

NMDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FEBRUARY 12, 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, , Mary Jastrzemski, Barbara Burkhardt, John Collins. Board members absent: Donald Simpson, Harold Baskin.
Guest: Cindy Kavan-Winfield

1. **Minutes** of the December 2012 meeting taken by Rusty Cook were reviewed and approved. The January 2013 Meeting were reviewed and approved with some changes to the section on the Financial Report, clarification on the year end awards, discussion about next year's banquet and wording to the new Standing Rule on the Waiver of non-Member Fees for Juniors for 2013. Clarification was made that that this Waiver will be for 2013 only and evaluated by the Board to continue or not.
2. **Financial Report.** Rena's report on the January 2013 financials:

General Operating Fund Balance:	\$14,138.64
Scholarship Fund Balance:	\$ 1,513.75
Certificate of Deposit balance:	\$ 5,330.76
Total Cash assets:	\$20,983.15

For YTD 2013, MMDA has net income of -\$1,746.73. The negative amount is primarily due to the expenses for the Awards Banquet. Scholarship fund donations from the banquet total \$250 due to the raffle and there was an additional \$50 donated for a total of \$300.. Net income from schooling show totaled -\$2,385.75 due to expenses for event insurance and year end awards.

Gross income was \$4,933.79 and includes \$980.00 in membership dues, \$1,510.00 in Schooling Show receipts, \$2,235.00 in Clinic receipts, \$900.00 in Awards Banquet receipts, \$300.00 in scholarship donations and \$.75 in interest in our checking account and \$8.03 in interest for the CD account.. Expenses for this time period are \$6,680.52 and includes \$560.00 paid to USDF for dues, \$2,947.79 for Schooling Show expenses, \$1,430 for Clinic expenses, \$1,652.96 for the Awards Banquet.

Rena provided a list of all transactions for the period Jan 1 – Feb 12, 2013. The Board reviewed these transactions. There were no questions or issues raised.

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

3. Banquet

Randi reported there were 48 that paid to attend. The total cost was \$2,21,.45 and members paid a total of \$900. . There was a lot of positive feedback from the attendees. There was not negative feedback about the increase in the fee. NMDA basically subsidized the event with about \$700 and Dan's donated the coat bags, Donald Simpson donated the saddle pads. The embroidery costs were minimal. There was discussion again about having the event a bit later next year to avoid conflicts with other events.

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

- a. The Show/Clinic last weekend had 42 entries in the show and 7 rides for the clinic. Only one rider scratched due to the weather. There were only a handful of auditors for the clinic. Positive feedback was obtained from the attendees on the judge/clinician, Melonie Kessler. **Will consider another event later this year with Ms. Kessler.**
- b. New "Rider Tests" will be included in future Schooling Shows.
- c. Prizes – Mary is working on getting prizes from a local vendor. "Barn Dogs" donated to NMDA some cute stuffed animals
- d. Bosque show - Cindy is taking entries and Barbara and Mary are helping.
- e. Western Dressage –There was discussion about Western Dressage and the use of curb bits by the Western Dressage groups. It was clarified that a snaffle is required at this time, that NMDA uses the Western

Dressage Tests and that there are no Year-end awards. Some Members may not realize that NMDA offers these classes – there can be more advertising about it to inform Members.

- f. Proposed changes to Year End Awards – Discussion about whether or not the Combined” category should include one NMDA Schooling Show event. Proposal made by Marybeth to leave the awards as they are, Susan seconded, 4 voted Yes and 3 voted No. The Awards will stay as is for now.

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

5. **Recognized Show Update.** Donald was not present. Marybeth noted that the March judges are posted, there are changes to the Championship rules.

6. Membership.

- a. Business memberships – Virginia reported that we have agreed to give Barn Dogs now a Business Membership in exchange for their prize donations. There are a total of seven Business Members on the web site.
- b. There are a total of 120 Members as of today, there is a growing number of Juniors. Some scholarship donations are received from the Membership forms.
- c. Annual Dues – there was some discussion about the possibility of raising the annual dues for 2014. It was noted that Arizona charges \$45 and RMDS in Colorado charges \$65 – **to be discussed at future meetings.**
- d. Welcome Letter – it was suggested that a letter be sent to all new Members welcoming them and giving them more information about the club. Marybeth and Susan will draft.

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

7. **State Fair Dressage Demo** – John is still looking into this. More information is needed about possible fees and if we can include a free-style. John is waiting to hear back from the State Fair organizers.

New Business.

1. USDF Convention – there was discussion about whether or not NMDA should pay for a Member to attend. No decision was made at this time – **will be discussed at future meetings.**
2. Mentoring Requests – it was noted that some new Members may not know how to show and could use help from a Mentor. Marybeth will ask for volunteers that would be willing to have their names posted on the web site as mentors to help new Members.
3. Open Position Vice President – Randi Phillips is leaving New Mexico to relocate in Florida. The Board commended her for her service to the club and for all her work organizing the Awards Banquets.
 - a. Appointment of Vice President - Cindy Kavan-Winfield has offered to take on the position for Vice President. In accordance with the NMDA By-Laws Marybeth proposed the appointment and a vote was taken by the Board and approved unanimously to accept Cindy as the Vice President.

The next Board meeting will be March 12 at the 66 Diner
The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Dezavelle, Secretary