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NOVA SCOTIA EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION



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NEWSLETTER AND ANNUAL REPORT





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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summer is quickly turning into fall and my first year as NSEF President is drawing to a close. It has certainly been a learning curve with so much going on provincially and nationally with new and exciting coach and entry-level riding programs. We have developed a new Strategic Vision that will guide our governance and operations over the coming months and years. We have re-aligned staff positions to include a full-time membership/communications coordinator. Our finance committee is diligent in assuring sound fiscal practices and accountability to the membership.



It's exciting that we will be hosting the 13th Annual NSEF Trail Ride on October 26th at Dollar Lake Provincial Park. This is a great opportunity to gather in a participatory setting and possibly even camping overnight.

I would like to thank our Board of Directors and staff (Heather, Sheila and Meredith) for their support, they are so critical to the running of our organization. May you all enjoy the cool fall weather with your equine friend.

## FROM THE ED'S DESK

As we settle in to the final few months of 2019, I can't help but to reflect on this year as one of more growth and exceptional programs and services offered to you, our valued member. I am pleased to introduce our most recent addition to the NSEF team, Meredith Murray, who will act as your Membership/Communications Coordinator. Meredith works Monday to Friday and is available to answer your membership and program inquiries. Speaking of membership – we have reached a new record and have exceeded previous years' membership numbers!



We have been working diligently with Equestrian Canada and our provincial partners to develop a new coach license program that will see coaches of all levels be provided with the best possible professional development, safe sport and learning tools. The first stage of implementation will begin in early 2020.

As you read through this newsletter and our Annual Report, please take note of the programs and services we offer and the efforts put forth by our hard working staff and committees, led by our volunteer directors and chairs. Using our strategic vision as a guide, we have been able to improve our governance, align our athlete development programs and improve our competition structure. We have taken a keen step forward in education and equine health and welfare! Take advantage of the initiatives we offer in your area!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff, Sheila, Meredith and summer student Quinn, for the amazing contribution they make to the NSEF. We all take great pride in what we do and we always strive to provide the best quality programs and services to you, our member. Our NSEF Board, especially President Val McDermott, deserves special recognition as well for its direction and support throughout the year.

Have a great fall and I look forward to serving you in 2020.

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# BITS AND BITES



## Membership has its Benefits

Although NSEF provides members with an exceptional insurance package, there are so many more benefits for which you can take advantage throughout the calendar year. For example, we offer a multitude of funding and fundraising initiatives for members and clubs; educational seminars and on-line access to educational resources and courses (at a member-reduced rate); magazine discounts; EC registered participant status; optional insurance coverage for both you and your horse; and many more.

Visit our membership page at  
[www.horsenovascotia.ca/Membership-Types](http://www.horsenovascotia.ca/Membership-Types)

## Trail Ride/Drive Set for October



The NSEF invites you to join us on October 26th, 2019 for the 13th Annual NSEF Trail Ride and Drive. For the first time ever, there will be an overnight camping option offered at this event. Campsites will be available to members who register on or before October 14th.

Many thanks to the volunteers and sponsors who donated food, prizes, and vests. Without your generous contributions, we would not be able to make this happen! For more information about this event, visit our website or give us a call at 902-425-5450ext 342.

**Mark your calendars for the NSEF Trail Ride & Drive You won't want to miss it!**

**Saturday, October 26th  
Dollar Lake Provincial Park**

5265 Old Guysborough Rd,  
Wyses Corner, NS B0N 1Y0

Registration Deadline is just around the corner!

## Fraser Honoured as Coach

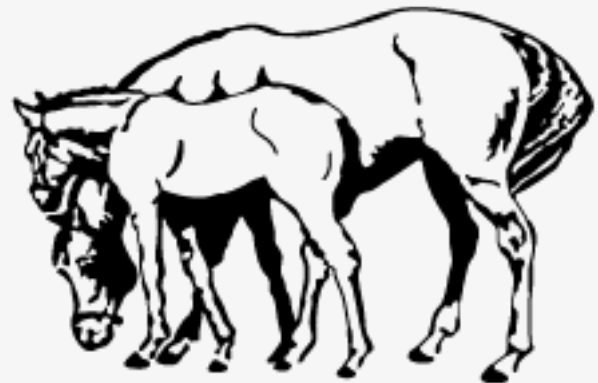


This past summer, NSEF member Susan Fraser was awarded Competitive Coach of the Year 2018 by Equestrian Canada. A well-deserved recipient of this prestigious national award, Susan has been involved with the sport for decades, and has made immense contributions to the equestrian community. Congratulations on this amazing recognition, Susan!

Photo courtesy of Susan Fraser.

## Something for Everyone

One unique feature of equestrian sport is that everyone of all ages can enjoy many of our programs including Learn to Ride/Drive, Long Term Equestrian Development (LTED) Bursary Program, and the Ride & Drive Rewards Program. Although P'tit Trot and our newest introductory program Rookie Riders, are geared toward the younger horse lover, we welcome anyone to give it a try! If you have any questions regarding these or any of our other programs, please contact Meredith at the NSEF office.



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Check out the many educational resources and online courses offered through our partnership with Equine Guelph. NSEF members receive a 15% discount all online short courses registered via the Horse Portal is located on our website at <https://thehorseportal.ca/partner/nsef/>

### Upcoming Short Courses include:

- Sickness Prevention in Horses (October 21-November 1)
- 2. Gut Health & Colic Prevention (November 11-29)
- 3. Horse Behaviour & Safety (November 25-December 6)

On-line registration is required



# AWARDS NOMINATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

NSEF members are encouraged to nominate deserving individuals/organizations for the following awards:

## NSEF Volunteer Award

The NSEF Volunteer of the Year award recognizes an outstanding volunteer who has made a special and significant contribution to equestrian sport. Volunteer services may include years of participation, administration, contribution, innovation, or the advancement of equestrian. This Individual has also worked tirelessly for the improvement of the Federation and who has had a notable impact on the sport.

