

NCDA general meeting

September 9, 2020

Via Zoom: Attendees - Didi DeKrey, Andrea Church, Silja Knoll, Sandra Rosewell, Kristi Coopercamp, Joan Clay, Katie McGivney

Call to order at 6:48pm

- Review of meeting notes from March; accepted as is.
- Several elections coming up soon - not just federal! RMDS is looking for nominations for board officers, and NCDA is looking for a President and a Treasurer, nominations for both need to be submitted before the October meetings (elections in November). NCDA needs a Treasurer - duties include keeping track of the checkbook, events, pay bills (liability insurance), reporting at meetings, and year end profit and loss statement for RMDS. Andrea will stay on as Treasurer if needed. If you know of anyone that might be interested in serving in either position, please let Didi, Katie or Andrea know.
- We will need to officially announce a slate of officers for the October meeting
- We will also need to name 3 delegates for the RMDS Board of Governors meeting happening in November (all day meeting via Zoom; all members are welcome to join the meeting but only delegates can vote)
- Treasurer's report:

June ride-a-test with Julie Haugen was a success. We extended it to two days and had 23 rides. NCDA made \$299.15 after expenses.

July show and clinic with Dolly Hannon was also well received. Our club made \$602.65 after expenses.

August show and clinic with Kathy Simard was combined to one day (show in the morning, clinic in the afternoon), and as a result NCDA made \$884.22!

- Secretary's report:

Katie has been working to get minutes from all meetings typed up, amended, and posted to the NCDA website in a timely manner. She has also been posting pictures from the summer events on the website to keep it more current and to encourage visitors to our site. A counter was added to the website to better monitor site activity. Didi has also been working on the website and has made amendments to the events page, so that it can support a link to upcoming events.

- Committee reports:

Events - Cindy Canace's show and clinic were cancelled due to COVID 19. The other events NCDA put on this year were fairly well received. Didi noted the good turnout could be attributed to the younger kids and some Western Dressage enthusiasts that participated later in the summer.

2021 - we are working on dates and would like to continue with our schooling show/clinic format. For April (11&12 or the following weekend), we will have Julie Haugen do a ride-a-test to get members warmed up for the show season. In May we are looking at the weekend of the 15&16 and in June we are considering the 19&20 or the 26&27 for schooling show/clinic events. Didi has asked Simone Windeler if she would be interested in judging either the May or June dates.

- Kellee James wondered if members might get burned out because we are doing an event each month (April, May, June)? We opted to stack the events early in the year because there are typically cooler temperatures, fewer RMDS conflicts, and it allows our members to “practice” in a show environment before rated competitions are held. There was discussion of what the membership wants - who uses the events that NCDA puts on? It varies between 10% and 72% of our members attending the schooling shows and clinics. Events held in later months typically have lower participation than events held earlier in the year. We were encouraged to look at Cheyenne and Laramie as possible locations for future NCDA events.
- Joan Clay mentioned that the Colorado Horse Park (Parker) may not have August or September shows in 2021. Nighthawk will likely host 3 shows in 2021 (May, June, July). On the Bit Dressage (Laramie club) may host a RMDS show in July.
- Joan Clay spoke with Katherine Jameson who owns Peaceable Kingdom Farm on CR 19 and was inquiring about possibly using her facility to host a clinic. For a fee, she'd like to hold a clinic there - she has an outdoor arena and a 20 x 50 meter indoor arena.
- Kristi Coopercamp owns Blue Roof Equestrian in Lafayette (welcome to NCDA Kristi!). She's willing to host clinics as well, but she's not set up to host a show. She mentioned bringing Sandra Hotz in for a clinic.
- The club in Cheyenne has changed their name and is moving away from formal dressage. Laramie Community College has a great facility in Cheyenne that we could consider as a venue for NCDA events.
- Christi mentioned when she was in the Boulder Valley Dressage club, they used the Boulder County Fairgrounds to host events and said they were very easy to work with.
- Joan wondered if 2021 returns to “normal”, will NCDA get enough volunteers to help run our events?
- In 2021, NCDA will host 3 events, 2 shows and 1 clinic. Silja knows someone in Platteville that could possibly host an event later in the summer. Kellee James also offered her place as a possible location for an NCDA event. She has a large outdoor and a 20 x 60 indoor with sand, but no stabling. We'd have to rent a port a potty to have an event there. She lives between Nunn and Carr.
- Joan clay suggested big names in 2022! So we'd better start planning now. Scott Hassler, Lilo Fore, JJ Tate, Melissa Kreswick, and Bill McMullen were all mentioned (Blue Roof has hosted several of these trainers). A wonderful idea Christi had was trying to piggyback a clinic the Monday after a show. That way, the big name judge has already been flown in by RMDS, so it could reduce how much a clinic would cost NCDA to put on.
- The October NCDA general meeting will be held via Zoom, to keep our members safe. It was suggested to keep it virtual until at least January 2021.
- We need NCDA volunteer of the year nominations! If you know of a deserving member, please contact Didi, Katie, Andrea, Silja or Jon Haugen with their name for consideration.
- Andrea will send out a MailChimp announcement for the October general meeting.
- Next BOD meeting for NCDA will be held on September 29, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm