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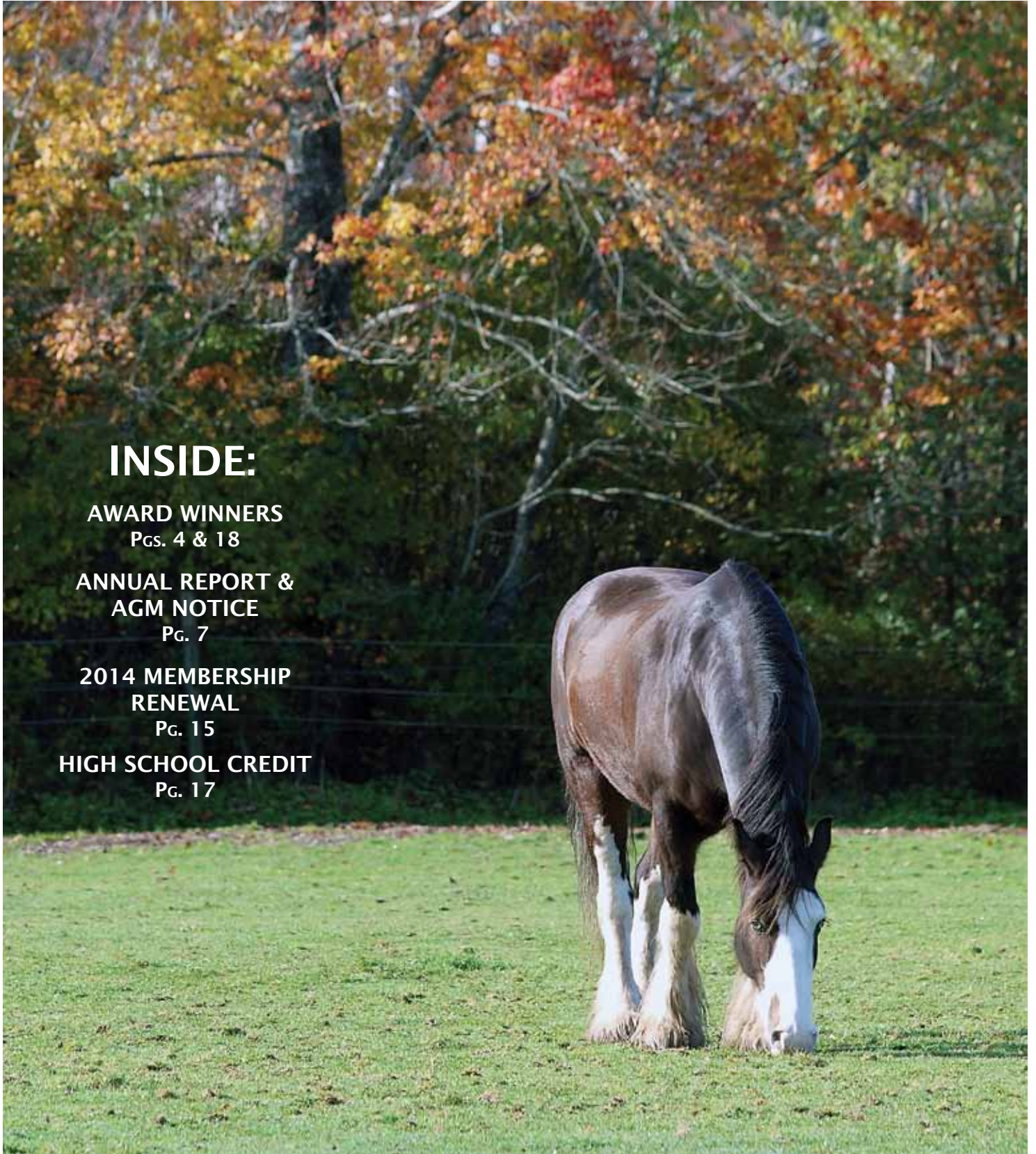
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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fall is once again upon us and, hopefully, we will have nice weather to enjoy the autumn colors with our equine partners.

NSEF was approved by the N.S. Department of Education for their development of a High School Personal Development Program, which will allow students to work towards their instructor level (*see information in this newsletter*). NSEF had six successful candidates for the Bursary of \$500 and they are announced in the Bits and Bites section of this newsletter. This year, NSEF has offered a number of activities, including: Coaching Clinics, a Course Design clinic, Perfecting Patterns: Equestrian Development Clinic (for riders, officials and coaches), and a Theory course. We are looking forward to providing our members with some informational sessions this November at our Horse Summit weekend; we hope to see you there.

Again, I wish all of you, a safe and fun autumn season.

Barbie Lewis, President, NSEF



Barbie Lewis  
NSEF President

## FROM THE ED's DESK

2013 is nearing its end...how time flies! It is very exciting for me to reflect back on this year as one of growth in membership, new programs and services. It has certainly been a busy year for NSEF in providing more coaching opportunities; growth in our Scotia Series Competitions; Canadian Interprovincial Equestrian Championships, our new partnership with the Department of Education, not to mention a new website.

Our AGM and Awards Reception are slated for Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Harbourview Holiday Inn in Dartmouth. We are hosting several seminars on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> that may prove interesting to you. Details are in this newsletter. We hope to see you there.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff, Sheila and Joanne for the amazing contribution they make for 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 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 2014.

Heather Myrer, Executive Director, NSEF



Heather Myrer  
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**BITS AND BITES**

**CONGRATULATIONS 2013 NSEF BURSARY RECIPIENTS**

NSEF is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2013 NSEF Youth Bursary Program. Twenty-six applicants were received from young NSEF members from all over the province and it took many hours to decide on the top six applicants. Our Congratulations are extended to Ashley Spicer, from Aylesford, Evan Phinney, from Halifax, Jillian Adams, from Newport, Jillian Bent, from Middleton, Nicole MacEachern, from West Bay and Rosalie O’Hara, from Bridgewater. All six recipients will receive a \$500.00 bursary to assist them with post-secondary education expenses. Many thanks to all of you who applied, and remember, you may apply again next year for the bursary.

**THEORY COURSE**

NSEF plans to host an NCCP Theory Course this fall. This course is required for the Instructor High School Credit Program Candidates and is highly recommended for Instructor/Competition Coach Candidates. At the time of print the course details were not finalized. Please watch the calendar of events and the NSEF website for more information on the course dates, location and details.

**BIOSECURITY ONLINE WORKSHOP: TAKE ACTION TO REDUCE CHANCES OF SICKNESS – October 21–November 3**

Protect your horse from infectious disease:

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For more information and/or to register for this educational opportunity, visit: [www.EquineGuelph.ca/biosecurity.php](http://www.EquineGuelph.ca/biosecurity.php)

**NOTICE TO MEMBERS – MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

NSEF is now accepting Membership Renewals and new memberships for 2014. Members have several options for renewal/joining NSEF.

- 1) Online at [www.horsenovascotia.ca](http://www.horsenovascotia.ca)
- 2) By Mail
- 3) By Fax
- 4) In Office

For more information please see the Membership Application on page 15.



*NSEF would like to thank the Volunteers and  
Evangeline Trail Rides for hosting the  
8<sup>th</sup> Annual NSEF Trail Ride.*



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and minutes from Windsor.

## NSEF CELEBRATES ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF AWARD WINNERS

In November 2012, athletes, their families and their friends joined NSEF for our annual celebration of accomplishments at the 2012 NSEF Awards Reception held at the Best Western Glengarry Hotel in Truro. The reception was held in conjunction with the AGM.

