

NMDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DECEMBER 4, 2013

Board Members Present: Marybeth Perez-Soto, Susan Dezavelle, Barbara Burkhardt, Virginia Gredell, , Cindy Kavan-Winfield, John Collins. Board Members Absent: Donald Simpson, Harold Baskin, Mary Jastrzemski, Rena Haynes. Newly Elected Board Members: Cathy Soller, VP Elect, and Charlene Strickland, Secretary Elect

1. **Minutes** of November were reviewed and approved with a clarification about the prize money to support the L Program and correction to show that \$1,500 was approved for year end awards.
2. **Financial Report:** Rena was not present. Financial report will be given at the next meeting.
3. **Annual Election/New Board of Directors/2014 Board Meetings:**
 - a. The ballots were mailed out, responses received and have been tallied. A total of 141 ballots were mailed out and 44 were received back and 29 of those had membership renewals included. The result is are that the four candidates are voted into office for 2014: Cindy Kavan-Winfield, President, Cathy Soller, Vice President, Rena Haynes, Treasurer, and Charlene Strickland, Secretary.
 - b. Marybeth welcomed the new Board of Directors and handed off the responsibilities to the new Board. Cindy asked to finalize the schedule for the Board Meetings in 2014 and it was decided to have them on the first Tuesday of each month and continue with the Route 66 meeting room.
 - c. There was discussion about using email for the ballots in the future and only mailing to those who have no email. Marybeth checked the By-Laws which state at this time the ballots have to go out by mail. There was discussion about possibly updating the By-Laws and Cindy will take this into consideration. There may be other things that need to be updated in the By-Laws.
4. **Membership.**
 - a. Virginia reported there were 52 total new Members for 2014, Virginia already had 23 and an additional 29 received as a result of the ballot mailing. There was \$65 received for the Scholarship/Education Fund.
 - b. Nine memberships were already submitted to USDF to meet the deadline for the first submission. It was noted that Marybeth or Cindy need to go in and update the USDF web site with the new Officers.
 - c. Discussion about ways to encourage renewals such as including membership forms in any mailing that is done in the future.
 - d. There was discussion about updating the Yahoo group email. It was suggested that someone look into a new group email. Charlene will look into this and take the opportunity to clean up the email list.
5. **Recognized Shows.** No report.
6. **Awards Banquet:** Cindy reported that Dan's did not have any donations available, but they gave her discounts. She purchased boot bags for the Champions and black saddle pads for the Reserve Champions. Barbara will be ordering the ribbons. Charlene is also putting together a slide show of photos. Cindy has also purchased the prizes for the raffle

prizes. She will sending out the invitations by email and see what kind of response she gets before deciding whether to do a mailing or not.

7. **L Program.** The last session of Part 1 was a success with good attendance. Horses Unlimited provided a high quality facility and the participants and demo riders were pleased with the accommodations. NMDA appreciates the donation of the facility by Ann Sparks. Marybeth is lining up the participants for Part 2. All dates for the events have been set up and posted on the NMDA web site.
8. **Schooling Shows.** The group discussed a proposed schedule for the 2014 schooling show schedule. Discussion included ideas about having more shows in the north, possibly two at Luna Rosa. Also discussed not having one in July since the rated show is then and it is generally too hot. Cindy wants to have the Schooling Show Chair set up all judges and venues. The following dates and locations were proposed, subject to change and pending confirmation of availability of the various venues:

March 2	Cherry Tree, So Valley
March 30	Los Alamos
April 16	Bosque Farms
May 3	Watermelon Mt Pony Club (EXPO, Albuquerque)
May 18	Vista Sandia, Albuquerque
June 15	Luna Rosa, Lamy
August 10	Roy-El Espanola
August 24	Juan Thomas, Corrales
Sept 21	Luna Rosa
Oct 12	Bosque Farms
Nov 2	Cherry Tree

9. **Dressage for the Cure – Proposal.** Mary Jastrzemski was not available to give an update. Tabled for next Board Meeting.

10. New Business:

- a. **Year-End Awards for 2014 – Proposal.** Barbara proposed to simplify the year-end awards to not have a “Combined” category, instead have a “Rated Shows” category. Some discussion followed and it was decided to discuss in a future meeting.
- b. **Board Chair Positions:** Cindy plans to fill all the open positions and has some appointees in mind for Schooling Show, Publicity and Newsletter. The following positions may already be filled: Youth Programs: Cindy Ramsey, Membership: Virginia Gredell, Awards: Barbara Burkhardt, Education: Ann Sparks, Webmaster: Harold Baskin and Recognized Shows: Donald Simpson. This will be discussed in more detail at the next Board Meeting.
- c. **General Membership Meeting** Cindy discussed wanting to have a meeting in 2014. Members can give her ideas about when and where and agenda items. She will ask for feedback from Members at the banquet as well.

Meeting adjourned. At 8:20 pm. Next meeting: January 7, 2014
Respectfully submitted, Susan Dezavelle, Secretary