

NMDA October 11, 2023 Minutes

Call to order: 5:43

Cindy Kavan-Winfield-Education, Diana Corbin-Secretary, Sarah Turner-Membership, Amy Glenn-Member-at-Large, Maribeth St Cyr-President/Treasurer

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund Balance: \$13,743.33
Education Fund \$6,024.81 (contains some income for upcoming clinic)

September show income: \$1,145 to General Fund
\$34 to Ed Fund (\$10 donation, \$24 tack swap)

Judge Fee: \$400
Judge travel: \$196.20 (flight)
\$82.30 (parking)
Dion's \$74.60
Venue \$300
WDAA Fee \$25

Total Expense: \$1,078.10

Other income- \$45 memberships

Other expenses- \$1,337 Board Insurance
\$158 deposit to Ribs
\$200 office supplies including tests
\$20 drinks at social

The main focus of our meeting today is to update the standing rules.

John Collins joins meeting- Vice President

This is our first run through on issues we would like to change or reword, it will probably take a few meetings to re-evaluate.

Part One:

A-Raise member fee to \$50-voted **yay** (\$24 goes to USDF)

Raise non-member fees to \$25-voted **-yay**

B-Remove from member benefits the provision to provide a test booklet to members-voted **yay**

Part one-Fees

A-Raise Class Fees \$10-Voted **No**

Raise class fees \$5.00-Voted **yay** (\$25 per class)

Add fee for WDAA Recognized show-voted yes- How much?-

Should it be a flat fee for the show or a fee to submit scores? Reporting fee?

B-Expenses

Raise L graduate judge fee maximum from \$200 to \$250-voted **yay**

Raise USEF “r” judge from \$350 to \$450-voted **yay**

Change mileage fee to: current rate indicated at IRS.gov at time of event for driving to and from event or airport-voted **yay**

Raise lunch maximum from \$75 to \$100-voted **yay**

Raise copying fee from \$20 to \$100-voted **yay** (this includes printing tests, paper and ink)

III (D) change wording to: Schooling show manager shall submit all original schooling show/clinic documentation (i.e. entry forms, checks, receipts, contracts) to Treasurer who will retain them until all income expenses have been cleared and reconciled with the monthly bank statement
-This wording is still being worked on

Part 2

A-Raise returned check fee to \$40-voted **yay**

Part IV-

B and C Move to strike the sentence that states: “There is an easy to follow Instruction Book available”-voted **yay**

Part V

B-1 Move to make grant coupons transferable-voted **No**

Move to allow mini-grants to members only-Needs to be looked more into before voting

Require mini-grants to have a board member signature-**not voted on (This needs to be relooked at and redone)**

Move to increase maximum grant in a calendar year to \$100-voted **yay**

B-2

Applicants must meet and verify the required volunteer hours:

8 hours=\$25 grant

16hours=\$50 grant
24 hours=\$75 grant
32 hours=\$100 grant

Voted **Yay**

B-3 (7) Add a back-up person as the second person on contracts or to reimburse President/ Treasurer-voted **Yay**

Who?-**Any Board member**

A-3 remove wording regarding pandemic and 20 ride minimum-voted **yay**

I-14 clarify standard to read:

Blue=62% or better
Red=59%-61.999%
Yellow=58.999% or below
Voted-**yay**

Part 2

B (3) change to: Entry forms, either paper or electronic, must be completely filled out, signed and full payment of fees submitted for entries to be accepted. No entries will be accepted unless in writing. A class entry will be presumed to be and Open class unless specifically marked otherwise.

-**This is yet to be voted on**

B(9) change to: Non-member fees: A non-member fee will be charged for each horse/rider combination for which either the rider or owner (or both) are not an NMDA member

-**This is yet to be voted on**

II

A-(a) move to change 3 different judges to 2 different judges
-voted **Yay**

John brought up that the Susan Ann trophy is to be won only once by a rider. If a rider has won it once and is up to win it again, the next highest score 1st level test 3. This is the highest one test score, not average of top 3 scores.)Wording on this needs to be cleared up)

A-(c) move to use any test in the level vs highest test in the level
-voted **no**

B-1 Add that a rider can win a level only once for that horse/rider combination
-voted **Yay**

Add that a rider can win a level only once
-voted **nay**

B-2 Specify that the First Level test must be test 3
-voted **Yay**

Movement to clean wording, short hand, numbering throughout SR. Review of board
prior to posting
-voted **yay**

-move to change that free Jr. tests are for members only-voted **Yay**

Amy moved to adjourn.
Sarah seconded it.