### SCOTIA SERIES AWARDS

#### OVERALL PROVINCIAL DIVISION CHAMPIONS

##### OVERALL PROVINCIAL WESTERN PERFORMANCE DIVISION

**Champion** – Jill Burke & Jacs Summertime

**Reserve Champion** – Heather MacEachern & Skipa Scamp Vanzi

##### OVERALL PROVINCIAL WESTERN SPEED DIVISION

**Champion** – Serena Del Mastro & Sparks Are Flyin

**Reserve Champion** – Emma Simpson & She's a Myan Princess

##### OVERALL PROVINCIAL EQUITATION/SHOWMANSHIP DIVISION

**Champion** – Heather MacEachern

**Reserve Champion** – Jenna Spencer

##### OVERALL PROVINCIAL ENGLISH HACK DIVISION

**Champion** – Ashlee Bates & Dream Come True

**Reserve Champion** – Brooke Crotty & One Cool Investor

##### OVERALL PROVINCIAL HUNTER DIVISION

**Champion** – Taylor Sampson & In the Nude

**Reserve Champion** – Valerie Leighton & Lovers Tryst

##### OVERALL PROVINCIAL JUMPER DIVISION

**Champion** – Erin Cecchetto & Ever So Clever

**Reserve Champion** – Taylor Des Jardins & Sweet Sixteen

##### OVERALL PROVINCIAL DRIVING DIVISION

**Champion**– John MacMillan & Max

**Tie for Reserve Champion**

– Jenna Spencer & My Little Buddy

– Rebecca Button-Sibley & Tiny Amour

##### OVERALL PROVINCIAL SELECT DIVISION

**Champion** – Adrienne Smith & Juana Boogie

**Reserve Champion** – Sherri Greenough & Gah'n Ya'ar  
Hermes Paris

### PROVINCIAL ALL AROUND CHAMPIONS

#### SENIOR PROVINCIAL ALL AROUND CHAMPION

**Champion** – Heather MacEachern & Skipa Scamp Vanzi

**Reserve Champion** – Jill Burke & Jacs Summertime

#### JUNIOR PROVINCIAL ALL AROUND CHAMPIONS

**Champion** – Jenna Spencer & Life of Riley

**Reserve Champion** – Hannah Geldart & Hint of Mint

The following awards are based on nominations from our members and acknowledge the dedication and commitment of the recipients in their respective categories.

### *The 2012 Sponsor of the Year Award Presented to Bits and Bridles Tack Shop*

The 2012 Sponsor of the Year Award was presented to the owners of Bits and Bridles Tack Shop Earl and Virginia MacKenzie. Bits and Bridles is a well-known tack shop in the valley and gives generously to clubs and competitions. Earl

and Virginia are always more than willing to donate product and money to an equestrian event. It is small businesses like this one that help keep our clubs and competitions successful.

### *The 2012 Volunteer of the Year Award Presented to Sheri Morehouse*



Since 2002, Sheri has been the President of the Central Nova Horse & Pony Association. Among many of her duties as a member of this association, Sheri is the chairperson of the Horse Show Committee, Chairperson of the Grounds and Safety committee,

CNHPP's Hunter/Jumper Show Secretary, responsible for the management of the canteen, solicits businesses for sponsorship, and is heavily involved in the many aspects of running a competition – from assisting with course set-up, to cleaning up after the show is over.

A self-proclaimed horse nut, Sheri got her first horse in grade 8, joined Pony Club and obtained her C2 level. Even though she is busy, she still finds time to ride and enjoy taking on new challenges.

### *The 2012 Nova Trophy Community Service Award Presented to Sherry Clark and Pam MacIntosh*

These two NSEF members are in recognition of at least ten years of service in the equestrian community. Both of these individuals have given and continue to give so much of their time and energy to our sport. Hundreds of their hours over the past ten or more years have been spent on all things equine related.



### *The 2012 Youth Sportsmanship Award Presented to Rebecca MacKeigan*



This award is presented to one of our young riders who have participated in this year's Scotia Series. Sportsmanship involves the exemplary conduct of a young rider competing in the show ring and interacting with other competitors and officials,

working in the stabling areas and associating with the general public at a competition.

### *The 2012 President's Recognition Award Presented to Sandra Conrad*

Sandra dedicates much of her time to various equestrian related activities and events. In the past year, Sandra has played an integral role in the implementation of the NSEF Provincial Officials Program, where she has helped develop the modules and organize three clinics. Throughout the

summer Sandra mentored several official candidates and secured several competitions to be the site of proactive venues for up and coming officials. Sandra is also working with the National Officials Review Committee in the hopes that her valuable experience will affect change for our local officials in the future. Sandra fulfilled a personal goal this

past year in obtaining her FEI Level 1 Course Designer Status. This required many years of training and experience in officiating not to mention travelling to Ontario to take the FEI Officials Course and Exam. Congratulations to Sandra and thank you for your commitment to this sport and to NSEF.

***Community Award Nominations***

The Community Awards, presented at the NSEF Awards Reception, are nominated by NSEF Members. These awards recognize individuals who contribute to equestrian sport in Nova Scotia, including recreational and competitive sport. The awards include: NSEF Volunteer of the Year Award, NSEF Sponsor of the Year Award and the NSEF Service Award. If you know of someone who is deserving of a Community Award, please use the NSEF Awards Nomination Form to nominate them. The Awards Nomination Form is found on page 6 and includes the description and criteria for the awards. Nominations are due on or before Friday, November 1, 2013.

***NSEF Awards Reception***

You are invited to attend the NSEF Awards Reception on November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Halifax Harbourview Holiday Inn in Dartmouth to celebrate our Award Winners.

Awards being presented include:

- Community Awards: Volunteer of the Year Award; Sponsor of the Year Award; NSEF Service Awards
- Scotia Series: Competition Awards and Youth Sportsmanship Award
- Ride & Drive Level 9 Awards

Please RSVP by email ([nsefmembership@sportnovascotia.ca](mailto:nsefmembership@sportnovascotia.ca)) or by phone 902-425-5450 Sheila or Joanne (ext 337)

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## AWARDS NOMINATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

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

### THE NSEF VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The NSEF Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes an outstanding volunteer who has contributed to equestrian sport. Volunteer service may include years of participation, administration, contribution, innovation, or the advancement of equestrian. The Volunteer of the Year Award is presented at the annual Awards Banquet to an individual who has dedicated himself/herself to the ideals of the Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation. This Individual has also worked tirelessly for the improvement of the Federation and who has had a notable impact on the sport.

All nominations will be considered under the following criteria. The nominee:

1. must be active in the current year,
2. must be an equestrian volunteer, in any capacity, and
3. must be a member of the NSEF and have, through their volunteer activities, made a special and significant contribution to equestrian sport.

The nominations should include a complete personal and equestrian résumé that lists the nominee's major accomplishments and contributions with corresponding dates.

### THE NSEF SPONSOR OF THE YEAR 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.

The nomination should include a complete list of sponsorships with corresponding dates contributed by this company and detailing the impact this contribution has made to the sport. Nominee contact information must also be included.

### THE 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.

All nominations will be considered under the following criteria. The nominee:

1. must be active in the current year,
2. must be a member of the NSEF and have, through their volunteer activities, made a special and significant contribution to equestrian sport.

The nominations should include a complete personal and equestrian résumé that lists the nominee's major accomplishments and contributions with corresponding dates.

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## 2013 NSEF AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

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NAME OF NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS OF NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street and Number*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Town/City* POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINEE'S NSEF NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATED FOR THE FOLLOWING AWARD:  SERVICE AWARD  VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD  SPONSOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (PLEASE ATTACH RESUME IF AVAILABLE)

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\_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Nominator* *Nominator's Name (Printed)*

***Nominations for all of the above Awards should be forwarded for arrival in the provincial office on or before Friday, October 25, 2013. Nominations received after that date will not be considered.***



# NOVA SCOTIA EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION

## ANNUAL REPORT

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Holiday Inn Halifax Harbourview Hotel, Dartmouth, NS  
Sunday, November 17, 2013  
10:30am**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation will be held on Sunday, November 17, 2013.

