

MINUTES

NMDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by John Collins, President.

Board Members Present: John Collins, Rena Haynes, Susan Dezavelle, Virginia Gredell, Donald Simpson, Sean Cunningham, Barbara Burkhardt, Marybeth Perez-Soto, Randi Phillips. Board members absent: Rusty Cook, Linda Ettling, Harold Baskin.

1. **Minutes** of the August Meeting were reviewed. Motion by Barbara, seconded by Virginia, to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion carried. In the absence of the Secretary, Susan will take the Minutes for this meeting.

2. **Financial Report.** Rena's report on the year to date financials:

General Operating Fund Balance:	\$15,164.31
Scholarship Fund Balance:	\$ 1,100.00
Certificate of Deposit balance:	\$ 5,302.79
Total Cash assets:	\$21,567.10

Rena reported that the Income for this month included \$1,420 from the Santa Fe Equestrian Center schooling show, \$25 for a junior membership, \$50 for arena equipment rental and \$1.98 in interest. Expenses included \$706.53 for the Santa Fe Equestrian Center show, \$175.09 for trailer tires, \$150 for BFRA damage deposit, \$76.86 for ribbons, \$55.76 for postage/envelopes and \$30 for Horse Council membership. She noted that Net Income is -\$80.83, basically a break even. It was noted that the earlier show cancellations effected the outcomes this year, so we may need to use reserves to pay for the Awards. Rena requested that we set up a process to have all arena rental and judges contracts go through her in the future, so that contracts are consistent. She noted that not all the arena contracts currently have cancellation policies. Motion by Susan and seconded by Randi to accept the Financial report. Motion carried.

3. **Membership.** Virginia reported that there are 3 more new members and a total of 175, however, one may end up being for next year. She is giving the new members an option to hold the application for next year, since it is so late in the year. Motion made and seconded to approve the Membership report. Motion carried.
4. **Youth.** Sean reported that the Pony Club is looking for a new Director and to pass the word to anyone interested. There is still just one application received for a scholarship. There was discussion about how to get the word out to more people about the opportunity. Discussion about expanding the scholarship to other types of requests such as to help pay for a little "r" judge program. This will be discussed further with members in the General Membership meeting in November. Sean announced he will be leaving New Mexico and moving to California. A new Youth Chair will need to be appointed by the President. Motion made and seconded to approve the Youth report. Motion carried.
5. **Education.** Susan reported that Ulla Hudson is working on getting Lilo Fore to New Mexico and asked if NMDA is interested in pursuing this as an educational event for 2012. Susan offered to help submit an application to the Dressage Foundation, as was done earlier this year for the Seana

Adamson Seminar and Clinic. She believes that Lilo can do a “classroom” type portion to the Clinic that would qualify it for a grant. Board Members present agreed have this pursued. Motion made and seconded, Education report approved.

6. **Schooling Shows.** Barbara reported that the Juan Tomas show had 48 completed rides, 8 riders were not NMDA members including 3 Juniors, the rest were all NMDA regulars. Discussion about the posting results of the Juan Tomas show (or other non-NMDA shows) on our web site, since it is not really our event. Board Members present agreed it made sense to post since the results if they count towards the NMDA awards.

Next show is at Bosque Farms and the cut off date is Sept 17 – Susan to send out an email reminder.

Barbara reported on the Santa Fe equestrian Center show. There were 48 rides and lots of riders showing multiple horses, making it challenging to schedule. David Baker announced and that went well. In some classes the pinnings were combined with AA and Open riders and competitors did not seem to be concerned. Discussion followed about whether or not to pin all classes separately or not and the question was raised if that should be up to the show manager. Recommendation made for vote to always pin separately for divisions (AA, Open, Jr). Motion made by Rena, seconded by Susan. Motion passed. This needs to be added to the Standing Rules.

Some issues came up at the Santa Fe Show. One was regarding the Frisbee games on the Polo Field causing distractions and extra traffic. Marybeth stated that she was not informed by the management of SFE that there was going to be a game. Considering what we paid for the arena rental, it was questioned if we want to use this venue again. Marybeth is looking into alternatives. Susan reported another issue of a loose dog causing a horse to spook and a rider got injured. She suggested that we have and enforce rules to have dogs on leashes, attached to a person (not just tied to something) and/or enforce the facility rules, such as Luna Rosa that does not allow dogs at all. This could be added to the show entry form and to the Standing Rules. Motion made by Barbara and seconded by John. Motion passed.

Motion made and seconded to approve the Schooling Show report. Motion passed.

Barbara offered to go through all the Board Meeting minutes for 2011 and add all appropriate decisions to the Standing Rules.

7. **Recognized Show Update.** Donald stated that the closing date is Sept 27th for the October show and he is sending out email reminders. No other updates on rated shows.
8. **New Business.**
 - a. Nominations and Nominating Committee. Randi is forming the Committee and needs one more non-Board member. John sent out an email reminder to the membership to ask for nominations.
 - b. General Membership Meeting. Randi has reserved a classroom at New Mexico State University that holds up to 40 people. Start time for the event was decided to be 5:30. A light dinner will be served similar to last year – sandwiches and drinks. Agenda was discussed and will include getting input from members about: Should we have Saturday shows? How many shows do we need each year? How can we incentivize and/or train more people to be show managers? Should we have Northern and Southern show Committees?

- Should we expand the scholarship fund to other types of requests, if so, what types? Input on Newsletter content and frequency. Vote on Volunteer Awards. Susan will put together a flyer to mail to the members.
- c. Awards for 2011. Randi is looking again at the Tanoan Country Club again and will report more about the costs and menu. The Board members present agreed the venue was good and would like to go there again. We will make an effort not to schedule on the same night as the Arab club as happened last year.
 - d. Newsletter. Suggestions were made to have a “What’s New” posting on the web instead of a full blown Newsletter, since the current newsletter has a lot of things already on the web. John will discuss ideas with the Newsletter Chair.

The next Board meeting will be October 12 at the 66 Diner
The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Dezavelle, Past President