

NMDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JULY 9, 2013

Board Members Present Marybeth Perez-Soto, Susan Dezavelle, Barbara Burkhardt, Rena Haynes, John Collins. Board Members Absent, Virginia Gredell, Mary Jastrzemski, Donald Simpson, Harold Baskin, Cindy Kavan-Winfield

Minutes of June 11 were not available for review and will be brought to the August Meeting for review and approval.

1. **Financial Report.** Rena gave the Financial report: Year to Date Income is \$12,092.10 and Expenses were \$11,820.92 with a Net Income of \$271.18. The balance of the Scholarship/Education Fund is now \$1603.75. Total cash assets are \$23,001.06. Rena stated that the CD account is on a cycle and asked if we needed to cash it anytime before January 2014. It was agreed to leave it for now, we may need it for the L Program at some point, but the Board Members present felt it was not necessary to cash it at this time. We have not been able to re-schedule the Bosque chow yet and we may lose the deposit. Financial report approved by Board Members present.
2. **Membership.** Virginia not present. Noted there are four new Members.
3. **Schooling Shows.** Susan reported that she is getting volunteers lined up for the Luna Rosa show and already has one entry. Barbara reminded show managers to check entries carefully for Western Dressage classes and get the right tests for the judge. Marybeth will contact Bosque Farms and ask if we can carry the deposit over to another date, maybe even next year.
4. **Recognized Shows.** Donald was absent so there was no recognized show report.
5. **Old Business.**
 - a. **Scholarship/Education:**
 - i. There was discussion about different ways that volunteer vouchers could be used. Volunteers can redeem vouchers until November of 2014 for education events. Concerns were expressed by some Board Members that the volume of vouchers exceeds funds available. There are an average of 35 vouchers “earned” per schooling show and there may be up to 245 total this year. That totals \$2,450 and the Scholarship/educational fund will only have about \$500 left in it after the two scholarships are paid out. One Board Member stated that she did not think many vouchers will be redeemed. There was a proposal to allow vouchers to be used for the L Program with \$20 credit towards auditing and \$100 if they participate in the program. The proposal was approved by all Board Members present. Notice about this opportunity will be posted on the web site. Vouchers are to be submitted with the entry form.
 - ii. Two candidates have been reviewed, one adult amateur and one junior. The Scholarship Committee recommends awarding them both. John will tell the candidates they are approved once they complete their volunteer hours. They will be invited to the September Board Meeting and the Board will present the awards to them.
 - b. **Youth Show:** This event has been postponed indefinitely.

- c. **State Fair Demo:** John received information about the proposed event. The State Fair is supportive of having the dressage demonstration event on September 11. They only charge \$7 admission and there is no charge for stalls. There are four potential demo rides set up. John will continue to work on setting up this event.
- d. **L Program:** The L Program is approved. Marybeth is proceeding with planning the events. She will be sending a letter to NMDA Members to encourage participation in the program. Horses Unlimited has offered their facility at no charge. Marybeth needs a classroom and is looking at options, they may cost \$200 or more. There will be information about the L Program on the web site and entry forms.

6. **New Business.**

- a. **Nominating Committee:** There needs to be a Committee formed to handle nominations for next year's Board. Marybeth is asking for volunteers. Will be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned. At 7:45 pm. Next meeting: August 13, 2013. Respectfully submitted,
Susan Dezavelle, Secretary