Details and agenda are as follows:

**TIME:** 10:00am – Registration  
10:30am – Meeting Begins

**LOCATION:** Holiday Inn Halifax Harbourview Hotel, Dartmouth, NS

**AGENDA:**

1. Call to Order. Including declaration of quorum.
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of 2012 AGM – in this Annual Report, on website ([www.horsenovascotia.ca](http://www.horsenovascotia.ca)) and available day of meeting.
4. Reports of Officers and Committees – in this Annual Report, on website ([www.horsenovascotia.ca](http://www.horsenovascotia.ca)) and available day of meeting.
5. Consideration and Approval of Financial Statements – Financial Summary included in this Annual Report. The Financial Report will be available at the AGM.
6. Old Business
7. New Business, including:
  - i) By-Law Amendments
  - ii) 2014 Plans
  - iii) Election of Directors
8. Adjournment

## UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF 2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of members of the Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation held on November 18, 2012, at the Best Western Glengarry Hotel, Truro, Nova Scotia.

Barbie Lewis acted as Chair of the Meeting, and Sherri Greenough acted as Secretary. Sheila Currie took registration and reported to the Secretary that a quorum for the meeting was present.

### **In Attendance:**

**Members (30 voting):** Jane Abbott, Barbie Lewis, Barbara Mabe, Pam MacIntosh, Vickie Lee MacKenzie, Susan MacLean Michel, Robert MacNeill, Valerie McDermott, Mary-Clare McLaren, Julia Cecchetto, Erin Cecchetto (non-voting Junior), Susan McLeod, Colleen Clarke, Sherry Clark, Liz Milo, Sandra Conrad, Louise Corkum, Sheri Morehouse, Margaret Corkum-Abando, Mary-Ann Cranton, Laurie Cranton, Macayla Cranton (non-voting junior), Tina DelMastro, Serena DelMastro (non-voting junior), Jordan DesChamp (non-voting Junior), Dara Pelkey-Field, Cecile Dykstra-O'Laney, Kimberley Fortin, Sherri Greenough, Adrienne Smith, Lauren Hattin, Dawn Helm, Cady Ingraham (non voting Junior), Iris Langille (non-voting Junior), Carol Macomber, Doug Lynch

**Non-Members:** Gertie Cleary, J.D. Clarke, Sheila McLellan, Robert Deschamps, Betty Greene, Lill Dickson, Robert Delmastro, Mike Field, Holly Langille, Heather Myrer (Staff), Sheila Currie (Staff)

Barbie Lewis called the meeting to order at 1:55pm.

**Quorum:** Quorum was met for the meeting.

**Agenda:** On motion made by Susan MacLeod and seconded by Mary-Clare McLaren, the agenda was approved as printed.

**Minutes:** On motion made by Adrienne Smith and seconded by Susan Michel MacLean, the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of members held on November 20, 2011 were approved.

**Business Arising from the Minutes:** Equine Canada/PSO Relationship – Barbie Lewis updated members on the current status of the relationship with Equine Canada and noted that through the hard work or volunteers and staff that we have rejoined EC and hope for positive change and a new partnership with our NSO in 2012 and beyond. Members questioned Ms. Lewis on the cost of membership to EC. Ms. Lewis stated that NSEF members will automatically become EC members in 2012 and that the EC sport Licenses fees will remain the same as in 2011. Horse License stickers have increased from \$10 to \$12.

**Canadian Equestrian Championships:** Barbie Lewis gave the members a few moments to review the report. She informed the members that it was a successful event and that our athletes made us proud.

**President's Report:** A written President's Report was circulated with meeting materials. Barbie Lewis referred to the written report and pointed out the highlights, including the NSEF Youth Bursary and the events NSEF hosted. On motion made by Valerie McDermott and seconded by Jane

Abbott, the President's Report was accepted.

**Executive Director's Report:** Heather Myrer referred to her written report circulated with meeting materials and emphasized the growth in membership and in programs offered by NSEF. She noted that Horse Care Magazine is no longer being published. Ms. Myrer announced a new magazine partnership with Horse Canada. Ms. Myrer thanked the members and the board for their support. On motion made by Susan MacLeod and seconded by Robert MacNeill, the Executive Director's Report was accepted.

In response to the Executive Director's Report, Sandra Conrad expressed that the minutes should be sent to the membership prior to two weeks before the AGM. The delays with the reports this year were in response to waiting for the Director Reports to be submitted. Sandra expressed that any reports that are not in at that time will be noted with the name of the committee responsible so the onus is on them. If it is blank then the membership will know that the report was not received in time. On motion made by Sandra Conrad and seconded by Mary-Clare McLaren, the following three part motion was accepted.

**Part 1** – I move that the minutes of the previous AGM be made available to the NSEF Membership two weeks prior to the AGM by email or hardcopy.

**Part 2** – Hard copies will only be sent by request and will be mailed out.

**Part 3** – Directors not having submitted reports will be aware that the AGM Report will go to print despite the reports not having been received.

**Committee Reports:** Director of Education, Mary-Clare McLaren reported. Mary-Clare also reported that Sandra Conrad has just recently been recognized with her FEI Stewart Status. There being no questions with respect to the reports, on motion made by Kim Fortin and seconded by Pam MacIntosh, the committee reports were accepted.

**Financial Statements:** The financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2012 were circulated with meeting materials. The statements were reviewed and questions were answered by Heather Myrer. After some discussion, on motion made by Mary-Clare McLaren and seconded by Liz Milo, the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2012 were approved.

### **New Business:**

**Election of Directors:** Prior to the Election, Chair Barbie Lewis thanked and formally acknowledged the dedication of the board member who had chosen not to re-offer: Lauren Hattin. Sherri Greenough, a member of the Nominations Committee, facilitated the election of directors. Nominations for each of the following positions were sought from the floor. Each position had its own election/acclamation; the following positions required no election, as there was only one nominee for that respective position to the Board.

**President** – Barbie Lewis

**Vice-President** – Adrienne Smith

**Treasurer** – Valerie McDermott



**Secretary** – Krista Foley

**Director of Education** – Mary-Clare McLaren

**Director of Recreation** – Suzanne Killen

**Director of Clubs** (two positions) – Robert MacNeill and Jane Abbott

An election was held for the Director of Competitions and two Directors-at-Large (3-year terms).

**Director of Competitions.** Running for these positions were Liz Milo and Sandra Conrad.

Election Results:

**Director of Competitions** – Sandra Conrad

Nominated by Susan McLane Michel

**Director-at-Large** – 3-year term position. Running for these positions were Laurie Cranton and Liz Milo.

Election Results:

**Director-at-Large** – 3-year term – Laura Cranton  
Nominated by Robert MacNeil

**Director-at-Large** – 3-year term – Liz Milo  
Nominated by Susan Maclean-Michel

Election of Directors ceased after this point and the new slate of directors was welcomed.

**Termination**

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the Chair declared the meeting terminated at 3:15pm.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2013**

This year proved to be a positive one for our organization with new initiatives, membership increase and an exciting new website with online features. Our goal is to provide support, direction and leadership to you, our member, one of over 3,000 to date!

This year saw us develop new partnerships with the Department of Natural Resources as it relates to equine health and welfare and with the Department of Education to deliver the NCCP Instructor Program as a high school credit. We look forward to collaborating with these new partners over the next few years to provide you with important resources and educational opportunities. We have continued with our partnership with the Atlantic Horse Show and Sport Nova Scotia in participating in their trade shows and with Equine Guelph in the promotion and distribution of safety/educational resources.