## NSEF Service Award

The NSEF Service Award recognizes an individual for a minimum of 10 years of service to the equestrian sport of NS. This individual gives tirelessly and has made a significant difference to the equestrian community.

## NSEF Coach Award

The NSEF Coach of the Year Award recognizes an outstanding coach who has contributed to equestrian sport as a coach throughout the year and whose accomplishments are considered exceptional.

## NSEF Official Award

The NSEF Official of the Year Award recognizes an outstanding official who has contributed to equestrian sport as an official throughout the year and whose accomplishments are considered exceptional.

## NSEF Sponsor Award

The NSEF Sponsor of the Year Award recognizes an outstanding company who has given generously to the sport of equestrian through monetary or product sponsorship. The company can sponsor local, regional or national events throughout the calendar year.

## NSEF Youth Sportsmanship Award

The NSEF Youth Sportsmanship Award recognizes a Junior Scotia Series competitor who exemplifies good sportsmanship at a Scotia Series competition. Sportsmanship involves the exemplary conduct of the youth while competing and interacting with other competitors and officials, working in the stabling areas and associating with the general public.

*ALL NOMINATIONS SHOULD INCLUDE A COMPLETE LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS THAT WOULD MAKE YOUR NOMINEE WORTHY OF THE AWARD.*

Award recipients will be recognized at the NSEF Awards Reception to be held on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at DoubleTree by Hilton, Dartmouth, NS. RSVP: nsefservices@sportnovascotia.ca or 902-425-5450, ext. 342.

## 2019 NSEF AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street and Number* \_\_\_\_\_ *Postal Code:* \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's NSEF Number: \_\_\_\_\_ *Town/City*

Nominated for the Following Award:

10 Year Service Award       Coach of the Year Award       Youth Sportsmanship Award  
 Volunteer of the Year Award       Official of the Year Award       Sponsor of the Year Award

Additional Information (may attach another page if necessary)

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Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Nominator*      *Nominator's Name (Printed)*

Deadline: Friday, October 11th, 2019 to Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation - 5516 Spring Garden Road, 4th Floor, Halifax, NS, B3J 1G6. Fax: 902-425-5606. Email: nsefprograms@sportnovascotia.ca

# ATHLETE HIGHLIGHTS



Jocelyn Rhyno  
photo credit Shawn McMillen Photography

Athletes Jocelyn Rhyno and Rhyan Rusaw travelled across the border this summer with their pony mounts to the Kentucky Summer Classic. Both athletes qualified for and competed in the USEF Pony Finals. Rhyan competed with large pony Ironman while Jocelyn competed on medium pony Bold Dream. Jocelyn participated in all three aspects of the Pony Championship at the event: USHJA Pony Hunter Derby East Coast Championships, USEF Pony Finals and USEF Pony Medal Finals. Jocelyn qualified as one of only 20 finalists for the USEF Pony Medal Finals and through the two final rounds was the highest placed Canadian with her 4th place finish overall! Congratulations to both athletes and their coaches on their amazing accomplishments!



Ariel Boesener

For a second consecutive year, Ariel Boesener of Canning qualified for the FEI North American Youth Championships (NAYC). She travelled to North Salem, NY this summer to compete as a part of the Junior Quebec/Nova Scotia Team. The Team placed 5th and was less than 5 points off the podium. Ariel, riding Winniepuuh, was one of 18 athletes and only 3 Canadians to qualify for the Junior Freestyle Dressage at the Championships. With her first FEI score over 70%, Ariel rode a personal best freestyle score of 70.375% to earn her 5th place and top Canadian in that event. Congratulations Ariel!



Abby Moir

Within Canada, at the 1.2m Jumper height, three Nova Scotians qualified for the JC Anderson Legacy Medal National Finals. This program founded in 2018 and generously supported by J.C. Anderson and the Anderson Family Foundation, was updated this year to allow athletes to compete in the finals without travelling to Calgary. The National Finals are held in two locations (East and West) and videoed for a panel of judges to judge. The top ten athletes at the National Finals receive Athlete Development Bursaries. Caroline Fernandez, Laura de Berdt Romilly, and Brooke Rossignol participated in East location of Quebec in early September. At the time of print the National Finals were not complete. Congratulations Caroline and Brooke on qualifying for the National Finals!



Rhyan Rusaw

Several Nova Scotian Reining Athletes qualified for the NRHA Affiliate Eastern Canada Regional Championships this year. Congratulations are extended to qualifiers Abigail Moir, Christy Gillis, Jayme Baker, Kasia Farrell, Matthew McArthur, Nicola Lewis, Tessa Xidos, Tina Legay, and Travis Smith. Abigail, Matthew, and fellow Nova Scotian Jordan Mader competed and placed in multiple classes at the event held in Quebec this summer. Congratulations Reiners!

Closer to home, the Maritime Eventing Championships will be held in PEI and will see the maritime athletes compete against each other with mixed-level teams. Congratulations to the six athletes who have qualified and will be travelling to the event as part of two Nova Scotia teams. Hailing from the Highlands Region of the province, are Zielle Jones, Maya Feltmate, and Madison Delorey. While the Valley and Central regions will be represented by Shauna Thompson, Samantha Symonds, and Katie Goddard. We look forward to seeing the results of the event on September 28th!



