

RMDS Executive Board Meeting

May 14th, 2009
Perkins Restaurant

Called to order at: 6:40 pm

Present:

Beth Geier, Laura Speer, Heather Petersen, Alex Curnutte, Simone Windeler, Lori Mitchell, Nicole Donohue, Cathy Van Berg, Debbie Wilke, Susan Rudman, Sally Shaffer, K.C. Parkins-Kyle, Colleen McFadden, Sharon Soos

Proxies:

Brenda Haley, Arkansas Valley, Darlene Vaughan, Tri State, Dolly Hannon, Foothills, Judith Family, Western Colorado

No proxy:

Lisa Binse, Grand Valley; Loni Gaudet, Lauren Smith

Approval of Minutes from last meeting Mar 2009.

Motion to approve Lori Mitchell, 2nd Laura Speer. Minutes are approved as changed.

Treasurers Report – written report only

Balance remaining for Capital Campaign USDF is now \$5,960. Funds in checking account \$35,265, Paypal account \$1,456, Scholarship account \$4,911, Money market \$44,529. Our net income YTD is negative \$13,671 which represents a loss of roughly \$10,000 in comparison to last YTD.

Office Manager Report:

GMO buying USDF products is not going to happen since there seems to be no general interest. Missing membership plate is taken care of. Current membership is 831 however still below last year. We have registered 97 new horses since Sep 2008. Dolly Hannon is now an S judge. Taxes have been filed by chapters, 3 have reimbursed RMDS so far. TD report for 8th Heaven shows raises concerns. D&O in place for every chapter. There was actually no extra charge so the \$1 will go back to chapters.

New Business

New chapter – Wasatch Mountains. They have 10 members and done all the things to start a chapter. The majority of the members are from Park City and Heber Valley.

Motion to approve the new chapter by Debbie Wilke, 2nd Heather Petersen. Passed.

President Sally Shaffer, VP and Treasurer Patti Thurman, Secretary Amanda Trickett.

Motion to approve the officers by Heather Petersen, 2nd Debbie Wilke. Passed.

Laura Speer had a member complaining about a computer glitch that erased her life time membership and therefore she did not receive her Centaur, Omnibus etc. Laura stresses that as a board we should talk about RMDS in a positive manner. We are not a political organization.

Committees:

Shows

There was concern about holding the Region 5 championships at Penrose Event Center in Colorado Springs. The CO Horse Park is now available for championships but at a different date. The board voted via e-mail to hold the event on Sep 1-5, 2010. There is concern about holding this show so early because it shortens the show season by one month. Since it has been approved, we just will have to deal with it. There is also WEG in 2010 that changes things throughout the show year. It does not make sense to shift other shows because of the earlier championship date. Hopefully we will return to our usual date in 2011.

Winter Wake-Up show – shall we hold it in 2010? All things that were possible to save money were done but the show still lost money. *Alex Curnutte motions to not hold Winter-Wake Up in 2010, 2nd Debbie Wilke. Heather Petersen and Simone Windeler abstained. Motion did not pass. Susan Rudman moves to table the discussion to July, Colleen McFadden 2nd. Passed. Heather Petersen and Simone Windeler abstained. Heather will hire judges so we have some options, Susan Rudman, Debbie Wilke, Colleen McFadden and Heather Petersen will explore other facility options*

Adult Amateur – report by Lori Mitchell

Very good response from the Amateurs that rode with Leslie O’Neal Olsen. Clinic went very well and actually made a little money (\$197). Thank you to the facility – Freedom Farms to hold this. Food was wonderful. Would have liked to have more auditors.

Awards – no report

Ann Edelman is going to donate an award – possibly for PSG Amateur. Not sure yet what we will do but Alex Curnutte will follow up.

Banquet – report by Simone Windeler

Possible hotel at the north end of Colorado Springs, Simone and Heather Petersen to go and see the hotel. Hotel is a Best Western right off I-25, “The Academy Hotel”.

Communications – report Susan Rudman

Cathy van Berg is having good results with getting articles for the Centaur. Susan Rudman talked about the Debbie McDonald clinic. Debbie was impressed with the quality of riding at the clinic. She wanted to take several riders to CA. There was also good feedback from auditors, Debbie made sure to answer all the questions and would like to come back 2010. Website is running very well.

Education

RMDS continuing education for judges will be presented by Dolly Hannon. Facility to be announced. TD/Show management education – panel TBA. Lendon Gray will teach a weekend session in Oct 2009 as a continuing education format for instructors. Will be open to all instructors not just USDF certified. Somerset Farms in Longmont to host the event. Stabling is available. Possible also evening roundtable discussion. L program testing in 2010 with Janet Foy and Lois Yukins. Cost to participant should be around \$820. *Motion to approve the budget on the L program KC Parkins, 2nd by Susan Rudman. Passed.*

Major Symposium for 2010 in October – possible Kyra Kyrklund, Hubertus Schmid.

Junior/Young Riders – report by Colleen McFadden

Funds were raised by selling food and clothing at various events. Junior camp has 9 riders so far. The Youth and AA competition at Autumn Hill is now happening, Colleen would like to help. KC Parkins Kyle still working on getting more instructors for camp and is trying to get some other speakers (like a yoga instructor). Susan Rudman – money raised so far \$10,000. Goal is \$26,000 by July which now seems not realistic. Colleen McFadden has donated food and clothing for the juniors to sell, therefore the profit has been much better.

Scholarship – no report

Nominating Committee – report by Nicole Donahue

The committee consists of all chapter presidents – there is no report yet.

Old Business

Sharon Soos reports on horse expo. 400 pens were handed out. There were many former members that came by and also we were able to show that RMDS is an organization that has education and Adult amateurs as its stated goal. All hand outs were very popular.

Junior / Young Rider Championship classes are once again split for 14 years and under, and over 14 years of age. We need to get the word out more on this since this is new. It might help us increase entries.

Chapter reports

Susan Rudman makes a motion to accept reports as written, 2nd Colleen McFadden, Motion passed.

Arkansas Valley

Held a schooling show on May 2nd with L graduate Julie Burt. They ran 42 tests and had a very successful event. Their next show will be on June 6 with Clayton Martin judging.

Boulder Valley

Had a good turnout for their “Getting ready to show” meeting and also for the Ride-a-test and Spring Fling. Their next event is the Youth and Adult Team competition at Autumn Hill on July 10 and 11.

Colorado Springs

Dressage for the Cure show was a great success. Especially the “Evening Under the Lights” was well received. Videos of the evening available through KrisatWow – check YouTube. CSDA is getting ready for their next recognized show on July 17 -19 at the Penrose Event Center.

Foothills

No written report.

High Plains

No written report.

Northern Colorado

No written report.

Tri State

Held a successful schooling show in Riverton and had a clinic with the judge, Marina Davis the next day. Members of the club have traveled to Vienna, Austria (Lippizans), the world cup in Las Vegas, Seville, Spain (Andalusian equestrian school) and CA to Steffen Peters. They all came back with many ideas and information to share with the club.

Western CO

No written report.

Adjourned 8:50 pm. Heather Petersen, 2nd Debbie Wilke .Passed.

Respectfully submitted by: Simone Windeler, RMDS secretary