NSEF has acknowledges and appreciates the funding it has received over the past year from the Province of Nova Scotia via its Amateur Sport Fund and Support4Sport Funding. Coaches, officials and member clubs are encouraged to contact us for funding opportunities that may also be available through these programs.

We have spent considerable time this year developing and implementing our new website [www.horsenovascotia.ca](http://www.horsenovascotia.ca). This website provides our members with the opportunity to renew membership, shop, and register for programs online. It has proven to be an invaluable service. Our plans for the next year is to create an online Competition Results database and a mobile app.

As you will read in the Director of Education Report, we have had several successful coaching and official development courses/clinics. We continue to work hard in facilitating the necessary courses and seminars that afford our members the opportunity to advance professionally within the sport of equestrian given the many challenges we face in these economic times.

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. You can find the recipient list in this newsletter.

Competitions continue to play an important role in our athlete development. We have had an increase in the number and level of competitions this year – a positive step forward in providing a safe and friendly competitive environment for our many athletes. The enclosed Competition Report will provide you with detailed information on this topic.

Although we started strong with declared athletes for the 2013 Canadian Interprovincial Equestrian Championships (CIEC), in the end we had only one athlete represent Nova Scotia. By the time this goes to print, Nicole Sullivan, our Senior Dressage Athlete, will have competed in Calgary.

As initially stated, this past year has been a significant one for the sport of equestrian and equine related activities across the province. The collaborative efforts of volunteers, staff and members have allowed us to continue our progress in delivering the benefits of this sport to our members and to the horse community in general.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff – Program Coordinator, Sheila Currie and Membership Coordinator, Joanne Honeygold – for their hard work and enthusiasm as we work diligently to provide you with quality programs and services. I would also like to thank the NSEF Board of Directors for their direction and support throughout this past year.

I look forward to working with you in 2014. I hope you and yours have a wonderful holiday season.

Respectfully Submitted,



Heather Myrer  
Executive Director

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2013

It is hard to believe another year is coming to an end. Many of NSEF's objectives have been met this year. Among them are:

- NSEF was one of three sports to be accepted as a High School Personal Development Credit (Instructor of Beginners for both English and Western). A number of clinics were offered throughout the year. Highlights are: Joint Coach Symposium, Perfecting Pattern and Tests: Equestrian Development Clinic; an Equine Theory Course; two EC Stewards Clinics were held including a General and Jump Stewards Clinic and a Dressage Stewards Clinic.
- NSEF started a monthly E-News that has proved very successful and has become almost weekly occurrence.
- NSEF attended the Atlantic Horse Fair in Truro and the Milk Energy Sport Fair in Berwick While in those locations, NSEF offered a Getting to Know the NSEF Meet and Greet for individuals to learn about the NSEF and ask questions about the NSEF.
- Although we started strong with declared athletes for the 2013 Canadian Interprovincial Equestrian Championships (CIEC), in the end Nicole Sullivan represented Nova Scotia.

- The NSEF hosted the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual NSEF Trial Ride at Evangeline Trail Rides that was a great success.
- The NSEF Bursary Program was well received again this year with six recipients of \$500.00.
- And last, but not least, is the on-going development of our new website which provides many new benefits to members such as online membership renewal. Many thanks to all the time and work staff has put into this project.

Another highlight from this year is the Code of Practice for Equines is now available. The document has been under a revision process and was published this summer. The document outlines the recommended and required practices for the Care and Handling of Equines.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Board members for their commitment over this past year and to Heather, Sheila and Joanne, our staff for their dedication to the NSEF.

Respectfully submitted,



President, NSEF

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### DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION REPORT 2013

I am pleased to report to the membership of the NSEF, activities that relate to the MDCAC (Multi Discipline Coach Advisory Committee). A number of items may well be reported elsewhere I am sure. Much of what is accomplished is done from our office, Sheila acting as our Provincial Coaching Coordinator for all of the disciplines. This report is lengthy, but as much happens throughout the year - it is a great opportunity to communicate to you!

I would like to begin by thanking the NSEF for financial assistance to attend the EC Convention in Ottawa this year. I attended National Coaching Meetings, workshops and presentations while there. We are pleased to have Jill Barker, ME English, the Chair of the National English Coaching Committee for 2013.

At the 2013 Equine Canada Awards Gala held February 8 in Ottawa, ON, Equine Canada honored certified coaches who were recognized for excellence in coaching in two categories - Equine Canada ProChaps National Coaching Certification Program Awards and Equine Canada ProChaps Coaching Excellence Awards. *From Nova Scotia:* **English Instructor** - Laura Chiasson, **English Level 1/Competition Coach** - Alissa Cue. **Equine Canada ProChaps Coaching Excellence Award** - Mary-Clare McLaren, Waverley, NS/Rider Education/Peer nomination in recognition of her significant content contributions to the English Rider Level programs. This program was introduced last year and it is a wonderful feeling to be recognized within the coaching community.

EC National Coaching also announced an exciting partnership with ProChaps. The company offers chaps at a good discount to NCCP coaches, a discount to their students and rebate a

percentage directly back to national coaching.

The English and Western coaching disciplines are networking more and more at the national level similar to what is happening provincially through our Multi Discipline Advisory Committee.

The NSEF Coaching Symposium held in April of 2013 was highly successful. There was great positive feedback on the presentations on the Saturday format, and continued enthusiasm on our joint discipline format. We hope that next year we could provide an NCCP Training Module as part of the weekend update as well as provide more time for "networking" discussion.

As part of the Symposium, the "First Gait" program was launched and training provided for coaches and instructors. General feedback was positive. The program is not officially launched as of yet by Equine Canada but those in attendance are considered trained. Wendy Hudson from New Brunswick acted as trainer, and was also the Western discipline ME for the weekend, Jill Barker as our English discipline ME also was a trainer.

The Victoria Andrews Coach Training Clinic scheduled for late April was unfortunately cancelled due to lack of registrants and a factor may have been that we did not plan far enough in advance. At the time of this writing, we are re-offering this great opportunity for instructors and coaches in October and hope that the later date will better work for attendees. This is a great opportunity as a refresher on current coaching techniques for existing coaches and as a pre-evaluation for candidates. The NSEF remains committed

to develop and offer learning opportunities to coaches and coach candidates; hopefully more will take advantage of these opportunities.

The MDCAC approved the Respect in Sport program and recommends it to all coaches, including the course for parents! The Board of Directors have endorsed the program and NSEF is now a team member of the program.

Coaches have also access to a training module on Concussions through the Coaching Association of Canada (CAC). It is exciting to see the continuous development of training opportunities.

Nationally, Coaching was without a manager for a number of months earlier this year. We welcome the new Manager of Coaching. Her first major task was to work with Jill and myself to complete the Rider Level Revisions as they had not been completed. It is hoped that by the time of this printing the program has now been released in its entirety to all provinces and territories. Jill and I continue to be involved nationally with the Rider Level Program as the Rider Manuals come up for revision next!

You are now all aware about our exciting approval for the High School Personal Development Credit that has launched this fall in Nova Scotia High Schools. Thank you to Heather Myrer who was the driving force behind this presentation which will hopefully provide a great opportunity for developing certified instructors in our province.

Our office has the coach database updating well in hand, coaches have received their updating "stars" and it is expected that a list of certified coaches will be available on the website reflecting their status before the end of the year.

