch, Treasurer

Maribeth St Cyr, Secretary

Susan Reed, Youth Chair

Sarah Turner, Membership

Nance McManus, Western Dressage liaison

Barbara appointed Sarah Turner as Membership Chair, all approved.

Election ballots were received, Maribeth and Winnie ran un-opposed

35 ballots were returned, 18 had answers to questions on the questionnaire

Formal announcement will be posted on the website by November 15<sup>th</sup>

Answers to questionnaire will be addressed in the next Presidents message

Reminder for board members to turn in memberships

Discussion regarding changes to October's minutes. Minutes were approved after changes.

Treasurers report

\$12898.69 in checking account for the general fund

The education fund contains an additional \$3826.83

Winnie recommended that we put the education fund in a separate checking account at the credit union. This would not cost anything. This would eliminate the confusion about what is in each fund.

Barbara made a motion to set up a separate account, motion was unanimously approved

Cherry Tree show earned \$1433, expenses were \$692.48

\$340 to Cherry Tree for venue included 2 stalls (reimbursed later by member that needed them)

\$300 to the judge

\$52.48 for food for the volunteers

Profit was \$732.52

Discussion followed regarding the financial success of this particular show. The weather, the Saturday date, and the venue appeared to combine. The lower success of other shows was also discussed regarding conflicts with other horse and non-horse events.

Pilates clinic earned \$3545

Expenses-\$200 Cherry Tree

\$60 to CTF for stalls

\$2510 to clinician

Food \$100

Clinician airfare \$429.97

Total expenses were \$3299.97

Profit \$245.03

Winnie proposed purchasing a 6ft long folding table for the club as the one we're currently using belongs to her and tends to disrupt her projects

All were in favor of spending \$40 plus to purchase a table.

Discussion occurred regarding purchasing metal re-usable bottles to sell/use as prizes that have the club logo engraved on it. It was tabled until we could establish how much exactly it would cost

Vice President-Trailer is at Sandia getting a new floor. John recommended that we get the bearings packed while it is there. It was approved by the board.

Maribeth made a motion that clinic revenue and expenses flow in and out of education fund. IF a shortfall occurs, funds will be transferred out of general fund to education fund. This will go into the standing rules

All approved.

A discussion on fundraising ensued, including participating in Giving Tuesday on Facebook and as an email campaign.

Banquet update-Menu selection will be available by next meeting

Barbara made a motion to charge \$25 for banquet tickets, that motion passed.

John made a motion that NMDA provide \$200 for raffle prizes. He will also seek donations from vendors in lieu of purchasing items

John mentioned that all of those that qualified for yearend awards had not submitted applications. He also mentioned that everyone who qualified were present at the board meeting.

Nance recommended a halter and brought an example of one. It was admired by all. It was decided that the halters would be used as a championship award.

Membership-USDF roster needs to be in by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Discussion followed on the contents of the traditional USDF basket that each GMO brings to the USDF conference

Memberships are rolling in. Many existing members are requesting new test books. These require the payment of a fee. A discussion occurred regarding putting a sentence about the fee for the test book so that if they requested a new book, they knew to pay the fee.

Delegate news:

Sarah discussed in what manner she should vote on upcoming issues at the USDF conference. Sarah recommended that the members of the board should look at the "topics for discussion" at the USDF website and let her know what we think of the issues and let her know what we think so that she can appropriately represent our GMO at the conference.

Barbara suggested that Sarah attend the Region 5 meetings. Barbara would like to know how other GMO's are boosting entries at shows.

Sarah reviewed the contents of the basket that we'll be donating to the conference that she will be putting together.

Susan will be arranging an event with Diana DeBlanc to make a presentation for our youth riders on her trip to Africa this past year. She spent time working as a vet at a Rhino rescue there and has lots of info and stories to share

It was suggested that Diana be keynote speaker at the NMDA banquet.

Mariah Wilson will be having a faux show in December too so we want to put anything we want to do be put together quickly

Nance reached out to the 4-H in New Mexico and is considering putting on an event with them. This will be organized through New Mexico 4-H so it will be arranged with minimal expense to us. They use it a bit as an expo with nutrition, husbandry and show all in one. We could participate in their event by introducing and providing info on dressage and its usefulness in the training programs of all horses.

It is presumed that participating in this event would not cost NMDA any funds, nor would NMDA insurance be required.

Meeting adjourned at 3pm