

NCDA January General Meeting Notes

Meeting date Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Zoom Meeting

In attendance:

Laura Speer, Denise Morrison, Andrea Chirich, Lynn Ahern, Kelly McGhee, Didi Dekrey, Joan Clay, Paula Brown

Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm by President, Laura Speer.

Schooling Shows and Ride A Test Events for 2024 Business:

- It was confirmed by Laura Speer that we have signed contracts with Tomora for both schooling shows, May 18 and May 22 respectively. Tomora has kept their price the same as last year at \$350/day.
- Judges are needed for both schooling shows. As the May 18th show bumps up against the WDACO Show on May 19th, Didi suggested we not worry that our May 18th judge be a Western Dressage judge in addition to Classical Dressage judge. We may not have many western dressage attendees.
- Laura Speer will reach out to judges for the two schooling shows. Didi will supply the contracts we have used in previous years for judges via the Google Docs drive to Laura, and Laura will get contracts to the selected judges for their signatures.
- Laura and Didi will get together to go over the contracts more in depth and discuss any needed changes.
- Didi brought up the topic of on-line payment for our events. We have used Equestrian Entries in the past, but they are no longer in business. For now, we will use NCDA's Paypal account for on-line payments. It was agreed that PayPal fees will be passed on to entrants and not absorbed by NCDA. Entrants can also download the form from the NCDA website and mail in their entries. Laura Speer said she would work on a Venmo option.
- The Ride A Test is scheduled for April at Kathy Coulson's Hobby Horse Farm in Loveland. The facility charge is \$350. Julie Haugen will be the judge. Her fee is \$500. Lynn Ahern has secured this event for us and will get the contracts to Kathy Coulson and Julie Haugen.

Future Meetings:

- Laura Speer would like to move the meetings to in person. We are looking for locations and are considering Board Members or Member homes. Andrea Chirich offered her home for an in-person meeting.
- The February meeting will be on Zoom. The March meeting will be in person and hopefully a social event for our club, and others in the horse community. It would take

the place of the Used Tack Sale we have run the last 3 years. Andrea Chirich offered to continue to sponsor the event with her Kentwood Real Estate business.

Social Media:

- The club has 2 Facebook pages at this time. Kelly McGhee created a new page for us but it doesn't seem to be getting the traction of the old page. There was discussion as to whether we should stick with the original Facebook page. We want to make it more user friendly, allowing others to post to the page.
- The club would like someone to take over creating a robust social media presence; Instagram and monitoring the Facebook page so we could allow others to post and still ensure the content was in keeping with the education and information mission of the club.

FEI Jr/Young riders and Upcoming Events

- Joan Clay shared the Young Riders are gearing up for showing in AZ.
- Joan is invited to present to the Area 9 Eventers about good test riding and test geometry.
- Joan is doing a dressage geometry clinic on April 20th for Boulder Valley Dressage. It will be a one day unmounted clinic.
- We talked about Joan doing a similar talk for the NCDA community. Joan did her Circles in the Sand clinic around 2016"ish" for the club, so we are well due for a refresher!
- Joan brought up the Dressage for Newbies workshop that Grand Valley did. It had fantastic response and seemed to bring in some newer dressage enthusiasts. It may be too involved for us to roll out for this year, but the club can investigate doing a similar workshop winter/spring of 2025.
- RMDS is providing a Zoom meeting on New Rules, Monday, February 12th at 6:30 pm. There are significant changes around how bit checks will be conducted at shows, and other rule changes for 2024.
- Denise Morrison asked about the club hosting a Goal Setting Program. Boulder Valley did a Goal Setting Program that was well received and created great community. Andrea and Denise will pursue organizing. Denise will reach out to Boulder Valley for ideas and structure.

The meeting ended abruptly as our Zoom meeting timed out! Meeting ended 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Andrea Chirich, NCDA Secretary