NMDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

<u>Board Members Present</u> Marybeth Perez-Soto, Susan Dezavelle, Barbara Burkhardt, John Collins, Virginia Gredell Cindy Kavan-Winfield, Rena Haynes, Winnie Fitch. <u>Board Members Absent</u>, Mary Jastrzemski, Donald Simpson, Harold Baskin. Guests: Emily Fitzgerald and family, Teresa Heine and family.

Scholarship Awards: Scholarships were presented to the two award winners, Emily Fitzgerald and Teresa Heine. Each received a check for \$500 to be used to further their dressage education and training. If they use the funding prior to the January Awards Banquet, they will present to the Awards Ceremony participants on how they used their funding and what they learned.

Minutes of August were not available, Susan will have them for the September meeting.

- 1. **Financial Report:** Rena reported the year to Date Income is \$29,918.62 up significantly due to L Program receipts and Expenses were \$14,224.47 which does not include all the L Program expenses with a Net Income of \$15,694.15. The balance of the Scholarship/Education Fund is reported as \$1608.75, but is actually \$608.75 due to the two \$500 awards being given out today. Bosque Farms show receipts are not included. Total cash assets are \$38.424.03. Financial report approved by Board Members present.
- 2. **Membership.** Virginia reported a total of 164 Members.
- 3. **Schooling Shows.** Cindy reported that Bosque Farms had receipts of \$990 and a net income of about \$554. Sandia Vista has about 39 rides already received, expect about 45. Other venues were discussed, such as the Coors Blvd arena. No decision made about new venues, but there is interest by some Board Members to seek out new locations.
- 4. **Recognized Shows.** Donald was absent so there was no recognized show report.
- 5. Old Business.
 - a. Scholarship/Education:

There is about \$608 remaining in the Fund. A total of 4 vouchers have been turned in for the L Program.

b. State Fair: John plans to have information about NMDA at the Horse Council tent that he is going to be attending. He asked for volunteers to assist him.

c. L Program:

- i. Marybeth confirmed 23 participants for the first three sessions. Demo rides are mostly set up, still need some to complete the schedule.
- ii. Discussion about the Part 2 budget and fees to charge. \$975 covers the cost. There could be additional expenses and it was suggested to charge \$1,200. It was noted that any profit from this will be considered for use for other Educational events. There was discussion about how to select the 10 participants for the Part 2. Ideas included a random drawing or first come first serve. No specific decision was made.
- iii. Marybeth reports that all participants have signed a "Code of Conduct" agreement. There was discussion about refunds and it was decided to

consider each on a case by case basis. Examples of reasons to allow a refund include family emergencies and personal health crises.

d. Nominating Committee: Winne Fitch, and John Collins are planning to head up the Committee and need one more volunteer. They will approach two other NMDA Members to ask them to assist.

6. New Business.

- **a.** Youth Outreach: John reported that we are gaining on youth Members. There are plans for an event in December geared to Youth riders.
- **b. Awards Banquet:** Cindy and Susan will arrange for the Banquet and Barbara will assist with the awards. Will try to get a data in January that does not conflict with other clubs.

Meeting adjourned. At 8:00 pm. Next meeting: October 7, 2013. Respectfully submitted, Susan Dezavelle, Secretary