

Conference call 2/4/15

Attendees: Richard Fleener, Sally Lightner, Dena Wilson , Katrina Fleener, Dennis Vonderfecht, Debby Miller and Sue Ganser.

I entered the conference call approximately ½ hour late.

Under discussion was the number of NMDA shows, and how they are decreasing in number. Some of the states that still have an NMDA sanctioned show are Wisconsin, Kansas, North Carolina, California, Oregon, Texas and Tennessee.

### **Excellence and Supreme Programs**

Discussion ensued regarding the ADA Excellence in Halter, and what kind of certificate the ADA will provide. Decided to make sure it is of good quality and worthy of being awarded to those who deserve it.

Thought process behind 15 points. There are not very many NMDA shows; hopefully at least 3 shows to earn points. Katrina does not want people to get discouraged.

To clarify, an owner is not eligible for the Supreme until one achieves the Excellence. 15 points first, plus additional 20. Dena also clarified that the points earned had to be in 3 separate shows.

Thoughts regarding Performance, and points in particular. There was concern that 75 points may be too high due to limited shows.

Points go to the donkey, not the owner/shower. Thoughts are that 75 points is not too high for Performance. Add language about 3 separate shows.

Points can be earned by more than one ADA member if a donkey is sold. We voted on this and it passed.

For driving, we should change 100 points to 75 to be consistent.

Points don't count if the owner is not a member of the ADA or isn't current with dues.

Onto discussion of the "processing" or application fee that may apply. \$25? Yes, for Supreme, not Excellence. Then it was agreed to have "Processing fee may apply for all programs". Dennis said that TDA had a \$10 fee per donkey.

In the document it says "Excellence in Halter" when it should say "Supreme". These are mere typos to be corrected. Associate and Full members both can go for Excellence and Supreme.

Supreme/Performance: Should we lower Excellence to 75 and have Supreme at 150? Do we need a category for a donkey who does halter and performance?

Katrina will make the changes discussed, and a proposal for combined halter/performance will be submitted at a later date.

**Cleaview:**

It should entice exhibitors to go to Celebration and Clearview. Celebration is so expensive, and they will get more bang for the travel buck with two shows.

A preliminary estimate shows Clearview will cost \$4000, and ADA has \$1100 in the Treasury.

\$1400 for a good judge. \$400 per day for the arena is not unfair.

We need sponsors. We need to work on getting farms to sponsor. Estimated income from show \$3900.

It is estimated that Farms would rent 3-5 stalls, and would have 15-20 farms.

Motion placed and seconded to vote on doing Clearview. Motion carried.

What to name it? Music City NMDA Show.

We have a tentative reservation at Clearview. Clearview requires a \$250 deposit.

People would arrive Sunday evening, show Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday they would go to Celebration.

Katrina will go ahead and reserve Clearview. Dick suggested we get NMDA approval first. Sally said she thought Diane Calderon would approve. Debby said she will call Diane to make sure. Need approval before we advertise.

Let's see if we can get Tom Cochran to judge since he is not judging Celebration. Katrina will call and confirm reservation of Clearview Farm. Sally will send the \$250. Sally will contact Tom Cochran to see if he will judge.

Something else to ponder...Do Associate and Full membership applications have to get Board approval? Too cumbersome to approve every Associate member.

Dena: How about a band at Clearview?

Katrina will make changes to documents as discussed. Further discussion/approval will continue via email, with final approvals/voting to take place at next Board meeting conference call scheduled for Feb. 18. Call ended approximately 9:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Sue Ganser, Secretary