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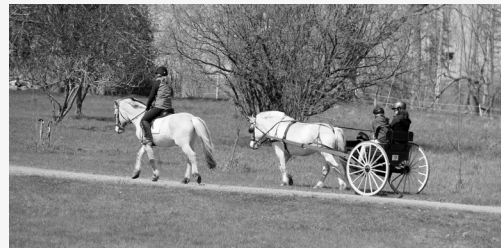
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(Quality and file type will be considered for photo selection)



# ANNUAL REPORT



## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, November 17th, 2019  
Double Tree by Hilton, Dartmouth, NS  
10:00AM (Registration)

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation will be held on Sunday, November 17th, 2019.

TIME:                    10:00AM - Registration  
                              10:30AM - Meeting  
                              1:30PM - Awards Registration  
                              2:00PM - Awards Reception

### AGENDA:

1. Call to Order, including declaration of quorum.
2. Approval of Agenda.
3. Consideration and Approval of Minutes of 2018 AGM  
(included in Annual Report, on NSEF website at [www.horsenovascotia.ca](http://www.horsenovascotia.ca) and available day of meeting)
4. Business arising/action items from 2018 AGM Minutes
5. New Business, including:
  - A) Reports of Officers and Committees  
(included in Annual Report, on NSEF website at [www.horsenovascotia.ca](http://www.horsenovascotia.ca) and available day of meeting)
  - B) Consideration and Approval of Financial Statements – Financial Summary included in Annual Report.  
The Full Financial Report will be available at the AGM and on the NSEF website at [www.horsenovascotia.ca](http://www.horsenovascotia.ca)
  - C) 2019/2020 Strategic Plan Review
  - D) Election of Directors
6. Adjournment.

## NSEF Awards Reception

Please join us for our annual NSEF Awards Reception, located at DoubleTree by Hilton in Dartmouth on Sunday, November 17th. The reception will take place following the NSEF's Annual General Meeting, with a meet and greet, at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend!



### Award Recognitions include:

- Ride and Drive Reward- Level 9
- Volunteer, Coach and Sponsor of the Year
- NSEF Service Awards
- Scotia Series Competition Awards



## 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING UNAPPROVED MINUTES

### NOVA SCOTIA EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**November 18, 2018**  
**Old Orchard Inn,**  
**Greenwich, Nova Scotia**

#### 1. Call to Order

NSEF President Adrienne Smith acting as Chair of the AGM, called the meeting to order at 10:32am. At that time, she welcomed members present and thanked them for attending the AGM.

#### 2. Declaration of Quorum

There was a quorum for the meeting based on meeting registration.

In attendance: Adrienne Smith, Alinta MacLeod, Allison Kouzovnikov, Barbie Lewis, Christine McLean, Elizabeth Braid, Erica Saunders, Helen Smith, Janice MacIntosh, Jennifer MacNeil, Judy Bertling, Katarin MacLeod, Kim Beaton, Kim Fortin, Konstantin Kouzovnikov, Kris Foley, Loretta Buchanan, Mary-Clare McLaren, Norma Graham, Peter Kouzovnikov, Samantha Sharpe, Sandra Symonds, Scott Roberts, Susan Karrel, Valerie McDermott, Heather Myrer (Staff)

#### 3. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Barbie Lewis, seconded by Elizabeth Braid, to approve the agenda. Motion carried

#### 4. Approval of the 2017 NSEF AGM Minutes

The minutes of the 2017 AGM was presented and reviewed.

It was moved by Barbie Lewis, seconded by Helen Smith, to approve the Minutes of the 2017 NSEF AGM. Motion carried.

#### 5. Reports from Officers and Committees

NSEF Director and Committee Reports were circulated to members in October via the Hoofprints Newsletter as a part of the AGM Notice to Members. They were also presented at the meeting.

It was moved by Val McDermott, seconded by Kim Beaton, to approve the Officer/Committee Reports. Motion carried.

#### 6. Annual Financial Statements Review

The 2017/18 NSEF Financial Statements were presented by Treasurer, Kris Foley. These statements were prepared by Shellnutt Accountants Firm and have been officially reviewed by their accountants.

It was moved by Jennifer MacNeil, seconded by Janice MacIntosh, to approve the 2017/18 NSEF Financial Statements. Motion carried.

#### 7. Business Arising/Action Items from the Minutes

There was no Business Arising from the minutes.

#### 8. New Business

##### 1. NSEF Plans – Our Strategic Vision

Executive Director, Heather Myrer, facilitated the update presentation of the NSEF Five-Year Strategic Vision. It was reported that the NSEF Board and Committees have been working with Mr. Mike Hudson, Sport Consultant for the NS Department of Communities Culture and Heritage on our Strategic Vision. To date, the board has completed Year-Four of the plan and we are at the mid-way point in our final year. Highlights were presented and discussed.

It was moved by Elizabeth Braid, seconded by Kim Beaton, to approve the Five-Year Strategic Vision Update as presented. Motion carried.

##### 2. Election of Directors

Kris Foley, Chair of the Nominations Committee, facilitated the Election of Directors. Barbie Lewis and Heather Myrer offered to be election scrutineers.

The Election Resulted in:

Two Directors at Large – 3 Year term positions  
Konstantin Kouzovnikov and Mary-Clare McLaren

Director of Competitions - 1 year term

Helen Smith (Acclaimed)

Director of Education - 2 year term

Norma Graham (Acclaimed)

Director of Recreation - 1 year term

Suzanne Killen (Acclaimed)

Director of Industry - 2 year term

Katarin MacLeod (Acclaimed)

Director of Clubs - 1 year term

Val McDermott (Acclaimed at Oct 29 Clubs Meeting)

List of members who maintain their respective positions:

Krista Foley, Director at Large (1 year remaining)

Barbie Lewis, Director at Large (1 year remaining)

Adrienne Smith, Director at Large (2 years remaining)

Jennifer MacNeil, Director at Large (2 years remaining)

It was moved by Mary-Clare McLaren, seconded by Val McDermott, to approve the 2018/19 NSEF Board of Directors. Motion carried.

