

## NMDA Special Meeting about Grants For Education Purposes

Tuesday March 5, 2024

Meeting began at 6:09

Roll Call: Maribeth St Cyr/President, John Collins/Vice President, Sarah Turner/Membership Chair, Cindy Kavan-Winfield/Education, Diana Corbin/Secretary, Laura Pulliam/Treasurer

Leslie Carpenter has proposed to NMDA to have 4 Rachel Saavedra Clinics this year. She would like to cover the cost of the arena at Cherry Tree Farm and also provide grants to pay for two members to ride in all 4 clinics (8 rides).

She is dedicating this to her parents called the Janet M. and Vincent W. Carpenter Grant Application

The dates for these clinics are:

April 13,14, June 1,2, August 31-Sept.1, September 14, 15, 2024

This Grant pays the full cost of rides for two recipients. It applies to anyone who would very much like to clinic or lesson with Rachel Saavedra but find it outside their budget.

### CRITERIA TO RECEIVE GRANT. APPLICANT;

- Is dedicated to the improvement of ridings skills in the pursuit of Classical Dressage.
- Must commit to all 4 clinics and ride both days of each clinic.
- Is an Open, Adult Amateur or JR/YR and a NMDA member in good standing for the current membership year.
- Is a current dressage rider with a horse and dressage tack and has the ability to transport their horse to Cherry Tree Farm, 2315 Cherry Tree Ct. SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105

The committee to review the applicants would be Cindy, Maribeth, and Leslie Carpenter.

NMDA would help the other riders by paying \$40-\$50 of their fees. This would cost the club about \$1,450.

Discussion brought up that this was a lot of money with a clinician that is already in the area.

The board voted to go back to Leslie Carpenter to see if she would split this cost with NMDA to make it more financially doable for the club.  
Motion from Maribeth, Cindy seconded it.  
The vote for this was unanimous.

We then voted that we start with only the first two clinics in April and June.  
If Leslie agrees she would still pay for venue and 2 riders.  
The vote was unanimous.

We then voted if Leslie pays half to hold all 4 shows.  
The vote passed with 5 votes.

Maribeth Perez-Soto Estate gave us \$500.

Cindy and Amy Proposed the idea about symposiums of getting someone from USDF Education to come and lecture to us about Master Classes like they get in Wellington. It would be in a classroom setting with a lot of audiovisual aids.  
Discussion was brought up that this could be a fundraiser idea.  
Maribeth will look into this with Heather.  
This also could be a yearly event honoring Maribeth Perez-Soto and her love of education.

This brought up that maybe the club should grant members money to do Education Activities up to \$1000. This could be used for things such as airfare, hotel, clinics, etc.

Members would have to apply for the grant and there would be criteria for applicants such as volunteer hours (8hours) and sharing their experience at the End-of-Year-Awards.  
We tabled discussion of this grant for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25.