

NMDA Board of Director (BoD) Meeting Minutes February 14, 2018
Foundation for the Pure Spanish Horse 115 Elm St NE, ABQ 6:31 – 8:01 PM

All members and interested public welcome.

Present: Teresa Heine, Winnie Fitch, Maureen Mestas, Kathleen Martin, and Valerie Simpson.
Guest: Barbara Burkhardt. **Absent:** Gina McKay, Susan Reed. **Open positions:** Vice-president, Treasurer, and Year-end award/mini-grant coordinator.

The **minutes** of the 1/10/18 NMDA meeting and the 1/13/18 General Membership Meeting were accepted as written: Winnie Fitch moved; seconded by Valerie Simpson. 5-0.

Pro-tem **Treasurer's** report: Winnie Fitch stated that there is currently \$19,080.60 in bank. Six months rent on PO Box has been paid, ribbons have been ordered, and the cost of copying 2018 tests (\$95.83) has been reimbursed to pro-tem treasurer Fitch. Insurance for 2018 is being settled; treasurer Fitch will have costs for March meeting.

Kathleen gave Winnie a check for \$14.40 from Cinchy Cowgirl in Corrales NM for consignment sales of donated items.

Winnie suggested moving some or all of the monies in current bank to another location which pays more interest. Kathleen suggested Everbank of Jacksonville FL; we will look into that for next meeting.

Committee/Liaison Reports

Membership: chair Winnie Fitch announced current membership at 66 with 3 new members in February so far.

Shows: Show chair Teresa Heine reported that she will act as manager/secretary for the March 25 schooling show in Edgewood and Barbara Burkhardt will judge. Michelle Baca will judge the April 29 schooling show at Cherry Tree Farm with contract on the way. Pending shows: will not have show in Stanley this year; will continue work on Vista Sandia show in September; may combine efforts and results with Los Alamos Pony Club for a show at Goose Down Farm in Galisteo in June.

Youth: Youth chair Maureen Mestas will work with webmaster Harold Baskin to consider changes to the youth page and forms, upload scholarships to make the website more relevant and dynamic (interactive) for young people/members. Maureen will bring proposal for changes to

next meeting. She announced that a \$1000/year scholarship for a youth was available from her Hell Canyon Farm foundation. Maureen will reach out for more funding and resources.

Maureen asked the Board to consider how it will handle liability for youth programs. This will include insurance underwriting which the Board will take up as needed.

Education: Chair Maureen Mestas announced that she has 2 clinics planned for 2018: Rachel Saavedra at Hell Canyon Farm in Feb. '18 and Jeremy Steinberg, Oct. 13-14, for a Santa Fe location. She will continue to make arrangements with Janet Foy and Anne Gribbons for 2019.

Some discussion followed about Maureen's proposal to funnel all education activities through the chair of the Education committee. The NMDA Board will continue to handle its sponsorship/hosting activities as needed through proposals made directly to the Board. Maureen stated that she would step back from chairing the Education committee and focus her efforts on Youth (above).

Western Dressage: Nance McManus, liaison, was not present and no report was forwarded.

Old Business:

Items on "Old Business Round-up" were tabled for future meeting.

Standing rules update: Guest Barbara Burkhardt presented a proposal to update the Standing Rules with more specific information of which USEF rules the NMDA follows at its schooling shows. After some discussion, Kathleen moved that the update be accepted as written. Winnie Fitch seconded. Approved 4 - 1.

Tax advisory help and Treasurer's assistance: Pro-tem treasurer Winnie Fitch will talk with her CPA next week for clarification of pertinent filings for a 502(3)(c) organization. Kathleen volunteered to take over this responsibility from Winnie until a full-time treasurer can be found, and she will accompany Winnie when visiting her CPA. Winnie Fitch and President Teresa Heine will continue to take care of day-to-day financial disbursements.

Dolly Hannon clinic: Kathleen stated that because of delays in selecting and confirming a date with Dolly for June, 2018, Dolly was booked. A fall 2018 date is now being considered. More information to follow.

Meeting date conflict: Kathleen asked for a change of time of meeting as she has a conflict with another 2d Wednesday evening meeting. Teresa Heine will look into having the meeting at same

venue on either Wednesday or Thursday morning, 10-11:30 a.m. Maureen Mestas offered meeting space at the *Drury Inn and Suites* on Jefferson and I-25.

Other old business: old business round-up tabled until next meeting.

New Business

2018 Vice-president: as Teresa Heine has assumed the presidency from past-president Susan Reed, the position of vice-president is now open. Barbara Burkhardt volunteered for that position and it was approved by the Board unanimously. Barbara also volunteered to act as year-end awards coordinator; this was also approved unanimously.

E-mail blast distribution: Kathleen requested guidance from the Board on distributing e-mail blasts...to members only or to anyone interested in NM dressage? The consensus from the Board was to distribute to as many in the NM dressage community as possible.

Barbara Burkhardt volunteered to make changes in the Standing Rules and revise dates, etc., taking this responsibility over from secretary Kathleen Martin. The Board, including Kathleen, thanked Barbara for taking on this task.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous approval at 8:01 p.m.