

RMDS Board of Governors
November 10th, 2008
Flatirons Country Club/Spice of Life Events Center
Boulder, CO

Meeting called to order 835am by Laura Speer.

Roll call:

Arkansas Valley (2) – Present - Brenda Haley, Catherine Siemiet

Boulder Valley (11) – Present- Julie Barringer-Richers, Nicole Bizarro, Nicole Donohue, Dawn Fisher, Loni Gaudet, Beth Geier, Barb Goldman, Jeannette Hillery, Beth Nicholson, Patti Taylor. **Proxy**- Claudia Barkmeier held by Barb Goldman

Colorado Springs (7)- Present – Simone Windeler (2), Cici Lee, Heather Petersen (2), Mary Jo Hoepner, Joan Stang

Foothills (4) – Present- Dolly Hannon (2), Lori Mitchell (2)

Grand Valley (6) – Present- Deb Crooks (3), Lisa Binse (3)

High Plains (14)- Present – Alex Curnutte (5), Cathy Van Berg (2), Debbie Wilke (2), Sharon Soos (3), Tyteeka Reye (2) Note: KC Parkins-Kyle was suppose to come but didn't, votes transferred to Alex Curnutte.

Northern Colo (7)- Present- Laura Speer (2) in addition Laura held proxies from Kathleen Kilkelly, Erika Murphy, Judea Franck, Pat Schultheiss, Susie Reed

Penrose (1- Present- None, Proxies held by Laura Speer for Sharon GHilarducci

Tri State (3) – Present- None, Beth Geier holding proxy for Tammy Fagan with 3 votes.

Western Colo (2)- Present- None, Beth Geier holding proxy for Judy Family with 2 votes.

Total Present – 27, Total votes accounted for 57

2007 BOG Minutes: Corrections are as follows; reference pg 7 'and' extraordinary change to 'an', Siemiet spelled incorrectly 'Seimiet' change accordingly. Reference Pg 4; new division of juniors not passed just discussed. Reference pg 8 and 9 concerning officer slate elected, Sharon Soos and Lisa Wiggins were already appointed, Tara Nolan as AA elected and Grace Maddox as Scholarship elected.

MOTION: Approve minutes of 2007 RMDS BOG as corrected. Susan Rudman, Beth Geier 2nd, PASSED

Treasurers Report- Sharon Soos

Correction on first page, 'Funds as of October 31, 2007' change to 'Funds as of October 31, 2008. Account status is as follows:

WF (Wells Fargo) RMDS Checking	\$42,029.41
WF PayPal	\$ 2,751.71
WF Scholarship	\$ 2,734.12
WF Money Market	\$ 45,332.13

RMDS shows as a profit \$12,724.24 as of November7, 2008. Capital Campaign Fund donations to date are \$9,828.93 with a remaining amt of \$10,171.07. The 2009 Budget to be presented and voted on after lunch.

Central Office Report: USDF Membership due by Nov 11 in order to get discount for Kyra Symposium. 1030 RMDS members for 2008, of those 14 Centaurs only. There

are 166 horses on file since 9/30/07. Membership dues will be \$60 as of Jan 1, 2009, currently \$55. Heather Petersen and Rusty Cook are new USEF TD's for the area. All Chapter Director's will be under the RMDS D&O Insurance umbrella as of Jan 2009. List must be submitted to Central Office by Jan 8, 2009 Executive Board meeting. Country Supply purchases made online translate into a small percentage returned to RMDS. It was suggested that an email about this program go out from RMDS to all members.

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Committee Chair reports

AA report: None

Jr/Yr report: Susan Rudman reported that the Jr/Yr fundraising efforts were successful last yr, raising over \$3000. Still selling USDF Region 5 T Shirts and Horse inspiration bracelets. The Jr Camp had 6 participants this past year, hope for more next year. Region 5 Juniors won Team Gold at the NAYJC held at the CHP. Individual Gold was won by a 14 yr old, youngest ever. Julie Barringer-Richers discussed the return of the USDF Region 5 Team Championships. Autumn Hill is donating facility for this event possibly in July. This event would model other programs currently on the USDF Region 5 website.

Awards: Barb Goldman reported that after holding two special awards meetings this past year some changes have been implemented. Sweepstakes awards will be eliminated starting in 2009, Chapter volunteers will receive a plaque in addition to the small gift, and stall plates have been replaced with a keepsake plaque. Concerning trophies that were not "accepted" at the banquet it was decided that the owner/rider would be asked to cover the cost of engraving but if they are unwilling, RMDS will cover cost to maintain historical accuracy. An awards booklet was in the works to highlight the various awards available with description, donor info and a picture. Two new awards have been suggested for 2009: High Median Pony for Jr.Yr at any level and High Median American Breed. The issues with the American Breed Award were discussed, as being too difficult to track as it is too broad.

