

NCCA General Zoom Meeting.

October 14, 2020

Attendees: Didi DeKrey, Sue McCarty, Andrea Chirich, Kellee James, Jon Haugen, Katie McGivney

Call to order 6:39pm

Parliamentarian - Kellee James

- Minutes from the last meeting are posted on the website; no corrections or additions so the minutes were approved
- Open Issues:

1st call for nominations for NCCA President and Treasurer (Jon Haugen and Kellee James). The president sets the tone for the club, provides RMDS chapter reports and representation at RMDS meetings. Both Didi and Andrea have agreed to stay on to assist and help make an easy transition for the new officers.

- RMDS Budget meeting - Didi "attended" via Zoom. There was discussion about the RMDS website that is in the process of being recreated, and how they continue to have budget shortfalls (about \$10,000 more needed to complete the site). This is after they have already cut back hourly rates to fit the budget. A software update is mandatory, with an additional annual cost between \$2500 and \$3750. New Business - budget for Omnibus/Centaur was presented; will be professionally done, condensing the print into 1 or 2 magazines annually in lieu of the Omnibus binder and printed Centaurs every other month. It would include tests, articles, and advertisements. The ECentaur will continue monthly online. Nicole Bizzaro is keeping the same budget as 2020, and will do the graphic design along with 2 other paid positions. The Board of Governors meeting is taking place Saturday November 21 starting at 9am via Zoom. It will take most of the day, with an hour lunch break. Didi, Andrea, and Jon will attend as NCCA's voting delegates.
- Treasurer's report - We got 3 new members (\$30) and paid for a Professional Zoom membership (\$111.13), leaving the club's balance at \$4,363.08.
- Re-cap of events: The ride-a-test with Julie Haugen (2 days) made \$300.00, Dolly Hannon's schooling show and clinic (2 days) made \$602.00, Kathy Simard's 1 day schooling show followed by a clinic made \$884.00. There was a mention that because we kept the events small, we were able to be more nimble to adapt to COVID-19.
- 2nd call for nominations for President and Treasurer (Jon and Kellee)
- Events in progress: April 17&18, 2021 Ride-a-test with Julie Haugen at Kathy Coulson's Hobby Horse Farm on 402 in Loveland. This event will count towards NCCA's year end awards. May 15&16, 2021 schooling show and clinic with Sharron Sarchet (location TBD - possibly Phantom Hill or Tomora). June 26&27, 2021 schooling show and clinic with Simone Windeler at Kellee James' facility for the clinic and (hopefully) Tomora for the show on the 26th. Back-up facilities could be Sunrise Equestrian or Hobby Horse in Firestone. Also mentioned LCCC or Fair Grounds in Cheyenne, Wyoming (require Health Certificates and Brand Inspections). Peaceable Kingdom could be considered for a clinic (not a show).

- Didi made a flier of our events for 2021 for use in the Omnibus/Centaur
- Sandy Hotz clinic in the fall of 2021
- Katie gave an update for the committee that is working on bringing a top name clinician to Northern Colorado. The venue will be Kathy Coulson's Hobby Horse Farm in Loveland. She will donate the use of her facility to NCDA for the event. Katie has reached out to Sara Hassler twice (daughter of Scott, manages his schedule). At the time I'm writing this, I'm happy to say Sara got back to me (they just moved their entire training facility to Florida and apologized for the delay in responding). She is going to check Scott's calendar in late 2022 and 2023, and will get back to me with possible dates soon. It was suggested to look at USDF and the Dressage Federation for possible grants (be careful to be sure the grant isn't for educational events only).
- Communications update: Andrea has been sending out Mail Chimps, reminding members of meetings - including a message from the President! The Mail Chimp gives stats that Andrea has been paying attention to such as event notices that are opened and meeting notices (not opened as often).
- The website needs to add a way for visitors to subscribe to NCDA's email group (Katie will look into that).
- The NCDA Facebook page needs more goings-on - we are looking for pictures of activities that NCDA members are participating in during the pandemic. Katie will take some pictures at the Benjamin Pfabe clinic this weekend for use on FB.
- Jane Swanhorst said the FB link made her log-in (that needs to change!)
- Didi asked what else we wanted to see in NCDA events? It was suggested to host a more relaxed group ride or possibly musical riding? Kellee James could host a handful of riders (a few more if they used the outdoor arena). Sue would like to see a camp with a clinician.
- Final call for nominations for NCDA President and Treasurer (Jon and Kellee)

Meeting adjourned at 7:50