Adrienne Smith thanked and formally acknowledged these members for their dedication and commitment to the NSEF along with NSEF Board members Roz Moskovits and Kristen Behie, who did not re-offer.

#### 9. Termination of meeting

As there was no other business to address, a motion to adjourn the meeting as of 12:09 pm, was made by Scott Roberts.

Respectively Submitted,  
Kris Foley  
NSEF Volunteer Secretary



# ANNUAL REPORT

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT- By Val McDermott

Fall is once again upon us. We have had a very busy season of equestrian sport in NS and hopefully we will have the continued nice weather to enjoy our equine partners with the autumn colors as we prepare for the Annual trail ride in October.

Firstly, I can't believe how quickly the year has passed as my time as your president comes to a close and secondly, I am so amazed at all that we have achieved. Membership has increased, Scotia Series continues to grow, our Bursaries and Support4Sport Funding Opportunities are being well utilized by our members.

As president, I have had the pleasure of leading a strong and committed group of volunteers who make up your board. We have tasked ourselves to develop and implement a new Five-Year Strategic Vision and I'm thrilled to report that, as we enter the first year, we have accomplished much of what we set out to do in 2019!

Our dedicated staff continues to work diligently to meet the mandates set forth by our strategic vision along with overseeing the day-to-day operations. We continue to grow as an organization and welcome staffing changes. Congratulations to Sheila in her new position as Director of Program Development and welcome to new staff member, Meredith Murray, as the Membership and Communications.

Thank you always to our Staff, Board of Directors and Committee Members who keep NSEF and its programs available to our members. Thank you also to departing board members, your volunteer time is appreciated. I wish everyone a successful completion to your competition season and hope to see you all at our AGM and NSEF provincial awards banquet at the Double Tree by Hilton in Dartmouth on November 17th.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - By Heather Myrer

This past year has seen more growth and program development for the NSEF as we enter into a new Five-Year Strategic Vision and targeted Year-One priorities. The collaborative efforts of volunteers, staff and members have allowed us to continue our progress in delivering the many benefits of this sport to our members and to the horse community in general. We have also seen a tremendous move forward in the collaboration and partnership with our national body, Equestrian Canada. For the past eighteen months, the EC Board and Provincial Associations have met at what is now known as the EC/PTSO Summit, to network and enhance upon each other's vision as a collective whole. As a result of this partnership, members will see a new national coach license program, and introductory riding program, and an internal organizational restructuring of EC. EC has heard members' concerns and they are working diligently with staff and provinces to provide the best possible programs and services across the country! Why is this important to me, you might ask? You will reap the benefits of EC's new vision and as such, new programs that will be felt in every community across the country – from safe sport initiatives to competition restructuring – from industry leading standards in equine health and welfare to fun and exciting Rookie Riders – coming to your community this year!

NSEF has been very fortunate over the years to have financial support from the Support4Sport Program and the Government of NS. We received funding that assisted us with athlete development, technical support, coach symposium, clinics and educational seminars. NSEF acknowledges and appreciates the funding it has received from the Province of Nova Scotia via its Amateur Sport Fund and Support4Sport Funding. We are always excited when we are able to offer new programs and services to you, our member. We also work hard in facilitating the necessary courses and seminars that afford our members the opportunity to advance professionally within the sport of equestrian. Further to direct funding to the NSEF, many of our members have successfully applied for athlete, coach, official and club development funding. To date we have had a 90% funding approval rate and have seen many members take advantage of this funding. Members are encouraged to utilize this opportunity by contacting a staff member at the office as there are time-sensitive deadlines that may affect what programs for you which you may be eligible.

We were thrilled to be able to provide six deserving young members

a \$500 bursary this year. This program continues to be a popular one amongst members. We are equally thrilled to award four members with a Long Term Equestrian Development Bursary of \$250 each. Details of our recipients are in this newsletter!

Competitions continue to play an important role in our athlete development. In partnership with Horse Trials Nova Scotia, we sent two teams to the Maritime Championships in PEI, whereby six athletes proudly wore the NS Blue and White. We also saw athletes compete internationally and nationally in various performance programs. Nova Scotia is making its mark on the "big stage" and we couldn't be more proud of the efforts made by our athletes and their support team as they strive to reach their goals! We will wrap up our Scotia Series Provincial Championships in mid-October at the Provincial Exhibition Complex in Truro. A huge "shout out" to the board and volunteers of the Central Nova Horse and Pony Association for hosting this 2nd annual event. It would have been impossible to hold it this year without them!

Volunteer Director of Recreation, Suzanne Killen and her crew of volunteers will be celebrating our 13th Annual NSEF Trail Ride/Drive with members at the Dollar Lake Provincial Park on Saturday, October 26th. For the first time, members who pre-register may camp overnight with their equine friend. A terrific addition to an already amazing event! We continue to partner and collaborate with our provincial equestrian associations to network and learn from each other. You may see some changes in on-line membership renewal in the near future that reflects this partnership and that of our working relationship with Equestrian Canada in an effort to streamline operational duties across the country. Our insurance partner, CapriCMW (formerly known as Intercity Insurance Services) has and continues to play an integral part in the development of our Optional Insurance Program for members. Members are encouraged to review these "optionals" at time of membership renewal. I would also like to acknowledge the support from Mike King and CapriCMW for his support of so many NSEF initiatives, namely, Scotia Series Title Sponsor, supplier of safety vests for our trail ride/drive participants; draw prizes, educational and promotional products and expertise we have received over the past years as our insurance provider!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the NSEF Board of Directors, especially President Val McDermott for their direction and support throughout this past year.

