

New Mexico Dressage Association
Regular Meeting
June 2, 2015

Board Members Present: Cathy Soller, Barbara Burkhardt, Cindy Begay, Charlene Strickland, Marybeth Perez Soto, Anne Sparks, Virginia Gredell, Donald Simpson, John Collins

Board Member Absent: Cindy Kavan-Winfield

Officers' Reports

Secretary: Minutes of Board meeting amended.

Treasurer: Cindy B discussed the financial report and insurance coverage for upcoming show venues.

Committee Reports

Schooling Shows: Marybeth reported ride numbers for the first four shows of 2015. April had most rides (52) and profit, with March second (50 rides). Los Alamos had 30 rides; 21 rides in Caballo.

Recognized Shows: Donald reported a successful show. Marybeth proposed NMDA help sponsor NMDS. The Board voted to pay NMDS \$200 a show for posting the NMDA banner at each show.

Membership: Virginia reported we have 150 members and new business members.

Year-End Awards: Barbara will update the standings when results are available for the NMDS May show.

Junior and Young Riders: Rachel Chowanec will be able to present the talk for young riders when the date is set. **Action:** Anne will talk with Rachel about the date, and also propose that Rachel accept the chair.

Education: Anne is publicizing the Lisa Wilcox clinic with posters, and will add information to the NMDA Web site and the Facebook page. **Action:** Marybeth will send Anne the Webmaster Harold Baskin's contact information for adding more details. **Action:** Anne will also send details to Cindy K.

Publicity: John reported on the NMDA presence at the Trainers Showcase. The NMDA events will be in the *Horse Around* magazine.

Old Business

Volunteer Rewards (was voucher program). To remain within the limits of a nonprofit, the Board continued discussing awarding gifts such as free food at shows, a gift bag limited to \$6.00 (or boot socks, keychains, or dressage-labelled water bottles), names recorded for free raffle tickets for volunteers only at the banquet, recognizing the top 2 volunteers, and nominating the year's top NMDA volunteer to USDF.

The ad hoc committee will meet to discuss updates to the By-Laws and Standing Rules.

The Board discussed the member-hosted clinic issue. Cindy K added a standing rule about an application form. The Board discussed if NMDA should sponsor members' clinics and voted not to fund such events. However, as discussed in March, NMDA may advertise a member's clinic by posting the clinic on the calendar.

Also, NMDA will not donate funds to the USDF Foundation.

Western Dressage. Sandy Perez agreed to assume leadership of the Western Dressage chapter, as described in the WD Framework (attached to the minutes of the May meeting). Sandy talked with the Board on speakerphone. She will meet with Enchanted Dressage clients this weekend about their involvement in the chapter. She's been contacting Nance McManus, who has a Western Dressage Web site and newsletter. She reported ways to encourage participating with the Paso del Norte GMO.

New Business

The Board discussed the request for a Web site advertisement by a nonmember. The Board voted that the fee will be \$50 for a nonmember.

The Board discussed ideas to recruit more volunteers for NMDA events. Anne suggested ways to announce to members the volunteer opportunities. **Action:** Marybeth will start a volunteer list for schooling shows, along with opportunities at shows, clinics, and other NMDA events. The Board also talked about listing more updates on the NMDA Facebook page.

Announcement of Next Meeting: July 2, 7123 Prospect Place NE; look for the orange door.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:15.