

NMDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JANUARY 8, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Marybeth Perez-Soto, President.

Board Members Present: Marybeth Perez-Soto, Randi Phillips, Rena Haynes, Susan Dezavelle, Virginia Gredell, Donald Simpson, Mary Jastrzemski, Barbara Burkhardt, John Collins. Board members absent: Harold Baskin.

1. **Minutes** of the December Meeting were not available to review. Approval is postponed to the February meeting.
2. **Financial Report.** Rena's report on the 2012 year end financials:
General Operating Fund Balance: \$16,789.69
Scholarship Fund Balance: \$ 1,213.75
Certificate of Deposit balance: \$ 5,322.73
Total Cash assets: \$23,326.17

For the year end 2012, MNDA has net income of \$2,173.95. This amount will be adjusted downward when 2012 awards/banquet expenses costed in 2012 are available. Scholarship fund donations for this year totaled \$578.75, \$390 from individual donations, \$137 from raffle proceeds, and \$51.75 from miscellaneous donors. Net income from schooling show totaled \$287.00. Damage deposits for BFRA of \$150.00 will be used towards 2013 schooling shows at BFRA and will not be refunded.

Gross income between December 12 and the end of the year consisted of \$1,530 in membership dues, \$65 in scholarship donations and \$.75 in interest in our checking account. Expenses for this time period included \$920.00. Additional expenses for 2012 awards and awards banquet occurring in 2012 will be costed as they are reported.

Rena clarified that the \$1,500 for event insurance also covers both the show managers and the volunteers at the event.

- a. 2013 Budget: Brief overview was given by Rena of the 2013 Estimated Budget which includes estimated total income of \$17,770 and estimated expenses of \$16,025, based on the number of estimated members at 100 and 8 proposed schooling shows for the year. Marybeth made a suggestion that the Board review all expenses monthly.

Motion by Susan and seconded by Randi to accept the Financial report. Motion carried.

3. **Banquet**

- a. Agenda – Susan distributed a copy of the Program and Agenda and award results. Beverly is going to give a presentation on the benefits from her scholarship.
- b. Awards – Randi reported she is working on finalizing the awards, including coat bags from Dan's and saddle pads from Donald. Question was raised about members who do not respond to the Awards Banquet invitation. It was clarified that the award goes to the horse owner. Randi noted that in previous years, some people never picked up their awards and they are still sitting in her garage. After discussion, direction was given to Randi that if a member does not RSVP to the banquet or arrange for another person to pick up their award, Randi will wait to embroider those until Randi hears from them. **Follow-up: Randi will report on the results of the awards distributions.**
- c. Survey – Marybeth handed out a proposed survey to hand out at the banquet. Some suggestions were given on changes. She will have them at the banquet and collect feedback from members. **Follow-up: Will review results of the survey.**
- d. Cost – There are about 44 RSVPs. The projector will cost \$80. The balance of the payment will be made to Tamaya at the banquet and the room/banquet fee is the same as last year. Raffle for donated

items will be \$5 per ticket to benefit the scholarship fund. Outstanding costs include embroidery costs for the awards. Some of the costs for the banquet and awards were incurred last year and reflected in the 2012 financial statement. Some Board Members questioned this and Rena clarified that this was correct financial accounting, along with the membership receivables that are for 2013, but paid in 2012. She clarified that this will happen every year and it all washes out in the end.

Follow-up: Total costs will be reviewed by the Board at the next meeting.

- e. General Discussion – Suggestion was made to have the banquet later next year – can we combine it with a General Membership meeting? Will discuss later in the year.

4. Schooling Shows – It was announced that Mary Jastrzemski will be the Schooling Show Chair

- a. Tentative Schedule- Marybeth handed out a tentative schedule for a total of 8 shows for 2013. Discussion followed about how to balance the locations between Albuquerque and the northern areas. In the current proposal, there are three shows proposed for the North – 1 in Espanola and 2 in Santa Fe.
Follow-up: Will need to finalize the schedule. Will consider feedback from the survey and discuss at the next meeting.

