

New Mexico Dressage Association
Regular Meeting
Nov. 4 , 2014

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

Board Members Absent: Rena Haynes, Mary Jastrzemeski, Cynthia Ramsey

Guests: Cindy Begay

Officers' Reports

Secretary: Minutes accepted.

Treasurer: Rena absent; will send report to Cindy.

Committee Reports

Schooling Shows: Marybeth presented a tentative list of 8 shows for review. The Board discussed the suggested dates and venues. **Action:** Marybeth will send the list to Harold for posting on the Web site.

Recognized Shows: No report.

Membership: Virginia has been receiving 2015 memberships. **Action:** Cindy Begay will contact USEF to order the new test booklets.

Year-End Awards: Marybeth and Cathy discussed limiting the schooling show awards to NMDA-sponsored shows (eliminating the other local associations and their shows as qualifying shows). The concept would be only that scores earned at NMDA shows would apply to the schooling show awards, and encourage more entries. The Board voted to approve this rule change.

Another suggestion was to limit schooling show awards to Training, First, and Second levels. The Board discussed this proposal, and voted to leave the awards as is.

Marybeth and Cathy suggested adding an equitation award for junior riders, to encourage junior entries. The Board tabled the discussion till the December meeting.

Cathy reported the banquet will be Jan. 24 at Tanoan. She presented the choice between sitdown or buffet; the Board agreed to repeat sitdown. She also discussed menu choices. The Board discussed raising the price to \$25, and approved this change. Cathy has talked with a pianist to play music for the cocktail hour and dinner service.

Barbara will have the final award standings after the Nov. show.

Cathy showed some plaques, plastic and metal, as suggested awards. Marybeth mentioned the scrim sheets, through Dan's, which can be embroidered.

The photo contest guidelines will be posted on the Web site, for entries to be displayed at the banquet.

Junior and Young Riders: No report.

Education: No report.

L Program Part II: Marybeth is working on financials, and expects to remain within the budget.

Publicity: John has sold 5 hats so far.

Old Business

The Board tabled the leaf blower idea.

The election is progressing. John reported 51 votes so far. Cindy will contact the membership with a reminder to submit ballots.

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

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 8:00.