

**RMDS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

October 5, 2023

Zoom Meeting

Meeting @ 6:30 PM

**Attendance:** Beth Geier, Sharon Soos, Heather Petersen, Kristen Allen, Patricia Weed, Judi DeVore, Karen Harkin, Joan Clay, MaryJo Hoepner, Dorothy Kapaun, Gabrielle Hibbert, Sarah Murphy, Rebecca Ciota, Sally O’Dwyer, Eleanor Harrison, Andrea Osmond

**Proxies:** Ginka Kubelka to Heather Petersen

**Call to Order- Vice President**

**Dorothy Kapaun**

**Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm**

**Awards:**

**Russ Fawcett:** Judi DeVore nominated Dolly Hannon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sharon Soos. Motioned passed unanimously.

**Jr Sportmanship:** MaryJo Hoepner nominated Taylor Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Heather Petersen, motion passed unanimously.

**RMDS Volunteer of the Year:** Sharon Soos, Nadia Westra, Judi DeVore all discussed. MaryJo Hoepner would like to nominate Sharon Soos, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sally O’Dwyer. Motion passed unanimously with Sharon not present for the vote and marked as abstaining.

Send your chapter volunteers of the year to Sarah Murphy and/or Shannon Lemons.

Reminders need to go out to chapter presidents for delegates and volunteers of the year.

**President:**

Do we want to do a basket for RMDS for the USDF convention? We will do one and folks can bring items to the RMDS BOG meeting.

**Banquet:**

We need to establish what the price will be for the banquet. Last year we were \$70 and we need to look at \$95 for this coming year – prices have greatly increased again. We will lower the minimum people to 115 to help with meeting the basic costs. Nadia will do the silent auction.

**Treasurers Report**

**Sharon Soos**

**Funds as of September 30, 2023**

RMDS Checking Account	\$119,361.57
RMDS PayPal (as of 09/18/2023)	\$ 524.09
Subtotal	\$119,885.66

**Restricted Funds as of September 30, 2023**

Wells Fargo Scholarship Fund	
RMDS Scholarship	\$ 5,347.29
Barbara H McElnea Scholarship	\$ 8,000.00
Subtotal	\$13,347.29

**TOTAL** \$133,232.95

**Funds as of October 3, 2023**

RMDS Checking Account	\$130,922.09
RMDS PayPal (as of 12/19/2018)	\$ 524.09
Outstanding checks	\$ ????

Depending Deposits	\$ ????
Sub Total	\$131,446.19
Judges “L” Program	\$13,189.00
Subtotal Operating Funds	\$118,257.18
<b>Restricted Funds as of October 3, 2023</b>	
Wells Fargo Scholarship Fund	
RMDS Scholarship	\$ 5,197.29
Barbara H McElnea Scholarship	\$ 8,000.00
Payable	\$ 250.00
Pending Deposit	
Subtotal	\$ 12,947.29
TOTAL	\$ 131,204.47

### **Budgeting for 2024**

Starting with membership, keeping numbers the same as membership doesn't seem to be growing much if at all. Horses have increased over several years, so we will reflect an increase in horse income.

Central Office – we did increase the office manager hourly wage and change personnel.

Magazine – No tests for next year and not as much loss as anticipated, but increased shipping and printing might be likely.

Taxes: 2023 preparation fees were minimal. Dorothy will continue to donate in the future for the organization,

Insurance: Aiming for \$2500.

Clinics/Education: Only show management/TD in the works right now, but maybe a judges' continuing education clinic.

AA clinic – no plans currently.

Professionals – no plans currently.

Jr Camp – what are our intentions for next year?

Championships – did well.

Doing an email blast for the full page ad placers in the show program as not many read the program and put the link to the show program in the e-centaur to help them get more exposure.

There was discussion of removing Volunteers from the championship budget and creating their own separate line item in the budget for Volunteer Committee Recruitment, Retention and Appreciation. This would decrease expenses significantly in the Championship budget, especially meals and the t-shirts.

Awards – approximately the same as previous year.

Banquet – discussed prices and increases.

BOG – tried to factor in some increases in meal prices here as well.

Travel policy to USDF convention – **Sharon Soos moved to approve the new dollar amounts for per diem and travel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Heather Petersen. Motion passed with Sally O'Dwyer abstaining.**

Rocky Mountain Dressage Society			
2024 Proposed Budget			
2024 Budget	Income	Expense	Net Change
Adult Amateur	\$0.00	\$ 500.00	(500.00)
BOG Awards	\$0.00	\$9,500.00	(9,500.00)
BOG Banquet	\$14,000.00	\$13,000.00	1,000.00
BOG Meeting	\$0.00	\$2,100.00	(2,100.00)
Central Office	\$3,800	\$15,500.00	(11,700.00)
Championship/Breed Show	\$155,000	\$150,000	5,000.00
Donations	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	(2,000.00)
Education/Clinics	\$ 750.00	\$ 300.00	450.00
Jr/Yr Program	\$0.00	\$ 500.00	(500.00)
Junior Camp	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
Marketing/Expo/Merchandise	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	(1,400.00)
Membership - Dues	\$ 44,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	25,000.00
Membership - Horses	\$ 7,500.00	\$0.00	7,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$500	\$500	0.00
Operating (USDF Conv/Treas Exp)	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	(5,000.00)
Professional Committee	\$0.00	\$ 500.00	(500.00)
Publication (RMDS Magazine/Centaur)	\$14,000.00	\$19,800.00	(5,800.00)
Scheduling / Insurance	\$ 600.00	\$2,500	(1,900.00)
Scholarship	\$3,500	\$3,000	500.00
Taxes / Legal / Audit			0.00
Team Competition	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
Website/Database	\$0.00	\$4,500	(4,500.00)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 243,650.00</b>	<b>\$ 249,600.00</b>	<b>(5,950.00)</b>

**2. Nominating Committee – Chapter Presidents**

Sally O'Dwyer for Stan

To be prepared for the Board of Governors meeting on November 19, 2022, here are the current nominations required for 2023, an odd numbered year:

VP – 1 year term -

Secretary – 2 year term – Heather Petersen

Treasurer – 2 year term – Sharon Soos

Awards – 2 year term – Shannon Lemons

Education – 2 year term –

Marketing – 2 year term – Kristen Allen and Jessica Riegel as co-chairs  
Professionals – 2 year term –  
Volunteers – 2 year term – Judi DeVore will continue with a co-chair

**Old Business:**

- None.

**New Business:**

- None.

**Next Meeting will be the Board Of Governors.**

**9:07 pm Heather Petersen made the motion to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sharon Soos. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Respectfully submitted, Heather Petersen**