Rider Level Testings were held between January and August 2013 at nine locations with the following results:

6 Western Rider 1	1 English Rider 1
8 Western Rider 2	8 English Rider 2
0 Western Rider 3	11 English Rider 3
3 Western Rider 4	3 English Rider 4
	1 English Rider 5

A total of 41 Rider Level Tests were passed; 17 of those tests were Western and 24 were English.

IOB evaluations were also held two times and the following are congratulated on their certification:

Kara Wilson – Instructor of Beginner with Jump Module

Laura Chiasson – Additional Jump Instructor Module

The committee continues to promote NCCP certification to coaches in the province – at the time of writing; we have plans to invite a number of coaches to a meeting with Hyde Moffat the end of October. Hyde has gone through the certification process in the past year and we hope that he will have encouraged others to do the same.

Our province is certainly active and I would like to take this opportunity to include a summary of some of the many western and driving activities as reported by committee members!

Sherry Clark representing the western discipline reports:

A two day clinic to introduce Western Style Dressage and Ranch Horse Pleasure was held in August at Windsor Exhibition Grounds with Lindsay Grice and Sue Fraser

as clinicians. The first day was all about riding dressage patterns including classroom and arena activities. The second day was devoted to the expectations in the Trail, Horsemanship and Ranch Horse Pleasure. It too started with the classroom session and then moved to the arena. It was a great learning opportunity for the riders, coaches, stewards and judges that attended. The Riders Dressage group was very supportive and generously provided us with the Dressage Ring. A great group of volunteers spent about two hours Sunday night trying to set the ring up accurately. It is not an easy job!

The Heritage Championships 2013 was held in Windsor on August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. It was very successful with about 65 horses participating. Riders of all ages compete in a variety of English and Western classes for over \$5000 in prizes and awards. This project is the work of a dedicated group of volunteers and the generous commitment of our wonderful sponsors. Ranch Horse Pleasure was introduced this year and the Bill Collins Perpetual Trophy was presented for the first time.

Western Classes will be returning to the Hants County Exhibition this year. Hopefully, they will be well attended. One of our developing Provincial Officials will be judging this section. Five Fires will be offering Western Style Dressage classes at their Fall show. This is a good follow up to our clinic.

It is great to see the different disciplines working together to develop improved and current programs for coaches and riders.

Kim Beaton representing the driving discipline reports:

There was a spring tune up held in early May at the Truro Exhibition grounds. The NSDS clinic gave new members and experienced drivers alike a chance to brush up on skills and prepare for the season. The Annapolis Valley Hunt Club held a clinic with Sheila Starr in the spring. This spring, Gail Veinot and I had the opportunity to go to Beaverwood Farm in Ontario for a Driving coach's evaluator's clinic. A number of competitions with good entries were held throughout the season. Combined driving is growing with Deverness Stables hosting a clinic in September with the famous clinician Francois Bergeron. Nova Scotia competitors competed in the first CanDrive event in B.C. and also attended International competition in Bromont.

I would like to thank the members of the MDCAC committee for their work to date. For interest the members are: Sherry Clark, Madeline West, Helen Smith, Kim Beaton, Jill Barker, NSEF President Barbie Lewis, NSEF Staff Heather and Sheila as well as myself.

As we move forward throughout the year, it has encouraging to see a Board of Directors who are keen to involve volunteers and committees. If we use our volunteer resources actively, it will reduce the responsibility and workload on the office. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Director of Education for the NSEF.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary-Clare McLaren  
Director of NSEF Education

### COMPETITION DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2013

#### MEDIA

Equestrian was the topic of the "Game Day" feature in the Sports section of The Chronicle Herald on Wednesday, May 8, 2013. The Game Day features a different sport by having a reporter and photographer go to a competition. The reporter, Steve Bezanson, attended the Restless Pines National Spring Show on May 4-5. Dara Pelkey-Field was featured as a CIEC declared athlete and the article featured information on the CIEC. The article certainly highlighted the uniqueness of equestrian sport and the CIEC.

#### PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS PROGRAM (POP)

The Provincial Officials Program has potential to support the Scotia Series in the future with more development. The sport needs well trained officials who can sustain the competition structure embracing all the elements of good horsemanship, fair play, wisdom and experience, to name a few. Participants from the POP program were sent a notice with an updating form to submit to the NSEF for their files. Please see the clinic section of this report for information on officials clinics held this year.

#### SCOTIA SERIES

The Scotia Series Rules were updated for 2013. The NSEF Safety Committee played a key role in revising the Scotia Series rules for the 2013 competition season.

Current documents are posted on the NSEF Website under "Competitions" then "Scotia Series" ([www.horsenovascotia.ca/Competitions-Scotia-Series](http://www.horsenovascotia.ca/Competitions-Scotia-Series)). We anticipate 21 Scotia

Series Competitions by the end of the season this year. This is up from last year, where our total was 15.

#### EC COMPETITIONS

By the end of the competition season, 19 Equine Canada Competitions will be held in Nova Scotia. Of those the breakdown of the Equine Canada competitions will be: 4 Bronze, 1 Silver, 3 Silver/Bronze, 5 Gold/Bronze, 6 Gold.

#### COMPETITION/OFFICIALS CLINICS

Two EC Stewards Clinics were held at the NS Airport Hotel April 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. A General Steward's clinic and a Dressage Steward's clinic were held.

The Equestrian Development Clinic held in Windsor in August, with Lindsay Grice and Susan Fraser, offered a wonderful educational opportunity for riders, officials and coaches. The clinic highlighted Horsemanship Patterns, Ranch Horse Pleasure Patterns, and Western Dressage. The clinic focused on introducing the classes, outlining the scoring for the different classes, developing the rider for the classes, and allowing interactive participation.

Also in August, a Course Design Educational Session was held in Halifax which gave participants an opportunity to create their own course designs and receive feedback from two EC/FEI course designers.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandra Conrad  
Director of Competitions

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### NSEF RECREATION REPORT 2013

Hope everyone had a great summer! The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual NSEF Trail Ride was held on July 13<sup>th</sup> at Evangeline Trail Rides in Stanley. It was a small group but we had a great time! Thank you to the many volunteers and to our Sponsors - Greenhawk Harness & Equestrian Supplies, Fiske's Animal Care Products, Valleyfield Farm Ltd., NSEF and Evangeline Trail Rides.

The NSEF Ride & Drive Rewards Program has 234 Members. That's 21 new members since last year! If anyone is interested in becoming a member, please visit the NSEF website and click on the Ride & Drive icon for more information.

With 1,186 Members indicating they are Recreational Riders and Hunting Season fast approaching here are

some reminder tips for the trail ...

Ride in a group when possible; make some noise - sing, talk, whistle, attach bear bells or sleigh bells to your horse; carry your cell phone on your person - not on your horse; ride on trails or fields where you are more identifiable; and of course, outfit yourself and your horse in lots of bright colors!! Hunting Season for large game runs from September 9<sup>th</sup> until December 14<sup>th</sup> so stay safe and remember your hunters orange!

Happy Trails,

Suzanne Killen  
Director of Recreation

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### BY-LAW REVISIONS 2013

The NSEF Board of Directors will review proposed By-Law Amendments at the AGM and ask for a vote on the amendments by the NSEF Membership. The By-Law Amendments will be posted on the NSEF website ([www.horsenovascotia.ca](http://www.horsenovascotia.ca))

for members to review. If you would prefer a hard copy of the proposed by-law changes, please contact the NSEF office at [nsefservices@sportnovascotia.ca](mailto:nsefservices@sportnovascotia.ca), or call 902-425-5450, ext 337.



## FINANCE REPORT 2013

The following are a summary of the Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation Financial Statements as at March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013 as prepared by Shellnut Professional Accountants. Full Financial Report will be available at the NSEF Annual General Meeting, on the NSEF Website, or by contacting the NSEF.