- b. Potential Managers – Marybeth has some managers already lined up, she will talk to others at the banquet. New managers are coming forward due to the show manager clinic last year.

- c. Prizes – discussion about the cost of prizes and ribbons. Some comments made that many do not really want the ribbons and could they be replaced with small prizes?

Follow-up: Mary J will do some research on this and report back with suggestions.

- d. Contracts – this was not specifically discussed. **Discuss at next meeting?**

- e. Judges –There was discussion about trying to get more different judges such as little “r” judges from other areas. Marybeth has proposed brining in an “S” Judge (see below).

- f. Clinic/show weekend proposal – Marybeth presented her proposal to have a show/clinic combination on one weekend with an “S” judge from California, Melonie Kessler, for a show on Saturday and the clinic on Sunday to be held at the Albuquerque State Fairgrounds in February. The proposed costs of the additional expense for the S Judge could be offset by the revenue from the show the previous day and the clinic fees for the Sunday event could also be kept a bit lower. The Board Members present approved the plan.

Follow-up: Based on the feedback from the event, it will be considered for another similar event later in the year.

- g. Show boxes/show trailer – the trailer and equipment will remain at Tonaya Farms.

- h. Opportunity classes –Donald gave a brief overview of the classes being offered at the recognized shows. It was clarified that this type of class would only occur in a recognized show. There was no specific follow up to this topic.

- i. Show Fees – By request of members in the General Membership meeting last year, there was discussion about having lower fees for Junior rides: 1) having a lower class fee for the youth members and/or 2) waiving the non-member fee. It was decided not offer a lower fee for the classes for Juniors however, the idea of having waiving the non-member fee once was suggested to encourage new members. To avoid creating too much work for the show managers, the proposal included that this waiver will be granted on an “honor system” by the potential members and not tracked by show managers. After discussion a motion was made to make the following new Show Rule:

Waiver non-Members Fees for Junior Riders For 2013 Only: To encourage potential members 18 of years of age and under NMDA will waive the non-member fee for one schooling show per Junior. If the Junior does not subsequently join NMDA, they will be charged the non-member fee at future

shows. The ride in this first show where the non-member fee is waived will not be counted towards Year End Awards. Marybeth made the motion, second by Barbara, 6 yes and 1 abstained. Motion passed.

Follow-up: New rule to be added by Susan to the Standing Rules, Show Rules section.

Motion made and seconded to approve the Schooling Show report. Motion passed.

5. **Recognized Show Update.** Donald stated there are no updates on rated shows – schedule is posted on his web site and is pretty much the same as last year.
6. **Membership.** Virginia reported a total of 85 renewals for 2013 have been received.

Follow-up: Susan to send Harold the list of new members to post the 2013 on the web site.

Motion made and seconded to approve the Membership report. Motion carried.

7. **New Business.**

- a. Repeat Show Manager/Scribe Clinic – Discussion was held about having another show managers training this year. It was decided to wait until next year, in the meantime, encourage the newly trained managers to co-manage with other more experienced managers.
- b. Proposed Awards Rules Changes – There was discussion about making changes to the annual awards rules. Concerns were raised about members who either obtain awards in both the schooling show and the combined categories and that some who only get combined awards attend only the rated shows. A suggestion was made to require all members to ride in at least one NMDA schooling show to be eligible for NMDA awards. Decision was postponed to the next meeting as Board Members felt they were not familiar enough with the current rules.

Follow-up: Susan will send out the current rules for everyone to review for discussion in the next meeting.

- c. Junior Show at Cherry Tree – John announced that in conjunction with St Jude's, he is having an event in May at Cherry Tree for Juniors where there will be a \$15 for an all day "Fun Show".
- d. State Fair Proposal – John reported that the State Fair said we could have a tent with a table at the Fair to promote dressage. He said we could also have a freestyle dressage demo.

Follow-up: John will investigate the costs and more information about this.

The next Board meeting will be February 12 at the 66 Diner
The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Dezavelle, Secretary