

**New Mexico Dressage Association**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Mar. 4, 2014**

Board Members Present: Cindy Kavan-Winfield, Cathy Soller, Rena Haynes, Barbara Burkhardt, Charlene Strickland, Virginia Gredell. Cynthia Ramsey, Marybeth Perez Soto, Anne Sparks, John Collins, Donald Simpson

Board Members Absent: Mary Jastrzemski

**Officers' Reports**

**Secretary:** Minutes amended. Anne approved, Cathy seconded.

**Treasurer:** Rena distributed the year-to date and Education Fund reports. She will amend with corrections. Rena requested a volunteer to do insurance; Cindy will ask Winnie Fitch to assist.

**Committee Reports**

**Schooling Shows:** Cindy mentioned the results of the survey section on schooling shows, with most responders approving the number of shows. Marybeth discussed venue information to post on Web site, to inform exhibitors new to show sites. She will send starter info to Cindy. The Cherry Tree Farm show was rescheduled to 6 April, with all new entries. March 30 is in Los Alamos, with a few days for exchange of boxes of office material. Santa Fe venues are still unknown.

**Recognized Shows:** No report.

**Membership:** Virginia reported 123 members. She and Rena coordinate submitting names to USDF. Early in the year, members who enter recognized shows need their USDF membership confirmed. Cynthia suggested adding a note to the Web site about early application if a member plans to show at an early show.

**Year-End Awards:** No information.

**Junior and Young Riders:** Cynthia will start a list of youth riders and their trainers, to get ideas of what they would want, separate from the full membership. Cindy can send names of youth members, and input from Susan Reed. John mentioned other trainers as resources. Cynthia reported a successful youth camp in Oklahoma with 20 youth, with two certified trainers and activities such as drill team, Prix Caprilli, vaulting, and a mini show.

**Education and Clinics:** The Board agreed that the cost of the photo workshop will be \$5 donation for members and \$10 for nonmembers. Charlene will send Cindy a writeup to post on the Web site.

**Pilates Clinic:** Cindy applied for a Violet Hopkins grant from the Dressage Foundation. Without grant, \$500-600 would not be covered by revenue. The potluck will be bring a dish or donate \$10. The clinic's mounted section will be three groups of five riders, assuming it's fully subscribed by 15 riders. The Board discussed auditors and the mat workout; Cynthia said mat sessions were wall to wall in the Oklahoma clinic. Charge will be \$75 per day for mat and mounted. Riders' stall charge is \$25, with NMDA paying the additional \$5 per horse to Horses Unlimited. This is a seat and position clinic, the most requested subject from the survey. Barbara moved we allow auditors and riders to apply one \$10 educational voucher per day (excluding potluck). Anne seconded, and the Board voted to approve the motion.

**Survey results:** Cindy discussed comments from the survey and that we can ask Melonie Kessler to include the ride-ride as part in her clinic. The Board agreed to include a survey results discussion about education during the general membership meeting, March 8.

**Discussion of education opportunities:** (1) Anne discussed saddle fitting clinic it is how saddles fit, how saddle works, could be presented by saddlemaker Bernardo Vergara, dressage rider trained in Chile. (2) What to do till the vet arrives. (3) Riding Western dressage tests. Western is excluded from USDF although tests are offered in NMDA schooling shows along with eventing tests. Barbara mentioned that L judges need to judge the classes, and Western riders may be a source of additional revenue for us.

**L Program. Part II:** Marybeth noted nine participants are confirmed. She is still trying to confirm with USDF on scribes.

**Newsletter:** No information.

**Publicity:** Rena moved to include Donald as a sponsor on the NMDA Web page. Marybeth seconded, and the Board voted to approve the motion. NMDA will donate \$300 to NMDS, for an NMDA banner to be displayed at the NMDS shows.

John asked for expectations of publicity efforts. Suggestions included Facebook postings and flyers. Cynthia suggested breed awards at local shows, working with breed organizations. Cindy reported a request for business membership, and that Terry Flanagan from the Phillippe Karl seminars joined as a business member. Rena moved to add Cherry Tree Farm also as a sponsor. Barbara seconded, and the Board voted to approve the motion. John will post flyers at local equine businesses.

**General Membership Meeting:** Cindy will order refreshments. We expect 20-30 attendees and appreciate volunteers to assist. Cindy will discuss survey results. One topic could be limiting Championship eligibility to a horse-rider combination, which would be a standing rule change.

**Old Business:** Dressage for the Cure tabled for next meeting.

**New Business:** None.

Announcement of Next Meeting: April 1

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:10.