

**New Mexico Dressage Association**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Aug. 2, 2015**

Board Members Present: Cindy Kavan-Winfield, Cathy Soller, Barbara Burkhardt, Charlene Strickland, Anne Sparks, Virginia Gredell, Rachel Chowanec, Donald Simpson, John Collins

Board Members Absent: Cindy Begay, Marybeth Perez Soto

Guest: Nance McManus

### **Officers' Reports**

**Secretary:** Minutes of Board meeting amended.

**Treasurer:** No report.

### **Committee Reports**

**Schooling Shows:** Barbara discussed the 12 July show (Espanola), with 31 rides. Cathy mentioned using venues that charge less or are free. Cindy reported testing the online entry form, which is now available for the Sept. show.

**Recognized Shows:** Donald discussed the August show, with all rides in one ring due to weather conditions. Cathy and John praised the improved conditions at the Expo venue.

**Membership:** Virginia reported receiving 9 more memberships, for 161 members. She shared the current "welcome" letter with the Board. The new online membership form for 2015 will include (1) a choice of discipline (classical or Western), and (2) a choice of yes or no for a member to receive the USDF test booklet.

**Year-End Awards:** Barbara will update the standings when the August show results are posted. The Board discussed how results from a double-judged show affect the results for NMDA standings. Should NMDA use an average of the two judges, or only the judge at C? The Board voted for the score from the judge at C.

**Junior and Young Riders:** Rachel requested a list with contact information for junior and young rider members so she can start communicating with them. She suggested setting up a meeting now, so members can discuss ideas for next year. **Action:** Virginia will send Rachel the list.

**Education:** Anne distributed the order of go for the August Lisa Wilcox clinic. The printed program at the clinic will include bios of riders and horses. **Action:** Anne will send Cindy a reminder letter to advertise the clinic.

**Publicity:** John reported he submitted upcoming events to *Horse Around* magazine. Cindy showed a prototype of an arena layout notepad, which NMDA can distribute.

### **Old Business**

**Western dressage.** The Board discussed the name of the division/chapter/section. At the May 2015 meeting the Board accepted the framework to start a chapter of NMDA. Cathy asked if the chapter has its own officers, what would be the financial impact of additional insurance? Rather than officers, a division would have a structure of chair, co-chair, and at least two members. Cathy suggested calling it the Western Dressage division committee. The chair would be a voting member of the Board. The framework now needs revision. The Board voted on the name change and the chair's being on the Board. **Action:** Cathy will review the existing framework. The Board discussed the importance of the WD info on the NMDA Web site. Cathy noted that the statement from the Western Dressage Association of America encourages members to follow local organization's rules for schooling shows. Judges and riders need to

see clear information on our schooling show rules. The Board discussed that the NMDA WDDC can review our rules and suggest any modifications. **Action:** Cindy will send questions to Cathy and Sandy Perez about clarifying the rules.

Cathy added that Sandy reported that 22 attended the Aug. 1 Western dressage meeting at Enchanted Dressage, Caballo, NM.

### **New Business**

The nominating committee needs to be set up in August. Anne volunteered to chair the committee, and Kathleen Martin and Kathy Mueller agreed to serve on the committee again.

Announcement of Next Meeting: Sept. 1.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:20