

NMDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OCTOBER 9, 2013

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

1. **Minutes** of August and September were reviewed and approved with minor corrections.
2. **Financial Report:** Rena reported the year to date Income is \$32,774.95 which remains high due to L Program receipts. Expenses were \$17,938.67 which now includes some but not all of the L Program expenses. Net Income is \$14,836.28. The balance of the Scholarship/Education Fund is \$578.75. Bosque Farms show receipts are included. The Sandia Vista show was cancelled and there were expenses for of \$77.65. Total cash assets are \$36,506.16. Schooling show profits are \$1,527.98. Rena estimates we will have about \$2,000 from this to pay for the Year End Awards. She notes that the Awards and banquet cost about \$1,100 last year. Transactions for the period 9/9/13 – 10/7/13 were reviewed, no concerns or questions. Financial report approved by Board Members present.
3. **Membership.** Virginia reported one new Member, but this will be held over for next year. It was noted that we are not sending a delegate to the USDF convention this year.
4. **Schooling Shows.** Winnie reported that the Sandia Vista show was cancelled due to rain. It would have been about 50 rides. The November show is set to go forward with Cathy Soller as the judge, D.J Collins is the show manager. It was suggested that we could ask L Program participants to “shadow judge” if Cathy is Ok with that.
5. **Education Fund.** As noted above, the balance of the fund is \$578.75. There were \$60 of vouchers cashed in for the L Program and a donation of \$25 from Louanne Sargent.
6. **Recognized Shows.** Donald was absent so there was no recognized show report. Next show is October 18 and 19th.
7. **Youth:** No update at this time
8. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Awards:** There are three more shows to calculate final results. Discussion about purchase of awards. There are a few black saddle pads and a helmet cover left over from before. It was noted that these can be embroidered. Cindy will talk to Melonie at Dan’s to discuss what she can donate or sell at a discount. We may purchase gift certificates. Will decide how much to spend when we know how many people will be receiving awards. Cindy to check with Tanowan re: Jan 25th for a possible date. May have a raffle for a bridle from Dans. Discussed emailing the invitations.
 - b. **Nominating Committee:** Winne Fitch and John Collins reported that they have Kathy Mueller to assist them. There was discussion about the possibility of emailing the ballots to save costs. It was pointed out that distribution by US mail was required be the By Laws. It was also noted that last year, because we included the next year’s Membership form, we got a lot of renewals early in the

year. It was decided, that although this is costly, the Nominating Committee should do the same this year. Susan will send John the current Membership Form and will provide the labels for the mailing.

9. New Business.

- a. L Program First Session:** Marybeth reported the first session was a success. There were 13 auditors and 23 participants. The classroom venue was good and Ann Sparks donated the facility for the demo rides. Donald provided the set up for the arena and the sound system. There was on one cancellation. All paperwork was sent by email which reduced costs of copying packets. Total cost for this session was about \$4,000.

- b. L Program Session 2.** The Board reviewed the proposed budget for the second half of the program. Projected expenses are about \$9,750 total. For 10 participants, that would be \$975 per person to break even. Marybeth reported that USDF recommends a fee of \$1,300 - \$1,400 per participant. The USDF sample budget and ours was compared and they were similar except for a few minor differences. It was noted that it is possible to have additional costs that are not expected. Susan proposed a fee of \$1,200 per participant. Rena seconded the motion and all Board Members present voted to approve. There was discussion about how to select the final 10 candidates for Session 2. Marybeth reported the following priority for selection was recommended to her by USDF:
 - i. Local GMO Member
 - ii. First come, first serve
 - iii. Participants who want to go on to the little “r” program
 - iv. Participants who have already attended a judge training program
 - v. Participants who have attended other USDF educational programs

The Board Members present agreed with this approach. Since 10 of the participants are local GMO Members, these 10 will be first offered a place in the last Session. Out of state candidates will be on a waiting list.

Meeting adjourned. At 8:00 pm. Next meeting: November 11, 2013.
Respectfully submitted, Susan Dezavelle, Secretary