

NMDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MAY 14, 2013

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

**Minutes** of April 9, 2013 were reviewed and one correction noted. Para. # 5: should read: "The name of the Scholarship is changed to: "Scholarship/Education Fund". And "The deadline for Scholarship Applications is July 1, 2013." Minutes approved as corrected by all present.

1. **Financial Report.** Rena gave the Financial report: Year to Date Income was \$9,700.72 and Expenses were \$10,590.82. In the spring we have expenses of the Banquet, insurance, test books, etc. Balance in the Scholarship fund is \$1573.75 and total cash assets are \$21,839.78.
2. **Membership.** Virginia was absent so there was no member report.
3. **Schooling Shows.** The Bosque Farms show had almost 60 rides and a profit of \$1219.00. Some new members sent their membership and entry to Virginia. They were straightened out at the last minute. There were several new riders and wide fluctuation in scores. Watermelon Mountain Pony Club Horse Trials has asked how to expand the Dressage portion of their event. Suggestions were to advertise better; and/or expand the Open Dressage; and /or NMDA might possibly co-manage the Dressage portion.
4. **Recognized Shows.** Donald was absent so there was no recognized show report.
5. **Old Business.**
  - a. **Scholarship/Education:** The proposal to adopt the new Scholarship/Education "Voucher" system was discussed. This would be vouchers issued to members for hours volunteered: a \$10 voucher for each full hour volunteered at NMDA schooling shows and other events. The vouchers could be "cashed in" at designated NMDA Educational events. The vouchers can be exchanged between members. This rewards volunteers and also defrays the cost of riding/auditing in clinics. The fund still depends on the generous donations of members and others. The new vouchers for Education Fund passed with four approved and one abstained. Barbara will track/manage the vouchers this year. She will need a list of the volunteers from each schooling show.
  - b. **Youth Show.** John is planning an All Youth show in August. We need help from trainers, 4-H and Pony Club to encourage youth entries. The scores will not count toward NMDA Year End Awards. It is meant to be a fun show.
  - c. **State Fair Demo.** John said he still does not have confirmation from State Fair. This is to be a demonstration of dressage with demo riders. Anyone wanting to be a part of the demo activities please contact John Collins at [skipanddct@aol.com](mailto:skipanddct@aol.com) or 980-8329
6. **New Business.** Western Dressage: Barbara presented a proposal to require Western tacked horses to ride the Western Dressage Association of America (WDAA) tests and be judged by the WDAA rules. Proposal passed. It will be posted on the web.
7. **Meeting adjourned.** At 7:50 pm. Next meeting: June 11, 2013. Respectfully submitted, Barbara Burkhardt