MOTION: High Median Jr/Yr pony at any level. Barb Goldman, Lisa Binse 2nd, PASSED

Championships –

Debbie Wilke presented some statistics about RMDS 2008 Championships Show. 184 horses entered in RMDS Ch. Classes, 30 in the Sport Horse competition. 413 rides were Training level thru 4th level, 44 were FEI. Freestyles were down from previous years with only 11. 18 horses trailed in to show, the rest were stabled on grounds. Debbie also discussed the 30-day prior to show policy for prize lists. If prize list is changed after that time period all participants must be notified.

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Winter Wake Up show and Championship Show follow up:

Heather Petersen reported that the RMDS Winter Wake Up show 2008 lost \$4600. Some changes implemented for this coming year 2009. Date moved to April 4-5, not offering High Performance status that will save about \$1900 in expenses, increased class fee by \$5, and budgeted a loss with RMDS for 2009. This show crucial to those Jr/Yr's trying to qualify for National JR/YR Championships. RMDS Championship Show for 2009 will be more expensive due to CHP fee's going quite high. The stabling fees alone have increased by approximately \$9000.00, the arena fees have increased from \$3900 to 6000.

Heather prepared a sample prize list for 2009 RMDS Championships and discussed where the cost increases would most likely occur.

Communications:

Nicole Bizarro reported that she was resigning as Communications Chair at the end of 2008. She will continue to produce the Omnibus and hopes to save printing costs by using a direct digital printer for 2009. Ad rates for both the Centaur and the Omnibus saw a modest increase of approximately \$5.

Website: Michael Petersen's report stated that the marketplace ads continue to grow. He is working on adding more automation to allow Central Office more real-time information ability.

Education:

Heather Petersen reported that all demo riders for the Kyra Kirklund Symposium have been selected. RMDS Judges' Continuing Ed will be at Freedom Farms in 2009, Janet Foy will be the instructor, and a grant from The Dressage Foundation has been applied for. This will be a USDF Continuing Ed program.

TD/Show Management Education will be Feb 7, 2009 in Castle Rock. Room donated by Comfort Suites and Deeda will teach TD portion and Camille Griffin, Laura Speer and Heather Petersen will do the show management portion. Heather reported that previous Continuing Ed programs each made a profit. Future events already planned are L program D2 at Sommerset Farm in Boulder and Final at CHP in Aug. Reminder that RMDS Executive Board Officers receive a 50% discount at RMDS sponsored educational events.

Scholarship:

Simone Windeler reported that there are 4 Scholarships to be awarded. Each recipient will be receiving \$250 for 2009. Opening Date of Dec 1st until Dec 31st. RMDS is encouraged to grow and support funding thru sponsorship and advertising.

By Laws: No proposed By Law changes.

Standing Rules:

Proposed Standing Rule Changes

Section III. RMDS RECOGNIZED/APPROVED COMPETITIONS

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L. RMDS Recognized Competition Approval:

Add & Renumber

2. All non-chapter competitions held on the same date, as a protected Chapter sponsored competition shall be recognized by RMDS only with the written permission from the protected Chapter's sponsored competition show manager. If the competitions are within a 50-mile radius, such written permission shall only be for a single occurrence of the recognized competition and shall not be binding for shows in subsequent years.

MOTION TO CHANGE AS STATED ABOVE:

FAILED

SECTION V. AWARDS – YEAR END

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A. Eligibility:

Add & Renumber

6. Ponies: RMDS follows USEF rules: DR 134. To become registered as a pony, the pony must be measured at an RMDS or USDF/USEF show. A copy of that measurement must be sent to the RMDS Central Office to officially register the pony.

MOTION TO CHANGE AS STATED ABOVE:

FAILED

SECTION IX. MEMBER BENEFITS

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A. General Benefits:

5. A chapter basic membership fee, to be determined by the RMDS executive Committee, shall be paid.

MOTION TO CHANGE AS STATED ABOVE:

FAILED

AMENDED CHANGE:

5. A Chapter basic membership fee, to be determined by the RMDS Executive Committee to pay for the D & O chapter insurance, shall be paid.

MOTION TO CHANGE AS STATED ABOVE:

PASSED

Slate of Nominations read:

Alex Curnutte Vice Pres

Secretary

AA Lori Mitchell

Jr/Yr Colleen McFadden

Awards Lauren Smith

Championships Debbie Wilke

Education Heather Petersen

Scholarship Loni Gaudet

Marketing

Budget:

Sharon Soos reported on the budget. Income from the 2008 Banquet was less due in part to participation and the economy. Centaur advertising charge needs to increase due to rising costs. Discussed the Capital Campaign Pledge to USDF and how to fulfill that pledge by the due date. Several corrections to the 2009 proposed budget were made.