# ANNUAL REPORT

## DIRECTOR OF RECREATION REPORT - By Suzanne Killen

The 13th Annual NSEF Trail Ride and Drive is scheduled to take place on October 26th from 9:00am to 4:00pm. This event is a great opportunity for riders/drivers to get to know other members and enjoy the fresh air! This year, the event will be held at Dollar Lake Provincial Park, located in the heart of the Musquodoboit Valley. With its picturesque scenery and beautiful winding trails, this is not an event to miss! Do not fear the weather forecast, as this event will occur rain or shine. The registration form, information sheet, and waiver are all available on the NSEF website. It would be impossible for this event to happen without the multitude of volunteers that I gather for this one-day (or two, if you are camping) event! I would also be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the generosity of our event sponsors who have given unselfishly of their products and services to further enhance this fun-filled day!

NSEF is a member of the Nova Scotia Trails Federation as a trail user group. I am very appreciative that NSEF board member, Konstantin Kouzovnikov is the NSEF Recreation committee member who represents us on the Nova Scotia Trails Board. Thank you, Konstantin, for giving a voice to important issues in the NSEF community.

There are many recreational programs available to NSEF members, including Ride & Drive, and the Learn to Ride/Drive Program. In addition to this, NSEF members can access the Horse Welfare & Safety information, and a directory of equine-friendly trails around the province. Visit the NSEF website for more detailed information about all of the amazing programs we offer.

For more information on the 13th Annual Trail Ride and Drive, feel free to contact Meredith Murray, [nsefservices@sportnovascotia.ca](mailto:nsefservices@sportnovascotia.ca) (902) 425-5450 ext. 342. Please note that there are deadlines to register for camping and for the Trail Ride itself!

## DIRECTOR OF COMPETITIONS REPORT - By Helen Smith

2019 saw more than 25 Scotia Series competitions offered to NSEF members. In addition to this, 15 EC competitions were scheduled in Nova Scotia. We are lucky to be involved in a sport that continues to spread its roots within the province. When the Scotia Series was developed in 2010 as a means to foster the development of our sport across the province in a fun and safe environment, it started small with a handful of disciplines. We work each year to identify areas of improvement and work to improve the rules and standards. The series has grown into a multi-disciplined series including General Performance, Western Speed, Hunter/Jumper, Dressage, English Flat, Driving and more. This continued growth is exciting and we look forward to having more and more competition opportunities for our members each year. Please stay tuned for an opportunity to provide feedback to our committee as to further enhance this program.

This year, we are holding our second annual Scotia Series Provincial Championships, which will be take place at the MacMillan Centre in Truro on October 18th and 19th. This event is being held in collaboration with the Central Nova Horse & Pony Association, and in partnership with CapriCMW (formerly Intercity Insurance). Competitions include Western Pleasure, English Flat, and Showmanship. We are excited that last year's championships proved such a success, and look forward to the upcoming event this year!

In addition to the growth of developmental and active-for-life competition, we are excited to see athletes from Nova Scotia moving to higher levels of competition including several athletes who competed regionally and internationally. Check out a sample of some of those highlights in this newsletter. We encourage athletes to notify us of their success qualifying for regional, national, and international discipline specific events/competitions. We want to include all our members in their celebrations and accomplishments.

## DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY REPORT - By Katarin MacLeod

Education surrounding equine health and welfare continue to be a matter of great importance to the NSEF executive and membership. Therefore, we strive to provide resources to our members that outline up to date information about the health and welfare of equines along with the evolving health and safety concerns. We are committed to upholding the Code of Practice for Equines and so have undertaken a number of initiatives which will assist the membership in adhering to this code. These include posting Equestrian Canada's alerts and information regarding equine health and biosecurity on the NSEF website, e-newsletters, and via social media. The Director regularly attends the Equestrian Canada's National Disease Surveillance Committee conference calls to stay up-to-date on equine concerns and moves this information forward to the board and membership. Further, these calls are recorded and can be accessed by the public on Equestrian Canada's website. A link can be found on the NSEF website for easy access to this information. NSEF members are encouraged to take the time to review this information regularly in order to insure the continued health and safety of your equines and to better understand what is happening within and outside of the province.

The NSEF strives to provide its members with the educational resources needed in order to stay current with equine care and safe practices. As part of our commitment to the Equine Industry, we have provided detailed feedback to Horse Welfare Alliance of Canada's Code of Practice Training video, an excellent resource soon to be released which will serve as a resource for both new and experienced horse owners. We are proud to host ongoing educational seminars that cover subjects such as stable safety, emergency preparedness, biosecurity, and health and welfare. If you would like to more information about education seminars or would like to arrange a presentation at your stable or club, please contact Meredith Murray at 902-425-5450 ext. 342 or [nsefservices@sportnovascotia.ca](mailto:nsefservices@sportnovascotia.ca).



## DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION REPORT - By Norma Graham

NSEF prides itself in providing our members with ongoing educational supports to help coaches and athletes develop their skills. In our province, coaches are represented the Multi-Discipline Coach Advisory Committee (MDCAC). MDCAC includes coach representatives elected at the annual coach symposium. Current members include:

Chair, NSEF Director of Education - Norma Graham  
 Drive ME – Kim Beaton  
 English ME – Jill Barker  
 Western ME – Mona Lewis  
 MLF – Helen Smith  
 Western Coach Representative – Jennifer Lovett  
 English Coach Representative – Lesley Langley  
 Drive Coach Representative – Gillian Allan

### Congratulations

At the 2018 NSEF Awards Reception, Mona Lewis received the NSEF Coach of the Year. Mona is a Western Competition Coach Specialist who has been an asset to athletes and coaches from the grassroots up to competitive NRHA & Breed Sport athletes. Mona was also recognized as Equestrian Coach of the Year at the Support4Sport Awards in June 2019.