### NOVA SCOTIA EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION - STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT MARCH 31, 2013 (Unaudited)

	2013	2012
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 101,963	\$ 90,540
Accounts receivable, net	3,373	896
Prepaid expenses	0	425
Short-term investments	<u>63,554</u>	<u>79,648</u>
	168,890	171,509
<b>CAPITAL ASSETS</b>	1,166	1,356
<b>LONG TERM INVESTMENTS</b>	<u>40,896</u>	<u>20,345</u>
	<b><u>\$ 210,952</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 193,210</u></b>
<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 4,172	\$ 5,122
Payroll deductions payable	1,787	2,241
Deferred revenue	<u>11,250</u>	<u>11,740</u>
	17,209	19,103
<b><u>NET ASSETS</u></b>		
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>193,743</u>	<u>174,107</u>
	<b><u>\$ 210,952</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 193,210</u></b>

### STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AS AT MARCH 31, 2013 (Unaudited)

<b>REVENUE</b>		
Athlete development	\$ 15,747	\$ 10,653
Organization operations	184,995	160,802
Programs	48,544	36,215
Investment revenue	<u>4,458</u>	<u>2,556</u>
	<b><u>253,744</u></b>	<b><u>210,226</u></b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Athlete development	551	16,274
Organization operations	186,902	152,683
Programs	<u>46,655</u>	<u>29,419</u>
	<u>234,108</u>	<u>198,376</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$ 19,636</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 11,850</u></b>
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>174,107</u>	<u>162,257</u>
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b><u>\$ 193,743</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 174,107</u></b>

### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS -FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2013 (Unaudited)

<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b><u>16,583</u></b>	<b><u>26,352</u></b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b><u>(5,160)</u></b>	<b><u>16,534</u></b>
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	11,423	42,886
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD</b>	<u>90,540</u>	<u>47,654</u>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD</b>	<b><u>\$ 101,963</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 90,540</u></b>

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS FOR 2013-14**

Looking for a great volunteer opportunity, a way to give back to your sport? Serving on the NSEF Board of Directors is one way to do that! Our Nominations Committee is actively seeking members of the equestrian community to serve on our board in various capacities. Please contact Heather at the NSEF Office for more information.

1. Nominations are now being accepted for the 2013-14 Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation (NSEF) Board of Directors. Nominations for the NSEF Board of Directors shall be in writing, using the enclosed form. To make sure that these forms copy clearly, please either type or print with black pen. Deadline for nomination is November 1, 2013.
2. Following the election at this year's AGM, these newly

elected persons will serve for a one-year term, until the next AGM. Nominations will be accepted for the following positions:

- One Director of Education
  - One Director of Recreation
  - Two Directors of Clubs
  - Two Directors-at-Large (3-year term)
  - One Director of Competitions
3. Any Individual Senior Member of the Federation shall be eligible to be elected a Director of the Federation
  4. Please send Nomination form to: NSEF, 5516 Spring Garden Road, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Halifax, NS B3J 1G6. Fax 902-425-5606 DEADLINE: November 1, 2013.

**2013 BOARD STRUCTURE AND MEMBERS**

<b>Board of Directors</b>	<b>Executive Council</b>	<b>Current Position Holder</b>
President	President	Barbie Lewis
Immediate Past President	Immediate Past President	N/A
Vice President	Vice President	Adrienne Smith
Treasurer	Treasurer	Valerie McDermott
Secretary	Secretary	Krista Foley
Competitions Representative		Sandra Conrad
Two Directors of Clubs		Dr. Robert MacNeill Jane Abbott
One Director of Recreation		Suzanne Killen
One Director of Education		Mary-Clare McLaren
Two Directors-at-Large - 3-year term		Dr. Don Wescott Susan MacLean Michel
Two Directors-at-Large - 2-year term		Kim Fortin Sherri Greenough
Two Directors-at-Large - 1-year term		Laurie Cranton Liz Milo

**NOMINATION FORM — 2013/14 NSEF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

NAME OF NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS OF NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street and Number  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
Town/City POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINEE'S NSEF NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATED FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (PLEASE ATTACH RESUME IF AVAILABLE) \_\_\_\_\_  
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NOMINEE'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Nominator Nominator's Name (Printed)

DEADLINE: November 1, 2013

To: **Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation** · 5516 Spring Garden Road, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor · Halifax, NS · B3J 1G6 · FAX: 902.425.5606

**THIS IS YOUR RENEWAL NOTICE**



**2014 NSEF Membership Application (expires Dec 31, 2014)**

**NOTE:** By making application to the Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation, you agree to abide by all Policies, Rules and Regulations of the Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OPTIONS:**

- 1) **Online at [www.horsenovascotia.ca](http://www.horsenovascotia.ca):** Please see the information on the second page of the application or on our website for details.
- 2) **By Mail:** Return this fully completed form (2 sides) with payment payable to NSEF
- 3) **By Fax:** Fax the fully completed form (2 sides) to 902-425-5606. Do not fax the form if you are sending a cheque or money order as your membership will not be processed until the payment and form are received.
- 4) **In Office:** Call to make an appointment to get your membership processed in the office.

<b>Member Name:</b>		<b>Middle</b>
1) <b>First</b>	<b>or Initial</b>	<b>Last</b>
<b>Parent/Guardian's Name (Printed) and Signature</b> if Applicant is of under 19 years old at time of application:		<b>Date of Birth (required):</b>
		<b>Primary Phone # :</b> Please specify who (if not member's)
<b>Mailing Address:</b>		<b>Secondary Phone # :</b> Please specify who (if not member's)
<b>City/Town:</b>		<b>Fax:</b>
<b>Province:</b>	<b>Postal Code:</b>	<b>Primary Email:</b>
<b>Provincial County/Region (e.g. HRM, Hants, Richmond)</b>		<b>Secondary Email:</b>
<b>Gender:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male		<b>NCCP Coach # (if applicable):</b>
		<b>Equine Canada Sport License # (if applicable):</b>
<b>Are you a Junior Member*?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes *Juniors are 18 years of age & under in 2014 (born in 1996 or later). If you turn 19 in 2014 you are a Senior Member (born in 1995 or before).		

**Family Members** (List only those who wish to become NSEF members in addition to the Member named above)

**Definition of Family:** Open to husband, wife, and/or the junior aged children of either/both parents - Juniors are 18 years of age & under in 2014 (born in 1996 or later). If the child/sibling turns 19 in 2014 (born in 1995 or before) they are a Senior Member and require an individual membership. "Wife" or "husband" may include those who are cohabiting, but not married by law; those who are married, but do not use the same surname; legal guardian(s).

Member's Name	Date of Birth	Relation to the person above	Gender
2)			
3)			
4)			
5)			

For additional "Family Members", please use a blank piece of paper.

