

June 4, 2023, USMMA Meeting Minutes

Call To Order: 6:02 PM, MDT.

Roll Call/Quorum: Lynn, Randy, Alessandra, Carolina, Tia, Cathy, Aline. We have a Quorum.

Dana is excused.

Irene's resignation was submitted and accepted earlier today.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

-March 19, 2023, Members would like more time to read them. Lynn revised the minutes that Tia corrected to eliminate the discussions included. These minutes, with change tracking, will be approved via email. Tia will send in the next few days.

-May 7, 2023, minutes will be corrected to note that we are still operating under the current bylaws. Moved by Cathy/seconded by Carolina. Passed.

Brazil Trip for USMMA Trainers: (Carolina) Cost is \$1000 per trainer and will be sponsored by the ABCCMM. The ABCCMM will also provide a translator. The Trainers attending this will have to provide their travel, food, cash for spending, and lodging. Five to seven Trainers are invited. Only USMMA Member Trainers are invited. (NB: The USMMA is the ONLY nucleo outside of Brazil that is recognized by the ABCCMM.) We need to have at least five Trainers apply by August 1, 2023, for this trip then we will move on to planning. Carolina and Tia will get this letter of invitation out by June 10, 2023.

Security at Events: For USMMA only events: We should make sure we have a safe/secure event. Joining other equine events, like larger shows, makes this point moot as security is the show's responsibility.

Bylaws: (Cathy) A copy of the proposed changes will be sent to the Board within the next week.

-Open positions will be filled, and Appointees will take their position immediately following the meeting. The elected officers will take their new positions on January 1 following their election.

-Executive Board, Regional Directors (3-7 RDs), Registrar, and Emeritus Director (immediate past President or VP). All of these should be voting members.

-Terms, length of succession, these need to be clarified.

-Randy, Lynn, Cathy, Tia, Tresa, and Bill will meet before the next meeting on the bylaws.

Upcoming Events: Saddle Horse Association show in Scottsdale in March 2024 may have Marchador classes. The ABCCMM has offered support of the USMMA financially for these types of shows. (Everything the USMMA does, we should share with the ABCCMM.)

-The Cavalgada Event in Montana has been canceled for 2023.

Lynn moved that we create a Code of Conduct and Privacy Policy and if we chose to go further, we need to have a Governance Body to address violations. Randy seconded. Discussion ensued and it was suggested that the Bylaws Committee take this up after the bylaws are finished.

The importance of keeping our members' contact information private was emphasized.

Next Meeting: July 9, 2023, 6:00 pm MDT.

Adjourn: 7:29 PM MDT