Each year, Equestrian Canada recognizes select coaches from across the country for their contributions to the sport. This past July, Equestrian Canada selected and announced this year's award recipients from the nominations received, Equestrian Canada announced in July this year's award recipients, which included Susan Fraser as Competitive Coach of the Year. We are all so proud of this amazing accomplishment!

### Learn to Programs

Between last year's AGM (November) and the beginning of September, there have been over 100 successful Learn to Levels obtained by participatory or competitive athletes. In fact 11% of those who tested for English or Western Learn to Ride Levels in 2019 were 40 years old and older. The Learn to Program is available in Driving, English, and Western and is available to all members.

Level	1	2	3	4	5	6
English	16	26	16	14	7	15
Western	8	3	1			
Drive	12 Completed Programs					

In addition to these Learn to Programs, there are two Fundamentals (entry level) programs available to members. The Rookie Rider program officially launched this year and has been piloted in the school system as well as in recreation settings. Rookie Rider Instructors must be certified and receive training to facilitate the program. Watch for training sessions this fall.

The P'tit Trot program is aimed at children aged 5 – 13 and provides 4 Horseshoes (levels) within the program. There is no formal testing

to this program but each horseshoe has objectives to meet before the child receives their certificate. The P'tit Trot package contains the manual, assessment forms, and certificates.

### Safe Sport and Coach License

Together with Equestrian Canada, the provincial equestrian federations will be introducing a new Coach License program beginning in early 2020. Licensed coaches will have access to a new e-learning platform, detailed insurance coverage, introductory riding programs, and much more as a result of this collaboration between EC and PSO's.

There are many Safe Sport requirements which are being implemented in every sport at the direction of Sport Canada. The new Coach License addresses the compliance of Safe Sport initiatives. Licensed coaches will be supplied with all the tools in order to meet all necessary Sport Canada and Equestrian Canada Safe Sport standards.

Watch for more information in our e-newsletter and on our website about changes for coaching and competitions whether you are a coach, athlete, official, or parent.

### NSEF Coach Symposium

Our annual symposium is a professional development opportunity open to all coaches and instructors. This opportunity includes networking, business topics, athlete topics, program topics and more. Highlights from this year's symposium included several short presentations from Steve Indig of Sport Law & Strategy Group. He spoke about key components of Coaching Hot Legal Topics, safe sport, and contracts. In addition to his presentations, the symposium included an EC coach update, MDCAC elections, networking and group discussions, coach online resources, first aid recertification, and the Respect in Sport online module. On the Sunday of the symposium, we opened the Learn to Ride Program Clinic to include students/athletes as well as coaches. This clinic gave an opportunity to analyze performance related to the Rider Level requirements and to discuss adjustments & exercises to improve performance.

### Professional Development for Coaches

There are always opportunities to learn and to grow. Coaches can continue to hone their skills by accessing resources to support their personal development through the National Coach Certification Program (NCCP). Along with NSEF and NCCP professional development opportunities, we encourage coaches to consider opportunities offered through Sport Nova Scotia, Canadian Sport Centre Atlantic and similar agencies. The MDCAC welcomes information coaches would like to see for professional development whether it is equestrian specific or related to business or athletes/sport development. Simply contact Sheila at the NSEF office or one of the members of the MDCAC committee with your suggestions for professional development topics.

Thank you to the MDCAC and NSEF staff for your ongoing support and dedication to the NSEF Coaching Program.

# ANNUAL REPORT

## DIRECTOR OF CLUBS REPORT - By Val McDermott

Not only does the NSEF provide membership to individuals and families, but it does so to community and provincial-based clubs and Associations. The annual club/association membership provides your members with a "voice" on the NSEF Board of Directors, by means of an elected representative chosen every October at a club/association meeting. This representative acts as a liaison between you and the NSEF.

This year to date, there are 20 Member Clubs/Associations. This is a great number; however, we want to continue to expand our Community! Obtaining a club membership has its perks! Clubs may qualify for funding for equipment, facility upgrades, and coach & athlete educational seminars/clinics. Application deadlines for funding are April and October of each calendar year (dates subject to change). If you have any questions regarding funding, feel free to contact the NSEF office.

In addition, our insurance partner, CapriCMW (formerly Intercity Insurance), offers preferred rates for NSEF Member Clubs for Event Liability and Director & Officer's Liability insurance packages. I encourage you to contact Mike or Shannon at Capri to get your quote before your insurance term is expired. For more information, call 1-888-394-3330.

Clubs directors/competition organizers are able to verify their members through the NSEF. Submit the completed request form to the NSEF office. This ensures that all your club members have their individual and valid NSEF membership.

The NSEF offers membership processing services for several clubs. We are pleased to announce that this year we will also be processing memberships for Central Nova Horse & Pony (CNHP). The list of club memberships we process is as follows:

- Cape Breton Western Riders Association
- Central Nova Horse & Pony
- Horse Trials Nova Scotia
- NS Hunter Jumper Association

If you wish to be a member of one or all of these clubs, you can do so at the same time as renewing your NSEF membership! It's that easy. We'll do the rest for you!

To find the complete list of clubs, go to the NSEF website under "Find-A-Club". Feel free to contact Meredith at the NSEF if you have any questions about joining the NSEF as a club/association member!

## FINANCE REPORT

### NOVA SCOTIA EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2019 (Unaudited)

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Athlete development	\$ 39,337	\$ 78,688
Organization operations (Note 7)	261,715	264,081
Programs	18,162	18,214
Investment revenue	6,341	1,676
	<u>325,555</u>	<u>362,659</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Athlete development	23,846	68,210
Organization operations (Note 4, 7)	256,661	230,263
Programs	35,764	34,794
	<u>316,271</u>	<u>333,267</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$ 9,284</u>	<u>\$ 29,392</u>
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>241,284</u>	<u>211,892</u>
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 250,568</u>	<u>\$ 241,284</u>

The Formal Review of the 2018/2019 NSEF Financial Statements will be presented at the AGM.

