

## MDS April 21, 2015 Board Meeting

Meeting called to order 6:31 PM

Attendance: Suzanne Crowell CMDA, Kathleen Fox NMDA, Laurie Lee at large, Carol Poulin-Taylor CMDA, Elizabeth Owens at large, Selma Powers CMDA, Valerie Parent at large, Michele Marden EMDA, Laura Brainerd WMDA, Beth Brainerd WMDA, Bryn Walsh EMDA, Becky Reed EMDA

Secretary's report: E-mailed to board after January meeting, no corrections noted. Laurie Lee makes a motion to accept the minutes, second by Elizabeth Owens. All in favor.

Treasurer's report: Sent by Kathleen Fox via e-mail. Kathleen reports the \$640 difference from the printed report and actual bank balance is due to 7 checks outstanding.

We are \$1197 off of the target budget from 1/1/2015 to 3/31/2015 in the negative.

There is a discussion regarding MDS' payment out to chapter clubs for memberships and is decided to change the wording from club reimbursement to club disbursement.

The only outstanding 2014 club insurance payments are to come from CMDA.

Club Insurance amounts are confirmed for \$51 for shows and \$43 clinics

Michele Marden makes a motion to accept the treasurer's report, second by Laurie Lee. All in favor.

Membership report: Bryn Walsh. Current membership shows 44 EMDA, 44 CMDA, 17 NMDA, and 40 WMDA. Memberships numbers are higher than at this time last year.

Bylaws committee report:

Changes to be made: change date of November 31<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>. Change Maine Dressage Society to The Maine Dressage Society.

Newsletter report:

Next deadline is 6/1. Michele Marden will send out multiple reminders. The newsletter will go on the website and Facebook page.

Website: Suzanne Crowell will not be able to continue working on a new website. Prices from Tebo Design are revisited. Becky will talk to Judy from Tebo design regarding current year prices and a timetable for website conversion, as well as having Judy attend the September meeting to educate the board on the new website maintenance.

Laurie Lee makes a motion to spend the money for TEBO design to transition to a new website, Valerie Parent seconds. All in favor.

Facebook page:

No news

Omnibus: Question on the table if Cassie is willing to do the omnibus again. She has said that she will if no one else wants to. Becky offered to help her but has gotten no response. At this point Cassie is still the omnibus editor for 2015.

Clinics: Bryn has contacted JJ Tate, Adrienne Lyle, Lilo Fore. Becky contacted Lilo Fore, George and Roberta Williams no one has replied.

Pineland is having a September clinic and wants MDS to be the sponsoring GMO so that it will count for USDF University Credit. MDS has no issue sponsoring and does not need to take any action other than agreeing to be the sponsoring GMO. Question is raised if MDS members can get an auditing discount?

Education: Carol will contact Volker Brooman. Suzanne suggests and will contact Ruth Hogan-Poulson. Carol also suggests and will contact Peter Hansen.

Jr/YR: no news Pat Martin not present.

Awards: Beth Brainerd- USDF has adopted policy that you can only win two times with the same horse for year ends at one level and then must move up. MDS says one time on one horse then move up. We have broken up awards by levels for HOY-but not by division etc. JR/Yr, Open, AA. Question raised, should we split HOY between levels and by division? It is decided that we change the HOY division to 2<sup>nd</sup> Level and below, and 3<sup>rd</sup> level and above. We will add JR/Yr, Open, and AA to both. All in favor of this change.

Banquet: Beth Brainerd- reports \$297.21 in profit. \$255 has been received for 2015 horse registrations. 95 people attended the banquet. Total banquet costs for this year \$4127.79. Senator Inn is reserved for the 2015 banquet, the last Sunday of January 2016. It was decided omnibus profits will not go towards offsetting banquet meal costs. Meal costs are \$30/plate.

PR: No news

Finance: No news

Grievance: No news

New business:

Non-profit status: waiting on new EIN, the application has been submitted.

New PO BOX is 564 Hampden, ME 04444

Pineland clinic: will sponsor as GMO, but don't need to do anything.

Scholarships: Two groups have submitted, one is working on it. All groups are looking to go to D4k. Past policy was \$750 per year awarded in 3 \$250 scholarships. Last year we awarded \$2000. Application deadlines for scholarships are 2/15, 5/15, and 8/15. We will vote to approve the scholarship application rec'd for the first cut off. Suzanne Crowell makes a motion to approve the first group. Laurie Lee seconds. All in favor. Next application received will be reviewed by an e-mail vote.

Nominating committee: Carol Poulin-Taylor nominates Elizabeth Owens for President. Bryn Walsh nominates Becky Reed for president. Elizabeth and Becky begrudgingly accept the nominations.

If the current secretary position is open after election, Bryn Walsh has volunteered to fill the secretary position.

Board Member check in:

EMDA Rebecca Reed, Bryn Walsh, Michele Marden

WMDA Beth and Laura Brainerd, Pat Martin

CMDA Carol Poulin-Taylor, Selma Powers, Suzanne Crowell, Heather Webster alt.

NMDA Kathleen Fox, Lauren Taylor?

At large Valerie Parent, Elizabeth Owens, Laurie Lee

Proposed meetings: September 8, 2015 @ 6:30PM Maine Farm Bureau, January 31<sup>st</sup> 2016 @ 10AM Senator Inn.

Beth Brainerd makes a motion to adjourn at 8:04PM, Second by Elizabeth Owens.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Reed