NMDA Board of Director (BoD) Meeting Minutes

Foundation for the Pure Spanish Horse

115 Elm St NE, ABQ

October 10, 2018 10:26 am - 12:13 pm

All members and interested public welcome.

President Teresa Heine welcomed all members present: Barbara Burkhardt, Kathleen Martin, Winnie Fitch, and Susan Reed. Absent: Valerie Simpson, Diana Corbin.

Officers' reports

Secretary's report: Teresa Heine moved to approve with editorial changes and one additional remark; Winnie Fitch seconded. Approved by all.

Treasurer's report: Winnie Fitch reported that the checkbook now stands at \$20317.38 with CD at an additional \$5366.81. The education fund (a subsidiary of general fund) stands at \$1535.40. Kathleen will inquire of Taminy Marshall, CPA and friend of NMDA, for referrals to an outside person with knowledge of 501(3)c organizations to do the check on financial actions required by the NMDA By-laws. Winnie submitted an invoice for expenses incurred for balloting and show necessities and will reimburse herself from checkbook. Teresa Heine submitted receipts for purchases she made on behalf of balloting for this year's elections.

Vice-president's report: Banquet date has been set for Saturday, January 12, 2019. As **year-end award chair**, Barbara reported on its status: at this time 7 people are close to award eligibility needing one more test at its highest level and submitting volunteer hours to her. Barbara is the only one currently qualified to receive a year-end award; if that stands, she will not accept it. Barbara also requested that NMDA "might" use tote bags to hold prizes for year-end awards, not "will" as stated at September meeting.

Membership chair: President Heine moved to accept the appointment of Diana Corbin as membership chair. Winnie Fitch seconded. All approved. (This motion was absent from September minutes so taken up again today for official purposes.)

Show manager's report: Teresa Heine, show manager, noted that Karin Lencyk has been confirmed as judge for the Cherry Tree Farm show on October 28, 2018 and that the facilities contract is on file. Barbara Burkhardt reported that she had inspected the Bosque Farms Rodeo Arena's footing and found it unfavorable for dressage at this time; she suggested we ask for our deposit to be returned. Manager Teresa Heine responded that she was working on this.

Western Dressage: No report Member-at-Large: No report

Old Business

2018 USDF convention: Teresa Heine contacted Rusty Cook, TD and friend of NMDA, to represent it at this convention. When Ms Cook said she wasn't attending, President Heine contacted Heather Peterson, Region V director, for proxy representation. Ms Peterson recommended Ms Joan Clay to be proxy who agreed to represent NMDA.

Website management: Kathleen Martin submitted a proposal charging NMDA webmaster Harold Baskin with clearing submissions to calendar, trainers' page, or classified section, free to members and fee-based for non-members, by checking official membership roster from USDF to which he has ready access. He will return non-members' submittals with advice to become a member or submit the fee to the treasurer. If he has doubts about a submitted article, he will contact a board member before posting.

Winnie Fitch noted that since USDF rosters are about a month behind receipt from GMOs, it would be quicker if the membership chair submitted rosters to the webmaster on a monthly basis.

Barbara Burkhardt moved that all web information go through the membership chair. Winnie Fitch seconded. One in favor; four opposed.

Kathleen Martin moved that the membership chair submit monthly membership rosters to Harold Baskin and other interested Board members. Winnie Fitch seconded. All approved.

New Business

Change of meeting time: In order to seat Diana Corbin, new membership chair, as soon as possible, Winnie Fitch moved that the BoD hold its November 14 meeting at the same venue at 1 p.m. Susan Reed seconded. All approved.

Teresa Heine will submit this change for the calendar to webmaster. Barbara Burkhardt will contact Valerie Simpson to ascertain a better meeting time for her .

Meeting time for 2019 show/event scheduling: this meeting will be held on October 29 at 1 p.m. at Winnie Fitch's home.

Youth Grant proposal: Barbara Burkhardt and Susan Reed submitted a proposal to use education funds to assist youth, through financial grants from the education fund, in their efforts to learn about horses and riding, especially dressage based on a brief written essay for application. After a limited discussion due to lapsed meeting time, the proposal was tabled until some revisions are made and more time is available to discuss.

2019-2023 dressage tests: Kathleen reported on an SFDA-hosted symposium/clinic on April 20-21, 2019 to review the new USEF/USDF dressage tests with Bill McMullin and Bill Warren from Warren-McMullin Dressage in Mansfield, MA and Wellington, FL. She suggested that dressage fans from ABQ and south might rent a van and travel together to this event. No action taken or needed at this time.

USEF Safe-Sport Division: President Teresa Heine noted that all those showing under USEF auspices will be responsible for taking the on-line test on Safe-Sport. Click on this link for information about Safe-Sport: https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/YXj0R68pxq0/safe-sport-policy.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Martin, Secretary.