



Minutes - NSDS Board Meeting January 12, 2022 at 6:00 pm

(Jan 13'22: Corrected to indicate Natalie present)

Present:

Scott Blakeney, Elizabeth Braid, Natalie Gehrken, Louise Haycocks, Peter Jackson, Shelley Rector, Kirsteen Thomson, Don Wescott (Don left early).

Regrets:

Gillian Allan, Cookie Fraser, Gary Harris, Brian Irving.

1. Call to Order

Meeting began at 6:04 pm

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Louise/Scott: To approve the agenda. CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes of last Board Meeting (Nov 7'21 – post AGM)

Motion: Don/Peter: To approve minutes of previous Board Meeting (Nov 7'21). CARRIED

4. Financial Report

Bank Balance: \$4193.60

5. Membership Renewal

- Renew.... Please – There are a few problems with tracking membership and encouraging renewals. Kirsteen and Natalie will investigate “fixes”.
- Elizabeth mentioned the ease of paying other equestrian club memberships via NSEF, but there was concern from Don about NSEF's ability.

6. Spring Beginner Clinic(s)

New driver clinic (similar to NSDS October'21 event in Annapolis Valley):

- Organizers: Louise, Kirsteen, Natalie
- Timing: Ideally Easter Weekend (Friday April 15th – Good Friday) would be a good time....
- Location: Deverness Stables (Don Wescott)
- Volunteers: Don, Louise, Gillian, Shelley, Pierre can they volunteer – Brian Irving would also be included).
- Price to follow, also we may offer stipend to volunteers for gas.

New driver with equine: May or June, maybe at Gillian's WREC. TBC (Kirsteen)



Nova Scotia Driving Society

7. Advanced Driver Clinic

- Not considering Robin Groves.
- Sue Mott may be of interest – Brian Irving is to be checking.
- Two-day clinic.
- We need to find another indoor arena space.

8. Summer Show

- Louise & Natalie will organize the show.... But will need to find secretary for days of show.
- July 9 & 10 Day of Show.
- Need a venue & judge.
- Elizabeth will investigate the Exhibition Grounds Arena.
- Natalie will contact Salmon River CNHP Grounds.

9. NSEF Report

- Discussed Scotia Series, promoted the Driving Trials along with Pleasure Driving.
- Driven Dressage is very possible with Scotia Series for 2022 but others would be later.
- NSEF would like to get list of other driving clubs.
- NSDS may move NSDS high points awards to NSEF but need to bring to the board.

10. Grants

(Jan 13'22 note re Gillian added) In late 2021 Louise (with advice from Gillian & WRCC) applied for a grant for equipment pivoting around beginning driving clinic.... via Sport Nova Scotia (via Wallace River Carriage Club).

11. Next Meeting

Second Wednesday in February at 7PM will be next meeting (February 9th) via ZOOM.

12. Other Business

None

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm