

NMDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MARCH 12, 2013

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

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

**Minutes** of the February 2013 were reviewed and approved with one correction regarding Business Membership for Barn Dogs. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried

**Financial Report.** Rena's report on the February 2013 financials:

General Operating Fund Balance:	\$14,313.56
Scholarship Fund Balance:	\$ 1,523.75
Certificate of Deposit balance:	\$ 5,330.76
Total Cash assets:	\$21,168.07

Net income YTD is \$1,561.81. Net income from schooling show totaled -\$2,386.46 due to expenses for event insurance and year end awards. The February clinic/show basically broke even, the show was +\$16.54 and the clinic was -\$5.67. Spent \$625 for new test booklets.

Rena provided a list of all transactions for the period 2/10/13 – 3/9/13. The Bosque Farms deposit was paid, new ribbons purchased. The Board reviewed these transactions. There were no questions or issues raised.

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

**1. Schooling Shows**

- a. "How to Show" draft reviewed. It was clarified this is for "pointers" and not actual rules. Marybeth will add section about appropriate lunging. This will be posted on the web site.
- b. Susan clarified that Luna Rosa normally requests that we normally pay for Luna Rosa's banner at the recognized shows. Donald said that costs \$300. The Board approved this in exchange for the facility fee for the show at Luna Rosa. Susan will contact Louanne Sargent.

- 2. Recognized Show Update.** Donald explained that there will be new championship rules posted soon to his web site and an email will go out to notify everyone of the posting. He noted that the fairgrounds had made efforts to improve the footing at the venue, adding organic material and sifted out the rocks. Several present noted that the footing was improved.

**3. Membership.**

- a. Virginia reported 4 new members, total is now 124.
- b. Draft of a Welcome Letter was reviewed. Some changes were suggested. Marybeth will make updates and re-distribute.

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

- 4. Junior Event at Cherry Tree** – John reported this is tentatively scheduled for August.

- 5. State Fair Dressage Demo** – John has been in contact with the fair event staff regarding the proposed event to demo dressage during the State Fair. They are considering having it in conjunction with "Heros for Horses" Sept 11<sup>th</sup>. Still a question of cost to NMDA. Discussion about this followed and the suggestion was made to allow for \$200 – 300 for the event to cover the cost of stalls and parking for the

demo riders. Motion made and seconded to approve the expenditure. Motion carried All Board Members present approved this proposal. John will continue to discuss with Fair officials and report back.

**New Business.**

1. Scholarship Fund “redesign” proposal – There was discussion about changing the Scholarship Fund to be an Educational fund so that it could benefit more people. For example, it could be used to have events at no cost or reduced cost for members. Barbara will work on a proposal for the next meeting.
2. Youth Camp – Rusty described a Youth Camp that is done in Colorado by RMDA every summer. It is for young riders 10 + years and they pay about \$375, bring their horse and their own camper and stay for a few days. She suggested that NMDA consider something like this, maybe a one day event. Some discussion followed, but no decision was made. Some concerns were raised about liability. Will continue discussion in future meetings.
3. Equine Summit is March 23<sup>rd</sup> in Las Cruces. Board Members were informed and encouraged to attend. Focus this year is on Equine Welfare.
4. Petition being considered to outlaw horse processing plants in New Mexico. If anyone is interested in this, they are encouraged to contact their legislator.

The next Board meeting will be April 9th at the 66 Diner  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Dezavelle, Secretary