MOTION TO ACCEPT 2009 BUDGET WITH CHANGES

PASSED

2009 RMDS BUDGET

2009 Budget	Income	Expense	Net
BOG Awards	\$ 200.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ (5,300.00)
BOG Banquet	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ -
Centaur	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 30,550.00	\$ (10,550.00)
Central Office	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 10,750.00	\$ (9,150.00)
Championship/Breed Show	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ -
Clinics	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 100.00
Educations / Grants	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)
General / Interest	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 2,350.00
Membership - Dues	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 31,000.00
Membership - Horses	\$ 10,500.00	\$ -	\$ 10,500.00
Misc / donations	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ (50.00)
Omnibus	\$ 11,300.00	\$ 16,800.00	\$ (5,500.00)
Operating / USDF Convention	\$ -	\$ 2,400.00	\$ (2,400.00)
Scheduling / Insurance	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ -
Scholarship	\$ 850.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (150.00)
Taxes / Legal	\$ 500.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (3,150.00)
USDF Capital Campaign	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (3,500.00)
Website	\$ 800.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 280.00
Winter Wake-up Show	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 3,500.00 Deleted: \$ (13,700.00)
Total:	\$ 205,350.00	\$ 205,420.00	\$ (70.00)

Old Business:

Laura Speer reported on the 2007 and 2008 USDF Convention. In 2007 the Proposed Standards came into play and was discussed. The 2008 USDF Convention is in Denver and volunteers are still needed. RMDS and Region 5 are sponsoring a party. MOTION TO HAVE A BUTTON THAT SAYS 'RMDS MEMBER, I AM DRESSAGE WITH ALTITUDE'

PASSED

Heather suggested that \$2000 from the RMDS 2008 Championship show profit go to the Capital Campaign Pledge.

MOTION TO GIVE \$2000 TO THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGE

PASSED

New Business:

2009 show schedule was reviewed and some changes made. Looks good for 2009 shows. Heather discussed the need for sponsorship income and advertising income for the 2009 RMDS Championship Show. Any amount is appreciated.

Chapter Reports:

Arkansas Valley Dressage Assoc:

Brenda Haley reported that the club had grown from 13 members to 26. They held 2 successful schooling shows. Working on ideas for growth of membership for 2009 and events to be held in 2009.

Boulder Valley Dressage:

Claudia Barkmeier's report was read by Barb Goldman. The chapter had 3 successful shows and organized Adult Amateur camp. New slate of officers for 2009. Their Dressage for the Cure show raised almost 10K.

Colorado Springs Dressage Association:

Simone Windeler reported that they had 3 successful shows in 2008. They have 3 shows already planned for 2009. A give back to volunteers clinic is planned with Sarah Martin. Volunteers will receive this clinic at a 50% discount. Another such clinic is planned. Dressage for the Cure is moved to Penrose Stadium and an evening under the lights is planned to include Freestyles or exhibition rides, this will be April 25th, 2009.

Foothills Chapter:

Dolly Hannon reported that the chapter is going to quarterly meetings with an educational program at each meeting, beginning January 09. The chapter approved grants to 15 members to help pay for the Kyra Kirklund Symposium and will pay for half of the registration fees. They held 2 RMDS shows last yr and will offer the "Last Chance" show in Sept 2009.

Grand Valley Dressage:

Deb Crooks reported that they held 2 schooling shows, 4 USDF/USEF shows and 1 Championship show in 2008. They have held many clinics sponsored by members and are planning a pasture management program for 2009.

High Plains Dressage:

Alex Curnutte reported that the chapter sponsored a booth at the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo in March of 08 and is planning on a cosponsored booth with RMDS, for 2009. Planning a schooling show for June and trying to get Nutrition lecture on the calendar again.

Northern Colorado Dressage Association:

Laura Speer reported that the chapter held a successful schooling show in April and a USDF/USEF show in June. They also had a fun schooling show in Oct of 08, which offered a western dressage class and a costume class.

Penrose Chapter:

Sharon Ghilarducci reported that they offered a Drop in Dressage day, and various trail rides and potlucks during the 2008 yr.

Tri State:

No report submitted.

Western Colorado:

No report submitted.

Nomination Slate:

Vice Pres Alex Curnutte
Secretary Simone Windeler but only for 1 yr
AA Lori Mitchell
Awards Lauren Smith
Jr/Yr Colleen McFadden
Championship Debbie Wilke
Communications Susan Rudman
Education Heather Petersen
Scholarship Loni Gaudet

MOTION TO ACCEPT SLATE OF NOMINATIONS AS A WHOLE.
PASSED.

MOTION TO ADJURN MEETING AT 315 PM.
PASSED.