

NMDA Board of Director (BoD) Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2018

Foundation for the Pure Spanish Horse

115 Elm St NE, ABQ

10:27 am - 12:00 noon

All members and interested public welcome.

President Teresa Heine welcomed all members to first meeting at new time of 10:15 am, same place. Present: Teresa Heine, Winnie Fitch, Barbara Burkhardt, Kathleen Martin. Absent: Maureen Mestas, Valerie Simpson, Susan Reed.

Secretary's report: Corrected to indicate Michelle Baca will judge the October schooling show at Cherry Tree Farm. Under treasurer's report, adjustment was made to indicate that Treasurer pro-tem Winnie Fitch has filed federal income tax report and the word "postcard" to be deleted from Attorney General's report. Teresa Heine moved that secretary's report be accepted upon changes. Winnie Fitch seconded. All approved.

Treasurer's report: Currently \$19203.85 in bank with about \$2400 in education fund. Report to NM Attorney General for 2017 has been completed. Treasurer pro-tem Fitch must follow-up on 2016 report and will advise the BoD at next meeting. The Secretary of State's reports have been accepted and are on the books.

Re moving a portion of NMDA's active treasury funds to a bank which pays more interest: Barbara Burkhardt moved that the NMDA put \$10,000 into a CD with *Bank of the West* at 1.8% interest for 15 months. Winnie Fitch seconded. All approved.

Membership: Chair Winnie Fitch reported that the roster now consists of 79 members including two new junior members.

No education or youth reports; no Western Dressage report; no member-at-large report.

Schooling shows: all arrangements have been made for 4/29/18 schooling show at Cherry Tree Farm with show manager Teresa Heine reporting that she hadn't received facility or judge's contracts at this time. A schooling show on June 16 at Goose Downs Farm in Lamy NM is being planned. Teresa Heine announced a change of date for schooling show at Roy-el Farm in Espanola from August 25 to August 19, 2018.

May 13, 2018 recognized dressage show in partnership with the AHANM: premium and entry form are posted on NMDA website and Facebook page and AHANM website. Teresa Heine moved that the BoD approve \$600 to purchase prizes for championships at each level and in each

division. The prizes will be sets of 4 white wraps with show's name, *Spring into Summer*, embroidered on two wraps. Winnie Fitch seconded. All approved.

New Business:

Membership drive: Winnie Fitch moved that Kathleen buy 50 tote bags at \$4.00 each printed with NMDA's logo for incentive/gifts for acquiring new members. Teresa Heine seconded. All approved.

Old Business:

All members present signed conflict of interest forms.

Should Standing Rules include wording that scorers carry out scores to three digits? As this is already stipulated in the USDF rules which NMDA follows, it was deemed unnecessary to change the Standing Rules. The show manager and show secretary are responsible for the scorers knowing this.

Protocol under which information could be added to the NMDA website? Kathleen Martin moved that all submissions go through a member of the BoD. This motion was not seconded at this time. After some discussion, the matter was again tabled for a future meeting.

Report on research into purchase of PA system: Kathleen Martin reported that CDs on the Roland guitar amplifier were less than successful because of sand and wind in outside venues. She will continue to research a PA system.

An offer of \$400.00 was presented for purchase of the donated Passier saddle. Winnie Fitch moved that the offer be accepted; Kathleen Martin seconded. All approved.

"Name the new arena": Maureen Mestas suggested that instead of naming the arena after her, the NMDA run a "name the arena" contest to attract interest and perhaps new members, particularly junior members. Because of lack of time, Kathleen Martin moved that the matter be tabled for discussion at a future meeting. Winnie Fitch seconded. All approved.

Barbara Burkhardt proposed a new way to reward volunteers rather than rely totally on mini-grants which are not necessarily attractive to NMDA's volunteers. Because of lack of time, this matter was tabled for a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon,

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Martin, secretary.