

New Mexico Dressage Association
Regular Meeting
Jan. 7, 2014 Minutes

Board Members Present: Cindy Kavan-Winfield, Barbara Burkhardt, Charlene Strickland, Virginia Gredell, Donald Simpson, Marybeth Perez Soto, Mary Jastrzemski, Cynthia Ramsey, John Collins

Board Members Absent: Rena Haynes, Cathy Soller

Officers' Reports

Secretary: Minutes accepted. Barbara approved, John seconded.

Treasurer: Rena reported to Cindy that the report is online.

Committee Reports

Schooling Shows: Cindy will meet with Mary. Mary has talked with Santa Fe. Marybeth reported Terry Berg said Santa Fe Downs may restart horse events, and Terry will talk with them; she is a consultant at the Downs. Lori Bryan will manage both Santa Fe shows. Terry reports stalls are pretty good condition. The Board brought up questions about footing and the PA system. Two shows need managers, and Mary will ask at the banquet for volunteers for Vista Sandia and Bosque Farms. She has contracts for all. Laura Kober will do Los Alamos. Radios need fresh batteries, so supply AAA batteries. Barbara mentioned a potential problem with Watermelon Mountain Pony Club show and the first Bosque Farms show on the same weekend in May. Their show is on May 3, Saturday at Expo. The May 4 Bosque Farms does not have a contract, so we will cancel that one. Barbara also mentioned the June 14 Arabian breed show at Expo, and our Santa Fe show June 15; the Board agreed no conflict.

Recognized Shows: Donald reported that he will do the New Mexico state championships this year, at the October show. Marybeth discussed how to get the L Program Part II linked with the recognized shows. Donald will advertise prize money in the show premium and is still determining the splits. Marybeth mentioned she has \$4000 through the L Program to distribute as prize money at shows, to encourage riders to compete in Training, First, and Second levels so the L Program participants have plenty of entries to score. The Board will discuss the awarding of prize money, coordinated with Donald's decisions, at the February meeting, under Old Business.

Membership: Virginia reported 95 members as of tonight. She has submitted 60 to USDF, and is waiting for a receipt. The Board agreed this amount was good for the beginning of January. Virginia has distributed Dressage Test Books, and noted only 40 are left. She will send those only to new members, because USDF will publish a new book later this year with the new tests effective 2015.

Year-End Awards: The rule change proposal was discussed for a vote. Barbara noted the change is to make it simpler, because it's currently confusing. The change is from combined award to only recognized show award. Mary moved to accept the changes; Cynthia seconded, and the vote passed. Cindy reported on banquet turnout. She requested volunteers for the sign-in table; Heather Brady and Cynthia volunteered, and Mary volunteered to sell raffle tickets. Marybeth will present awards, with Cindy assisting. Cindy will be MC. Marybeth will do a recap of 2013, and Cindy will talk about 2014. Charlene will present the slide show. We will recognize the scholarship recipients Theresa Heine and Emily Fitzgerald. Later they will talk about how they used the funds. 2013 was the last year, so the program will no longer be advertised. The Board voted on dessert (double chocolate cake and to hold the raffle ticket drawings at the end of the evening.

Junior and Young Riders: No report.

Education and Clinics: Anne Sparks agreed to be the chair; however, she is not yet a member. The board discussed clinic dates for later in the year. Suggestions were Lucille Bump (Centered Riding instructor) or Janice Dulak, who wrote Pilates for Dressage Rider. The Board also agreed to try to bring Melonie Kessler back, and Donald will call her.

L Program. Part II: Marybeth reported that the sessions will fill easily, with a long waiting list. She asked for an assistant for the 2 days, so she could show, and Cindy volunteered.

Newsletter: No report.

Publicity: No report.

Old Business

Dressage for the Cure: Mary asked for people to get involved. She will resume work on it.

Board Chair Positions: John will work with Cynthia on Junior and Young Riders. He may do Publicity also. We need events posted. Cindy asked if there was any interest in a newsletter to add to the Web site. Marybeth suggested Susan Dezavelle might be interested.

General Membership Meeting: Cindy suggested mid-February. Donald suggested hosting the meeting in the Expo Horse Arena during a show, maybe the March date. Cindy also mentioned a members' survey. The Board agreed to table discussion for the February meeting.

New Business

Announcement of Next Meeting: February 4, Route 66 Diner.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.