

**New Mexico Dressage Association**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Apr. 1, 2014**

Board Members Present: Cindy Kavan-Winfield, Cathy Soller, Rena Haynes Barbara Burkhardt, Charlene Strickland, Marybeth Perez Soto, Anne Sparks, John Collins, Donald Simpson

Board Members Absent: Mary Jastrzemski, Cynthia Ramsey

Guest: Cindy Begay

### **Officers' Reports**

**Secretary:** Minutes accepted (Board and General Membership). Marybeth suggested adding action items; Rena moved, Barbara seconded. (See Action Items marked **Action**.)

**Treasurer:** Rena distributed the year-to date report.

### **Committee Reports**

**Schooling Shows:** Marybeth incorporated changes on the venue info. **Action** Cindy will send Marybeth Los Alamos arena directions.

Cindy reported on the Los Alamos show, which included a Los Alamos Pony Club rally in conjunction with NMDA. NMDA waived the office and nonmember fees for juniors who entered the rally. Because that decision may cause issue with others, the Board agreed it was for that show only, a special circumstance because of efforts of LAPC volunteers. Their revenue was \$1280, and our profit \$939. Cathy suggested next year we sponsor an award, say High Point Pony Clubber from Los Alamos. John suggested \$100, spread across multiple winners, or a gift certificate. **Action** We will discuss in Jan 2015.

On the Watermelon Mountain PC May 3 show, Marybeth explained we pay \$330 for half the Dairy Barn and the judge's fee, while we have the ring 2-5 (3 hr). The Board discussed the issues of fairness and profit, with a consensus that if we pay half, we need half the judge's time. The schedule should be 4 hr and 4 hr, so revenue would balance expenses. Cindy suggested the option of NMDA cancelling and having a show the next day May 4 at BFRA. John noted that an NMDA half-day show at Expo would want to start at 1 pm on a groomed arena. **Action** Marybeth will confirm details with WMPC on the arena rental contract; she and Cindy will decide on the next step. **Action** Barbara will email the arena rental contract to Marybeth.

On the Santa Fe venue, Cindy and Lori Bryan will view the two possible venues and decide Monday. They have planned a tour of the updated Santa Fe Downs show venue, and invited others to come along. Cindy will discuss insurance with both venues.

**Recognized Shows:** No updates.

**Membership:** NMDA has 137 members. **Action** Virginia will transmit the current list to Harold for updating names on the Web site.

**L Program, Part II:** Marybeth gave Donald info for the 3 NMDS recognized shows' prize lists: \$300 Champion, \$150 Reserve, totaling \$1350 each show. She is renting radios, which costs \$300 per show, totaling \$900. Should she purchase them from Best Buy to invest in radios? **Action** Marybeth will continue to explore the benefit of purchase vs. renting.

**Year-End Awards:** Barbara will publish standings when she has 3 schooling shows. Considering the Mar. 22, Mar. 30, and Apr. 6 dates, she is aiming for Apr 15. The Mar. NMDS show is already in the standings.

**Education and Clinics:** So far the April photo workshop has 11 signups.

For the Pilates clinic Cindy received a grant for \$800, which will keep cost low.

Anne is still processing the ideas for other workshops. The Board approved the mini fair concept. **Action** Anne and Cindy will set dates for the event.

**Junior and Young Riders:** No report.

**Publicity:** John reported the flyer is not done, and suggested ways to promote NMDA at events. NM Horsin Around invited NMDA to do an ad. The Board voted no, because our events are already on their calendar.

**Newsletter:** No update.

### **Old Business**

The Board tabled the project, Dressage for the Cure.

### **New Business**

**Change in Venue:** Cathy offered office space for Board meetings, starting in May. The Board approved meeting at 7123 Prospect Place NE, Albuquerque. **Action** Cindy will send an email reminder about bringing or ordering dinner, if desired. **Action** Cindy will alert Harold about the change in meeting venue.

Announcement of Next Meeting: May 6, 7123 Prospect Place NE; look for the orange door.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.