# NSEF Nominations Process Explained

A goal of the NSEF Board of Director's Strategic Priorities - ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY - is to have a strong Board with an effective work structure and succession plan. One of the ways we support this priority is to perform periodic reviews of our by-laws and policies. As a result, the Nominations Committee developed a more robust application process, as delegated by the Board. The NSEF Board-approved process provides more detail to the applicant and gathers more detail about the applicant. The new application also states that candidates will be reviewed by the Nominations Committee and a slate of successful candidates be put forward for vote at the NSEF AGM (this practice is also utilized by EC, BC, AB and Manitoba). This review is considered critical (and is common practice for sport and not-for-profit authorities like Volleyball NS and NS Lung Assoc.) for organizations to fulfill their moral, legal, and ethical responsibilities to all those they reach, including members, employees, and volunteers. The benefits of such a review include:

- Better matching of candidate skills and experience to the needs of the organization and Board;
- To ensure that conflicts of interest do not affect the quality and safety of programs and services offered by the NSEF;
- To reduce the risks and liability for both members, employees and volunteers.

As a result of the changes to the Nomination Process, the NSEF feels confident that we now have a strong nomination process which will ensure that all candidates presented to the membership for vote are qualified and evaluated using consistent criteria and process. Voting candidates on to the NSEF Board is still, and has always been up to you, our member!

## Vacancies

In 2019, there will be five (5) Directors elected, as per Bylaw Article 33:

Position	Duration	Current Position Holder
Director of Clubs	one (1) year	Val McDermott (eligible to re-offer)
Director of Competitions	two (2) years	Helen Smith
Director of Recreation	two (2) years	Suzanne Killen
Director at Large (2)	three (3) years	Kris Foley, Barbie Lewis (eligible to re-offer)

**Term Limits: Per Bylaw Article 33** (amended on September 20, 2019 to accurately reflect By-Law Article 33 a to f) ~~Directors shall be eligible for re-election, but no Director may serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same position.~~

The Board of Directors shall be comprised of Adult Individual Members of the Federation, elected by the membership as follows:

To preside for a two-year staggered term, not exceeding two consecutive terms, a) Director of Competitions b) Director of Education c) Director of Recreation d) Director of Equine Industry e) To preside for a three-year staggered term, Six (6) Directors at Large – whereby, at each three-year staggered term, Six (6) Directors at Large – whereby, at each AGM, two (2) Directors- at-Large are elected;

f) At a club meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting (either in person or conference call) a Director representing Member Clubs will be nominated to serve on the NSEF Board of Directors. The Nominee must first be endorsed by his/her representative club. The newly nominated Director will be on the slate of Nominees for Election by the members at the AGM and will preside in this position for a one-year term.

## Competency of Nominees

All nominations shall be reviewed by the Nominations Committee. The Nominations Committee shall provide the Members with a list of candidate Directors, taking into consideration the required skills and diverse needs of Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation and the community it serves and a balance of new and experienced directors. If possible, the list of candidate directors shall exceed the number of vacant positions by at least one and at most double the number of vacant positions. No candidate may be eligible for election as a director unless such candidate has been reviewed by the Nominating Committee.

## Eligibility: Per Bylaw Article 34

Any Voting Adult Member in Good Standing of the Federation shall be eligible to be elected a Director of the Federation.

## Nominations

Nomination of an individual for election as a Director shall be sub-mitted to the Nominations Committee by a current NSEF member in good-standing, in accordance with Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation's nomination policies, procedures and timelines. The Nomination shall include a written confirmation by the candidate expressing a willingness to stand for office and a detailed profile of the candidate. Please note that candidate applications will remain confidential and will be destroyed following the presentation of the slate of candidates to the membership.

## Candidate Application Package

Candidate application packages must include the following items to be considered by the Nominations Committee:

1. Letter of Interest (max. 1500 words) including why you would like to serve on the NSEF Board, and the value you would bring to the Board and organization;
2. CV (maximum five (5) pages) must include contact information, education, work experience, volunteer/community service experience, language skills; CVs will be publicly circulated to the Nominations Committee. Please consider personal/confidential information within your CV before submitting with your Candidate Application Package;
3. Social Media profiles (optional);
4. Completed Director Nomination and Acceptance Form

**Please submit your completed Candidate Application Package by 4:00 p.m. Friday October 11, 2019 to:**

Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation 5516 Spring Garden Rd Floor 4, Halifax NS B3J 1G5  
ATTN: Adrienne Smith Nominating Chair

or via email  
nsef@sportnovascotia.ca



# 2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION APPLICATION

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## Nomination and Acceptance Form

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Name of Nominee

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NSEF#

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Nominated By

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NSEF #

Dear Nominations Committee Members,

I hereby apply as a candidate for Director on the Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation Board. I certify that I support the Vision and Mission of Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation. I will accept nomination, will serve if elected, and agree to support and be bound by Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation's policies.

I wish to be considered a candidate for the NSEF Board position \_\_\_\_\_.

I understand and agree that all election results will be made public.

I certify that I satisfy all requirements for directors of non-profit corporations, including those under the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act. I authorize Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation to verify the accuracy of my application and agree to cooperate and complete such documents as may be reasonably requested by Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation to confirm the accuracy of any information contained herein.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided in this application is true, accurate, and complete.

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Signature

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Print Name

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Date

# PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE THE LOVE OF HORSES

## Rookie Riders and P'tit Trot

Two exciting and engaging introductory programs for children who love horses and want to learn about horseback riding are available to members through the NSEF.

Designed for children and adults who want to gain confidence around and on a horse for the first time, can enjoy the experience of Rookie Riders, taught mostly in a gym or multi-purpose room, before advancing to the barn.

