

New Mexico Dressage Association

Regular Meeting

Jan. 6, 2015

Board Members Present: Cindy Kavan-Winfield, Cathy Soller, Barbara Burkhardt, Charlene Strickland, Cindy Begay, Marybeth Perez Soto, Anne Sparks, Virginia Gredell, Kristen Valencia, John Collins

Board Members Absent: Donald Simpson

Guest: Nance McManus

Officers' Reports

Secretary: Minutes accepted, as amended

Treasurer: Cindy B distributed the report. She filed a form 1023. For expenses, send Cindy B an email and give her the receipt at the meeting. She will submit the insurance forms for 2015 shows.

Committee Reports

Schooling Shows: Marybeth had no report. Barbara suggested a schedule change for the last show; Anne mentioned possible conflicts with regional and national shows. Cindy B asked about online schooling show entries. **Action:** Cindy K, Cindy B, and Harold will all meet to discuss online entries.

Recognized Shows: Donald absent. The Board discussed holding the general membership meeting at the March show again, and changing the day to Friday. Kristen brought up the idea of running an Arab sport horse show (all-breed) the same weekend, if Donald uses only 1 arena.

Membership: Virginia reported that we have 75 members. Cindy B asked about online membership applications.

Year-End Awards: Cathy reported on the awards for the banquet. She announced that the volunteer who earned the most vouchers will win the \$150 gift certificate (Board members excepted).

Charlene reported on status of the photo contest and the judging.

The Board discussed the Trainer of the Year award, and voted not to sponsor the award.

On adding a Junior Equitation award, Cathy supports recognizing these riders. She proposed standardizing the award by scores. The Board will discuss the award at the Feb. meeting.

The Board voted down a rule change proposal (Standing Rule XIV) to eliminate the owner requirement.

The Board discussed the Western dressage awards, and the current inconsistent judging criteria. Cathy suggested an affiliate for now as a Western division. Nance reported that 7 NM riders competed at the 2014 Western Dressage World Championship. Next year could be the first for USEF awards through the Western division. (USEF is now posting standings in 5 levels for 2015.) The Board will investigate appointing a chair for the Western division.

Junior and Young Riders: Kristen asked about the number of junior members, and discussed ideas for involving more members and parents, and finding out what they want.

Education: Anne reported on the USDF convention. Region 5 GMOs discussed Western dressage, as a boost to membership; very few GMOs are currently presenting Western dressage awards. She said that NMDA did not nominate a Volunteer of the Year and did not contribute a GMO basket. Regional championship entries have increased. Anne mentioned a review of Bylaws and Standing Rules, and adding at-large members, such as south and north. Officer terms should be through an election every other year. **Action:** Anne will begin the review.

Cindy B mentioned how other GMOs are presenting new test clinics. Kristi Wysocki could be a potential presenter in a classroom situation. **Action:** Anne will contact Kristi.

L Program Part II: The budget is complete.

Publicity: John will have hats for sale at the banquet. He is tracking inventory. Nance reported she is starting a new Web site to post all NM horse show schedules.

Old Business

The NMDA Web site needed updating of members; Cindy K is handling that. Standing Rules were updated Jan. 2014, and Barbara has 3 changes to add. **Action:** Barbara will send those changes to Anne for the Standing Rules review.

Announcement of Next Meeting: Feb. 3, 7123 Prospect Place NE; look for the orange door.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 8:40.