

NMDA Meeting November 9th 2022

Roll call: Maribeth St. Cyr-President, John Collins-VP, Cindy Winfield Kavan- Education Chair, Amy Glenn- Member at Large, Diana Corbin-Secretary, DJ Collins- NMDA member

Cindy made a correction to previous minutes of the loss of money from Pilates Clinic is \$409. Diana will change this

John approved the minutes
Cindy second them

Question was brought up does Western Dressage Riders get end of year awards? This year we have a few riders who completed at least 3 rides at the highest level. Cindy will look into the standing rules to see what they have to say because we haven't done it before. Competitors now just have to send in the form with their scores instead of a copy of their score sheet since we now post the scores on the website. Test sheets are handy if there is a discrepancy.

We had a few people who would be eligible for awards but are not members so Maribeth will address this in her next post.

John will talk to Ribs In Los Lunas about the yearend Awards Banquet being held there January 7th from 1-4. It was decided that the awards will be: a certificate, a chest ribbon, and a gift certificate.

Elections were held and Cindy posted them on the website.

Schooling shows are wrapped up for the year. It was a great year! Judges were great.

Maribeth shared that some of the treasury funds should have moved accounts but because Paypal heaps it all into one account she will take care of this. Right now there is \$17,984.28 in general fund and \$3,797.82 in Education Fund.

Board Insurance just got paid. Some checks still need to be deposited.

This should be \$18,854.28-General Fund
 \$4,353.82-Education Fund

Cindy and Amy shared their proposal of the Clinic Guidelines for Attendees. This is still a work in progress and they would like to make some changes and have Rachel Saavadra have a look at it to see if she has any insights. These guidelines will go into the Standing Rules.

For clinics we are having issues with people verbally committing and then back out without paying. Putting this on the guidelines-that if you have signed up verbally or paid, if you cancel you are still responsible for payment and/or to find your own replacement. This information will be included on the forms.

It was discussed that we should challenge our members to up their game on their attire and horse presentation at shows. This will prepare them for rated shows. We are thinking of giving a prize to "The Best Turnout", at each show. Prize is a \$50 gift certificate. Winner will be posted on Website and check mailed to them. This is more about attention to detail like clean tack, boots and horse, etc. This is not about proper dressage attire.

We received a thank you card from the Dressage Foundation for our donation to them. Will send them another check for the October show.

The working schedule for next year is:

Here are the show dates for next year. All shows are currently scheduled at Cherry Tree Farm. Judges will be scheduled soon.

April 16th
May 13th
August 20th
September 16th
October 29th

January-February-March-members can join Gail for her virtual shows. One virtual show will be accepted as one of the 3 tests for yearend award. We get \$10/per rider.

Thinking in June or July- One will be a ride/re-ride at Expo. We get a \$1000 grant from USDF for putting this on. Maribeth will look into booking this with Expo

Maribeth will get with DJ after contacting Expo and schedule another show June or July at Cherry Tree.

Ideas for clinicians were thrown out like Amelia Newcomb and Carl Hester. It would be nice to get a "Big Name".

Maribeth needs donations for tack swap

She would like to put a saddle swap on the website for a consignment fee.