<b>Membership Details</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> New Member or <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Membership or <input type="checkbox"/> Past Member    NSEF# _____ if available	
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership	<b>Payment:</b>
Before January 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2014 - \$40.00    After January 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2014 - \$45.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership - Please see chart below	
<b>Definition of Family:</b> Open to husband, wife, and/or the junior aged children of either/both parents (Juniors are 18 years of age & under in 2014. If the child/sibling turns 19 in 2014 they are a Senior Member and require an individual membership). "Wife" or "husband" may include those who are cohabiting, but not married by law; those who are married, but do not use the same surname; legal guardian(s).	
Before Jan 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2014 First Two Family Members - \$60.00    After Jan 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2014 - First two Family Members- \$65.00	
Additional Juniors - _____ x \$17.00    Additional Juniors- _____ x \$17.00	
<b>OPTIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>NSEF Ride &amp; Drive Program</b> A Reward program recognizing NSEF members for hours spent Riding/Driving a horse. You <b>MUST</b> be an NSEF member to participate. Just Ride/Drive for your reward! One time fee per member. (Optional)    \$20.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Horse and Pony Magazine</b> Subscription through NSEF Affiliate Program (4 issues) (Optional)    \$11.50	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Horse Canada Magazine</b> Subscription through NSEF Affiliate Program (6 issues) (Optional)    \$20.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Please send me information on donating to Team NS</b> (Canadian Interprovincial Equestrian Championships Donation Program which provides tax receipts for donations of \$20 or more to Team NS)	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	
<b>PAYMENT TYPE:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> -Cheque <input type="checkbox"/> -Money Order <input type="checkbox"/> -MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> -Visa <input type="checkbox"/> -Cash (in office only – please call ahead)	
<b>VISA/MASTERCARD PAYMENT INFORMATION:</b> Credit Card Admin Fee    \$2.00	
<b>Total Credit Card Payment Enclosed:</b>	
<b>Credit Cardholder Name:</b>	<b>Signature:</b>
<b>Credit Card #:</b>	<b>Expiry Date:</b> <b>Verification Code (located on back of card):</b>
<b>Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation 5516 Spring Garden Road, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Halifax, NS, B3J 1G6 Phone: 902-425-5450 ext 337 or 333</b>	

**PRIVACY POLICY**

The NSEF recognizes the privacy of individuals with respect to their personal information and is committed to ensuring the privacy of its members. By becoming a member, you are giving the NSEF permission to inform you of events and activities and notify you of issues or special offers that may be of interest to you through any of the contact information you provide on the application. Members may choose to customize their communication preferences by contacting the Membership Coordinator at nsefmembership@sportnovascotia.ca or 902-425-5450, ext. 337.

The NSEF does not offer our mailing lists to any outside organizations. Information will be forwarded to the appropriate organization for optional programs i.e. magazine publishers or club memberships. However, as an NSEF member, you are a member\* of Equine Canada (EC). If you are interested in accessing information about Equine Canada member programs or participating in voting at the Equine Canada level, we need to have your permission to forward your information onto EC.

- I am interested in having NSEF send my information to Equine Canada
- I am **NOT** interested in having NSEF send my information to Equine Canada

Please sign here (parent/guardian signature, if under 19): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*An EC membership does not include an EC Sport License. If you are competing at Equine Canada competitions in 2014, you will require an EC Sport License. Please refer to [www.equinecanada.ca](http://www.equinecanada.ca) for Sport License Renewal/Purchase.

**MANDATORY INFORMATION**

**HORSE OWNERSHIP INFORMATION** \*If you do not own or lease a horse please put zero in the "# of horses" space.

- Own  Rent/Lease # of Horses: \_\_\_\_\_  Board Elsewhere  Own Stable/Farm

**PARTICIPATION (Check all that apply)**

- Recreational Rider  Athlete/Student (taking lessons)  Athlete Competitor  Coach/Instructor NCCP Certified  Coach/Instructor/Trainer (Non NCCP Certified)
- Coach/Instructor Candidate  Official Type: \_\_\_\_\_  Official Type: \_\_\_\_\_  Volunteer  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**PRIMARY DISCIPLINE (check all that apply)**

- English  Western  Driving  Saddle Seat  Breed Sport

**AFFILIATIONS**

Please list all other equine clubs, organizations and associations in which you hold a membership;


- Pony Club Member **Pony Club Branch Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**INDUSTRY PARTICIPATION (check all that apply)**

- Breeder - Breed Type: \_\_\_\_\_  Trainer  Provide Riding Lessons at Facility  Own/Operate Boarding Facility  Other: Please Specify \_\_\_\_\_
- Veterinarian  Farrier

**SPECIAL INTEREST AREA(S) (check all that apply)**

Discipline: English	Discipline: Western	Discipline: Other	Breeds	Breeds Continued...	Recreation
<input type="checkbox"/> Dressage	<input type="checkbox"/> Cutting	<input type="checkbox"/> Endurance	<input type="checkbox"/> Appaloosa	<input type="checkbox"/> Paint	<input type="checkbox"/> Ride/Drive Program
<input type="checkbox"/> Equitation	<input type="checkbox"/> Gymkhana	<input type="checkbox"/> Competitive trail	<input type="checkbox"/> Arabian	<input type="checkbox"/> Percheron	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunt Club/Field Hunting
<input type="checkbox"/> Eventing Horse Trials	<input type="checkbox"/> General Performance	<input type="checkbox"/> Therapeutic Riding	<input type="checkbox"/> Belgian	<input type="checkbox"/> Pony	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hack	<input type="checkbox"/> Horsemanship	<input type="checkbox"/> Driving	<input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Sport Horse	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarter Horse	<input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Pony Club
<input type="checkbox"/> Hunter	<input type="checkbox"/> Western Pleasure	<input type="checkbox"/> Combine Driving	<input type="checkbox"/> Clydesdale	<input type="checkbox"/> Sport Pony	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail Riding
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**ONLINE RENEWAL INFORMATION - Please read the following information carefully to avoid any errors with your membership.**

- If you **have** a username and password for our system (membership or online shopping), please use the "Members Login" area. If you have difficulties, contact the NSEF Office.
- If you **do not** have a username and password but are in our system as a past/current member or have purchased something through the NSEF:
  - **and your email is not on file** (or not up to date), please email the NSEF Office. We will update the information to allow you to use the login in area. Please include the name of the member and the current email address in the email. Once the information is up to date click on the "Forgot Password" link under the Members Login area. If you have difficulties, contact the NSEF Office.
  - **and your email is on file**, click on the "Forgot Password" link under the Members Login area to create your account. If you have difficulties, contact the NSEF Office.
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## INSTRUCTOR PROGRAM HIGH SCHOOL PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

NSEF is pleased that our Western and English Instructor of Beginners Programs are included as a High School Personal Development Credit. "This is an exciting new venture for our high school members and we are thrilled to have been selected as one of three sports across the province to provide this opportunity", said Heather Myrer, NSEF Executive Director.

Students wishing to take part in this program must complete the program registration form with NSEF. The registration form and other documents for the program are available to download at [www.horsenovascotia.ca/Coaching-High School Credit Program](http://www.horsenovascotia.ca/Coaching-High School Credit Program) or through Sheila at the NSEF Office ([nsefmembership@sportnovascotia.ca](mailto:nsefmembership@sportnovascotia.ca) or by phone 902-425-5450, ext 337).

Students can begin the program as early as the summer leading into their grade 10 year. Students can continue the program throughout grade 10, 11 or 12 and will receive a grade 10 personal development credit. After successfully completing the pre-requisites, training and evaluation, students will be issued their certificate to submit to their school guidance counselor with the department of education form. Students must submit the paperwork by June 1<sup>st</sup> (or school's deadline) of their graduating year in order to have the credit on their transcript.

### OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM

Included with the registration form for this program is the overview of the program which outlines details on all of

the following items. Course Materials are required for the program and they are outlined on the overview.

### PRE-REQUISITES

- NSEF Membership
- Age: Students may begin the program as early as July of the year in which they enter grade 10 (i.e. Rider Level). However, students must be 16 years old or older to be eligible to take the evaluation.
- Rider Level – For English you will need to pass Learn to Ride 6; For Western you will need to pass Learn to Ride 4
- First Aid/CPR
- Make Ethical Decisions Online Competition – Introduction Evaluation (MED Online Evaluation)
- Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector
- Signed Code of Ethics & Code of Conduct
- Equine Canada Silver Sport License – To be obtained by the student just prior to the evaluation.

