

NCDA General Meeting Minutes 20200212
Mimi's Cafe

6:41 pm start time

Minutes from the last BOD meeting are posted on the website

Open Issues:

Checking - in with members; Are people enjoying the presentations? Yes. Should meetings be held year round? No. Kathleen Kilkelly would like to see BOD agendas posted prior to the meetings so that she could know what is being discussed and wants to "call in" if she couldn't make it. Also meeting minutes should be posted in a timely fashion as well as the BOD meeting location and time. Julie Haugen would like to see 1 more recognized western dressage show in the coming year.

Treasurer's report - 41 members (membership is down from 64 last year). Tax forms (1099s) have been sent to judges for this year, and the profit and loss statement for 2019 for NCDA was sent to RMDS.

Secretary's report - BOD minutes are on the website, Katie is learning how to upload documents to the website and will work to get them up faster.

Committees:

Events in 2020 - we could really use some help in getting sponsors for shows and clinics; auditors can help pay for the PA system (suggested donations); we will need cards for the auditors to write down questions to ask the clinicians; we could use suggestions for speakers for meetings in September - May of 2021.

Volunteers: Mail chimp, Facebook, Sign-up genius - Julie will ask Whitney if she would be interested in sending out Mail chimp email blasts, Silja will talk to Andrea about the Sign-up genius.

Didi successfully set up the first two shows in Equestrian Entries, with the third show pending approval; prize lists are on the NCDA website.

It was brought up that the third show/clinic with Dolly Hannon conflicts with the RMDS show at Nighthawk Equestrian Center with Gary Rockwell judging July 11 and 12. Didi is going to make some calls to see if we can either change the date or perhaps make it a western dressage show and clinic.

Kathleen Kilkelly brought up NCDA attendance at RMDS meetings. Everyone agreed and we plan to have several people at each meeting moving forward.

Dr. Bruce Connally gave a presentation on Equine Behavior - New Perspectives on the human-horse interaction. He spoke of training and interactions and how horses transition from natural to domesticated. We cannot change a horse's instincts - we can only change their response. Horses are very perceptive. They are far-sighted and don't see shapes, they see movement. You can limit vision to control a horse (collection = vision control). Horses have a rapid reaction time - the fastest of all domestic animals. Horses are quick learners and have excellent memories. They can be easily dominated by controlling their movement. There is a correlation between diet and behavior - more hay = better/quieter behavior; less frequent, large high starch meals = increased stereotypical behavior. Also, exercise for 1 hour a day leads to

decreased unwanted behavior. Dr. Connally then spoke of behavioral markers of pain, including facial, body and gait markers. Some of them include intense stare (+5 sec), eyelids ½ open, yawning (open/close the mouth could be colic), whites of the eyes showing, grinding teeth, moving the bit, change their head position/head tilting, tail swishing, tail clamped, irregular rhythm, stifle injury, rearing, bucking, and kicking. I think we all learned something from Dr. Connally!

Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.