P'tit Trot is a curriculum-based program designed for those who wish to develop their skills on the horse while developing horsemanship and stable management skills. This program comes with a fully-illustrated book that introduces children to the basics of English and Western Riding .

Coaches are invited to use these entertaining and educational programs that are ideal for horse introduction. They can also be used to prepare and support the activities offered at riding camps and as a precursor to the English or Western Learn to Ride Programs.

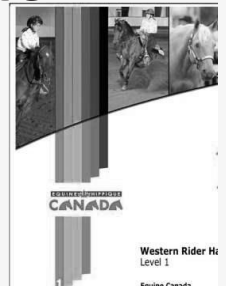


## Learn to Ride/Drive Program

This program provides the opportunity for individuals of all ages to learn best practices for safe and enjoyable experiences handling, riding and/or driving horses. The purpose of this program is to produce safe and knowledgeable horse people. Whether you are interested in tracking your progress or becoming a certified coach, this program will provide guidance with progressive skill development through the levels.

Through this non-competitive certification program, both participatory and competitive riders are rewarded with Certificates of Achievement for advancing their learning. The English Rider Level 1 to 10 program has been tailored to assist athletes who seek to further their riding skills on the flat but do not wish to continue over fences. Starting at Rider 3, candidates will have the option to either take the full riding phase or only the flat section. The Western Rider Level Program begins with 4 Rider Levels and transitions into the Intermediate Rider Level. The Learn to Drive Program is designed to provide a progressive learning and skill development.

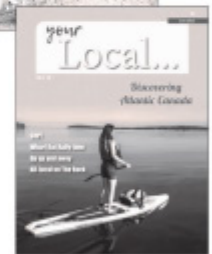
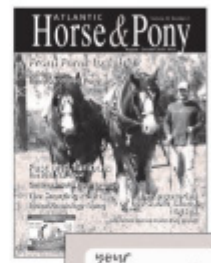
For more information on athlete development, the Long Term Equestrian Development framework (found on our website) provides a valuable resource for athletes, coaches and parents.



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## EC Coach License Program Becoming Reality

This past year, the equestrian community across the country learned that Equestrian Canada and its' provincial partners began exploring what would be required to see all equestrian coaches certified, as is the practice in most other sports.

We are very proud to share that the EC Board unanimously approved the introduction of a new EC Coach License Program, with a vision that every coach is licensed and certified by 2025. This program, which will be officially launched at the EC Convention during the Royal Winter Fair, is part of the collaborative agreement signed by the Provincial and Territorial Sport Organizations and EC. We are grateful to the members of the Canadian Equestrian Development (CED) Steering Committee and supporting working groups who have been working tirelessly over the last year to bring this vision to life. As stewards of equestrian in Canada, we share in our collective desire to ensure that equestrians of all ages receive a safe, welcoming, inclusive and positive experience.

Coaches are often the main reason that athletes stay involved in sport. Sadly, the reverse is also true. Our goal as an equestrian community is to continue to work collaboratively to ensure that coaches have the knowledge, experience, and skills they need to support our next generation of riders. Given today's complex sport environment we also need to ensure that we are doing everything we can to minimize unnecessary risk and provide coaches with the support they need to reach their full potential.

The EC Coach License and modernizing of our coach certification programs will provide equestrians, coaches, owners, organizers and the general public with an industry-leading approach to quality coaching.

As we get ready to launch this Program officially during the Royal Winter Fair we promise to continue to keep you updated.

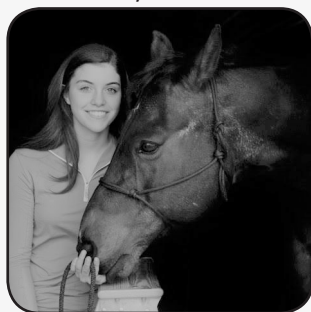
## 2019 LTED & EDUCATIONAL BURSARY RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

The Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation is committed to supporting amateur athletic development. To help support Nova Scotia equestrians of all disciplines, the NSEF has created a **Long Term Equestrian Development Bursary Program** from which bursaries will be awarded annually to those individuals who best demonstrate their continuing commitment towards skill development. Four awards of \$250.00 each were given out to active NSEF members who exemplified a commitment to personal Long Term Equestrian Development (LTED). Our 2019 LTED Bursary Winners were:

Kasia Farrell



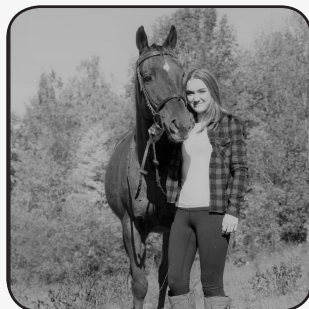
Makayla Gerrior



Teaghan Savoury



Eryn Archibald



The **NSEF Educational Bursary Program** is a financial Bursary funded by the NSEF to assist NSEF members attending a post-secondary educational institution. Awards of \$500.00 each were given out to six young, hardworking NSEF members. The Bursaries will be applied towards post-secondary expenses at university.

Our 2019 Educational Bursary Winners were:



Michael Congdon will be attending Saint Mary's University, where he will be earning a Bachelor of Commerce Degree.



Brenna Noble will be attending McGill University. She is enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts and Science program.



Ariana Burden will be attending Acadia University this fall, studying a Bachelor of Science with a Major in Mathematics. She hopes to complete her Bachelor of Education to pursue a career in teaching.



Jillian Ryan will be attending the University of Waterloo this fall, where she has been accepted into the Honours Physical Sciences program.



Camryn MacDonald and Alyssa Little will be classmates at the University of Prince Edward Island. Alyssa will be studying in the Bachelor of Science, Major in Bio, Pre-Vet Stream program, and Camryn will be in the Bachelor of Science, Pre-Vet Stream Program.







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