### TRAINING

- Equine Theory Course (4 modules – 16 hours total)
- 55 Hour Mentoring Program

**EVALUATION:** A Pass is Required

### Questions?

Contact Sheila Currie, NSEF Provincial Coach Coordinator: [nsefmembership@sportnovascotia.ca](mailto:nsefmembership@sportnovascotia.ca) or 902-425-5450, ext. 337.

## TEAM NOVA SCOTIA

NSEF is proud to introduce Nicole Sullivan, who represented Nova Scotia in the Dressage Division at the Canadian Interprovincial Equestrian Championships in Calgary, Alberta from September 13-15.



*Nicole and Picasso*

Nicole, who qualified on Stoneridge Bayard Magnum, resides in Nine Mile River. Nicole is a busy woman, working while raising three children under 10 years old, training and competing. Nicole rides with coaches Roz Moskovitzs and Sue Fraser. Some of Nicole's past equestrian accomplishments include:

Training Level Reserve Champion 2011; Provincial Champion Hunter Hack 2011; Reserve Champion Canadian Horse Breeders Show 2011; Champion Canadian Horse Breeders Show 2012; being selected to ride in the Ingrid Klimke clinic 2012; and being selected to ride in the upcoming Jacqueline Brooks Clinic in October 2013.

Upon making Team Nova Scotia, Nicole said, "The

opportunity to ride for my province, Nova Scotia, is absolutely thrilling. I am a working mom of three young children – Roderick 9, Lloyd 7 and Fay 5. I am very lucky to have the love and support of my family, which enables me to pursue my passion. I am looking forward to the learning experience this provides and working with a new coach while in Calgary."

### 2013 CIEC RESULTS:

Nicole, one of 26 Dressage competitors at the CIEC in Calgary, competed with leased horse Picasso against the tough field of competitors. In Class One she placed 15<sup>th</sup> with a score of 61.757. In Class Two she tied for 18<sup>th</sup> place with a score of 61.774. Nicole had a strong finish in Class Three, placing 12<sup>th</sup> with a score of 63.226.

"The experience and friendships I've made at the interprovincial championships have been amazing, an experience I'll never forget! I hope to be lucky enough to enjoy such a wonderful opportunity again next year!" – Nicole Sullivan, Team Nova Scotia 2013.

If you are interested in competing for Team Nova Scotia in 2014, watch for information in our e-news and on our website in the spring.



### EQUINE GUELPH REDUCE YOUR COLIC RISK

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Equine Guelph has many Equine Health Resources Available on their website, [www.equineguelph.ca](http://www.equineguelph.ca)

Equine Guelph indicates that, other than old age, Colic is the #1 killer of horses. You can reduce the risk by: Calculating Your Risk, Assessing Your Management Plan and Developing Preventative Strategies. Equine Guelph recommends following these 12 Prevention Tips to Reduce Your Colic Risk:

- Increase Forage in Diet
- Feed Small Meals Frequently
- Feed Good Quality Feedstuff
- Reduce Stall Time
- Maximize Turnout and Exercise
- Consistent Exercise

- Provide Clean, Fresh Water
- Have a Parasite Prevention Program
- Provide Routine Dental Care
- Be Consistent Make Changes Slowly
- Monitor Your Horse
- Know Your Horse Pay Attention to Changes

For more information on each of these tips, Colic Risk Rater and Colic Prevention eWorkshop, go to: [EquineGuelph.ca/Tools/colic.php](http://EquineGuelph.ca/Tools/colic.php). The Colic Risk Rater is a free online tool that assesses and calculates your colic risk. The Colic Prevention eWorkshop is a two-week online short course on colic prevention.

*With permission from Equine Guelph*

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### THREE EXCEPTIONAL NSEF MEMBERS – JEN HAMILTON AWARD

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On Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> a celebration of "**Three Exceptional Women**" was held – namely Mary Henry, Liz Johnson and Gill Lawrence.

In my heyday of competing on the hunter/jumper, and then also eventing circuits, I came to know and deeply respect these women for their knowledge, generosity and dedication to equestrian sport – not just in Nova Scotia, but throughout the Maritimes and Canada. They, and their families, have given so much and I was proud to be amongst those able to be present to honour them.

Did you all know that **Gill Lawrence** was Chef d`Equipe for the Canadian Para-Equestrian World Championships in Europe? Yup, twice – in 1992 and in 1994 – and they won bronze and silver. I knew Gill was involved with therapeutic riding and CANTRA, but the World Championships! Wow.

**Liz Johnson** was also involved with Riding for the Disabled – Willowbank Riders. Liz, along with Mary Henry and Gill Lawrence, was instrumental in the development of the Canadian Pony Club in Nova Scotia. Liz has an extensive riding career, beginning at the HJBL in the 1950's. She has her Pony Club A certificate and showed at the Royal and other prestigious shows before getting married and moving to the Valley in 1962. Such wonderful stories were told about showing in those days. That is one very good reason we need to keep these celebrations and reunions going.

As for **Mary Henry**, I can't say enough. Along with her illustrious riding and instructor career, her name is synonymous with Pony Club. She, Liz and Barb McLaughlin started up the original NS Pony Clubs in 1963. The then Annapolis Valley PC became so large it had to be divided into three – Fundy, Annapolis and Avon. Gill Lawrence started the Tantramar Pony Club in the Amherst area.

These three women also have families and their children and grandchildren continue to be involved and carry on their legacy. Each has seen a vision for our sport, took some ideas and MADE IT HAPPEN. These women are the foundation of Equestrian sport of the English disciplines

in the Maritimes. They are SO deserving of this Jen Hamilton Award for their long-standing commitment to horsemanship, education, and instilling a love of the horse.

A large crowd gathered at the O'Brien Building at the Exhibition grounds on the afternoon of June 29<sup>th</sup> during the Windsor Summer Horse Show. It was wonderful to see so many old friends and acquaintances. I didn't know who I'd run into next! It was great, and so much fun looking at the old photos – a great reunion. (Now I don't want to date myself, but) what fun it was to reminisce about the "good old days" of Applewood, Red Bank and Medford Horse Trials and who could forget the Westphal and Halifax-Dartmouth Horse Shows when 3'6" was the norm! Several of us continued gathering over at Brian and Jen Hamilton's lovely home.

Submitted by:  
Kim Elliott-Foster

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# JOIN US FOR THE NSEF HORSE SUMMIT

NSEF is pleased to host the NSEF Horse Summit weekend again this year. We will be providing information sessions, discussion forums, our Annual General Meeting and the NSEF Awards Reception. We are finalizing details and more information will be available on our website, through our E-News, and by mail if requested.

## Tentative Schedule for the Weekend

### Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup>

9:00a.m.-9:30a.m.	Registration
9:30a.m.-12:00p.m.	Morning Information Sessions – we will host sessions on Equine Health and Welfare topics. For example, the Equine Code of Practice and Are you Prepared
12:00p.m.-1:30p.m.	Lunch
1:30p.m.-2:30p.m.	Competition Manager's Forum
2:30p.m.-3:30p.m.	Club Forum

### Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup>

9:30a.m.-10:00a.m.	AGM Registration
10:00a.m.	AGM Begins
1:00p.m.-1:30p.m.	Registration for the Awards Reception
1:30p.m.	Awards Reception Begins

*Sessions for  
Members, Clubs and  
Competition Organizers*

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND  
THE REGISTRATION FORM,  
GO TO  
[WWW.HORSENOVASCOTIA.CA](http://WWW.HORSENOVASCOTIA.CA)

*Awards Presented at the NSEF  
Awards Reception include:  
NSEF Youth Sportsmanship Award  
Scotia Series Awards  
Ride & Drive Level 9 Awards  
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