

NMDA Board of Directors 9/11/19

Meeting started 1:05pm

Present:

Barbara Burkhardt, President

Winnie Fitch, Treasurer

John Collins, Vice President

Susan Reed, Youth Director

Maribeth St Cyr, Secretary

Diane Corbin, Membership Chair

Sarah Turner Guest

Julie Wilson donated \$250 to NMDA due to Barbara's hard work at the State Fair dressage show.

Sarah will be our delegate to USDF convention. Barbara moved to provide her with \$500 stipend to arrange for her travel right away. John 2nd and motion was approved unanimously.

VP report-Banquet will be scheduled for January 18th from 11:30 AM-4:00 PM at the Marriot in Uptown, Albq.

This event should break even as their fee is \$20 per person. Since we charge \$20 per person it will pay for itself.

Treasurer's Report (Winnie)

\$19,289.03 in General Fund.

Goose Downs Schooling Show (8/18/19)

Income (entries) \$300 – Expense (Judge) \$75 – Expense (venue) \$400 – Loss \$175.

Vista Sandia Schooling Show (9/8/19)

Income (entries \$650 – Expense (judge) \$150 – Expense (food) \$41.54 – profit \$458.46

Susan brought up the issue of plastic water bottles at our shows and her concern regarding the environmental impact of having these. Sarah suggested that we bring a big water dispenser of water at each show so people can fill their personal water bottles.

John reported that Barbara submitted a request for 3 mini grants.

John reminded us that the membership needs to apply for year end awards. Maribeth suggested that she blast it on the Facebook page.

John reported that Cherry Tree Farm (Oct 26) will be awarding the high point winner a \$50 prize for Adult Amateur and Western Dressage high point winner

Membership -Diana Corbin

Sarah will be taking over for Diana as Member Chair

The transition was briefly discussed.

Show report

Barbara recommended that the Vista Sandia show be scheduled a week later next year in order to not conflict with the fair.

It was brought up that maybe we should have the shows that fall in the hotter months at Cherry Tree since they have a covered arena and do Vista Sandia in the cooler months.

It was discussed that the closing date for schooling shows be set earlier in order to facilitate scheduling.

Everything is lined up for the Cherry Tree Show on October 26th.

The VSV outbreak doesn't seem to be impacting anything. John is getting regular reports from the Livestock Board and there hasn't been a new case in awhile.

Barbara suggested adding recommendations to show attendees that they not share buckets, use plenty of fly spray, and keep their horses home if they exhibit a sore, or at least have a vet check it out.

Youth Show-Susan

Susan is trying to put together a joint event with our local youth barns or at least be present at the events at the youth barns.

Susan also thought about doing an event that would involve a team competition with the different barns competing.

Education-The Pilates clinic is full but there's still room in the mat class. Cindy asked for \$100 to supply lunch to the attendees of the clinic. (\$50 for 2 days) John made a motion to provide those funds. Winnie 2nd, yeas were Susan and Barbara with Maribeth abstaining.

Nominating committee are Barbara, Cindy Winfield and DJ Collins. Nominees are Maribeth for Secretary and Winnie for Treasurer. Candidate bio's will be published by October 1st. Ballots will be sent with the questionnaire and a membership form and a return envelope. Ballots will be mailed out October 15th. They are due back November 1st. Membership year starts December 1st.

Barbara expressed concern about the dwindling attendance at the year end awards.

Susan suggested we bring back the qualified rider awards that have been done in the past.

A discussion occurred regarding attendance at the awards banquets. Maribeth suggested that perhaps it's too complicated to get a year end award and that not enough people want to go through the trouble of asking for an award in order to get it.

The discussion turned to show attendance. Barbara suggested that to guarantee full shows, fewer shows should be hosted. Maribeth and Susan disagreed stating that if we put on better shows than more people would attend.

The topic of the canceled Dennison show came up. The show had been cancelled when it was only short a couple of rides needed to break even. Sarah expressed astonishment that a club with almost \$20,000 in the bank would cancel a show over a small loss on a schooling show.

John brought up issues with communication in the club. Sarah brought up the different generations in the club that communicate differently. She will be creating strategies to assure communication with all members.

The problem of low attendance seems to be occurring across many disciplines/breed shows and organizations.

Winnie suggested that we teach more people to put on schooling shows.

Other show venues were discussed, some better than others.

Susan discussed awarding non-riding volunteers.

Sarah talked about encouraging volunteers to attend and participate in the shows.

Meeting adjourned at 240pm