

2020/01/08

NCDA general meeting minutes

Mimi's Café, Loveland

Attendees: Katie McGivney, Sue McCarty, Rae Ann Curtis, Kathleen Kilkelly, Hana Van Camper, Margie Matthews, Raissa Chunko, Kellee James, Denise Morrison, Andrea Chirich

6:43 meeting start

Minutes from November need to be approved (no Dec. notes as we had a party), hope to get them uploaded to website soon

- RMDS Awards banquet

Didi went to the banquet – congrats to our members that received awards! Andrea and Buggy, Felix and Sonny, Shelly and Sammy, Katie and Magneto (Sparky), and Sue and Medoc.

*NCDA had 2 baskets for the silent auction; one sold for \$50, the other sold for \$85

- Open Issues

1. President check-in: reminder for everyone to renew Safe Sport certification for 2020
How are we doing? Do we want to host 3 big events per year? More? Less? How about a summer gathering – or May?

2. Treasurer's Report: Andrea said we made \$78 on club t-shirts, with the potential to make a bit more on the remaining shirts

3. Secretary's Report: need to get notes uploaded to website. I am writing an article for the Centaur describing the value of clinics, while getting some free advertising for our upcoming clinics and shows.

4. Committees:

- A. 2020 Events – Judges, locations and dates are in the Omnibus, Equine entries are being set up to receive entries for our events; A speaker for the April general meeting is still needed

- B. Communications, IT, Volunteers

We encourage everyone to consider signing up for small things, small contributions make a big difference for our organization

We could use people to help with event sign-up, Mail Chimp, presentation pursuer, Facebook poster, and picture collector – Silja Knoll volunteered for this – thanks Silja!

- January Presentation – Raissa Chunko on her incredible experience of being chosen to go to Germany for some intensive international dressage training. She and 3 other young riders were chosen out of 50 or 60 applicants. They were exposed to many industry professionals (riders, trainers, judges, media, and bit designers). In addition to all of the equine industry people Raissa was able to meet, they also discussed mental health issues (Steffen Peters meditates for 2 hours daily). The judges panel revealed the main thing judges look for when a pair enters the arena – harmony between horse and rider. Sounds easy, right?