

RMDS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2021

Zoom Meeting

Meeting @ 6:30 PM

Attendance: Beth Geier, Sharon Soos, Heather Petersen, Stan Adamson, Natalie DeFee Mendik, Cecilia Cox, Nicole Bizzarro, Gwen Ka'awaloa, MaryJo Hoepner, Ginka Kubelka, Cindy Holloway, Jon Haugen, Nancy Leonard, Karen Harkin, Miranda Avila, Linda Millisor, Joan Clay, Shannon Lemons, Cassandra Dipentino, Lynn Van Voris, Sally O'Dwyer,

Proxies: Lesley Hill to Heather Petersen; Andrea Price to Lynn Van Voris

Call to Order- Vice President

Gwen Ka'awaloa

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm by Gwen Ka'awaloa

Secretary

Heather Petersen

Approval of Minutes – September 13: **Sharon Soos made a motion to approve the minutes from September 13, 2021 as written, 2nd by Miranda Avila. Motion passed unanimously.**

Results of email votes entered into the minutes:

- None to read into the minutes.

Treasurers Report

Sharon Soos

Funds as of September 30, 2021

RMDS Checking Account \$25,340.42

RMDS PayPal (as of 09/16/2021) \$ 2,185.22

Total \$27,525.64 operating cash total

Restricted Funds as of September 30, 2021

Database/Website \$ 0.00

RMDS Scholarship \$ 2,185.22

Reserve \$ 0.00

TOTAL \$29,710.86

Funds as of October 14, 2021

RMDS Checking Account \$24,521.30

RMDS PayPal (as of 12/19/2018) \$ 1,823.46

Issued checks \$????

Depending Deposits \$????

Total \$26,344.76 operating cash total

Restricted Funds as of October 14, 2021

RMDS Scholarship \$ 3,092.29

Reserve \$ 0.00

Payable \$ 500.00

Pending Deposit \$ (1000.00)

Subtotal \$ 3,592.29

TOTAL \$29,937.05

Discussion – Don't have in scholarship enough to do 4 scholarships of \$500 unless RMDS gives another \$1000 in the budgeting process for 2022 or more is donated to help increase the balance of the account.

President Report

Dorothy Kapaun

As the year draws towards the end, there is still some major events ahead. The month of October seems to be the month for clinics! There are still a few on the calendar. Of course, we have our Board of Governor's Meeting at the Renaissance Hotel in Denver on the 20th of November. Following that, we have the USDF Annual Conference which will be on Zoom.

This allows more of us to attend many of the meetings. These meetings can be fun, educational and inspiring!! I hope that many of you will consider logging in and seeing what USDF has to offer. And of course, we can't forget about our Awards Banquet. Yes, it will be held in 2022; however, it is still a part of the 2021 events.

I want to give a HUGE congratulations to the many RMDS riders that qualified for the US Dressage Finals! To be invited to participate in this competition is quite an accomplishment. I wish those that have been invited and choose to go the very best of luck!! It is a big commitment of time, money, emotions and hard work. We will be cheering you on!

Finally, I would like to ask you to please reach out to your club members and friends to see if they are willing to fill any of the positions we have opened. I realize I say this far too often, without Volunteers to fill these positions, this club cannot function. I find it sad that there were over 400 members with NO volunteer hours. I know I am preaching to the choir, but it must be said. THANK YOU for all the work you put into this club! It is truly appreciated!

Vice President Report

Gwen Ka'awaloa

It seems there is interest from another person for the Vice President position next year and with Gwen's judging and judging program commitments, she's very excited.

Central Office

Beth Geier

Membership

- Registration – 714 total members for 2021 –; 161 new horses since October 2020
- See Reports with chapter membership totals. We are more than last year's total!

Shows:

- For 2021: 4 RMDS shows: 33 USEF/USDF recognized shows which includes Championships and Regionals. 2 for 2022.

Recognized Officials:

- In the pipeline: Sharon Soos, Sally O'Dwyer, Micheline Ward
- Stan has taken the test and passed with flying colors and now joins the ranks of RMDS TDs.

Omnibus:

Database/Website:

- Currently have raised \$23,036.91 as of 9/1. Asking people that have refunds if they want to donate – most say yes.
- Please ask your chapter members to see if there is a donor in the group or if they know of one.
- Several chapters have given large amounts and we are thankful to them.

Banquet:

- January 15, 2022 – confirmed.

General:

- Been working on volunteer hours. 240 members have 4 or more; 14 have 1-3.5 & 442 have no hours
- Chapters receive free email blasts for educational purposes (1 per event).
- RMDS Executive Board members get ½ price admission to RMDS events.

Next Executive Board Meetings (2nd Thursday odd months-exceptions noted) – 2021

Executive Board Meetings Oct 14 (budget)

BOG Nov 20

2022

Banquet January 15

April 16-17 Adult Amateur with George Williams

April 23-24 Professionals with Lilo Fore

Permanent Committee Reports Continued:

Adult Amateur

Cecilia Madison

- Heather Petersen reported that the clinic with George Williams for April is confirmed, facility confirmed, budget in the works as is the application to USDF for the grant.

Awards

Shannon Lemons

- Database reports have been worked through and awards are confirmed by Beth and Heather and ready to go.
- Beth Geier suggested we put Janet Foy forward again for the Russ Fawcett award. **Gwen Ka’awaloa moved that we award the 2021 Russ Fawcett award to Janet Foy, 2nd by Stan Adamson. Motion passed unanimously.**
- For Jr Sportsmanship award – **Joan Clay moved that we nominate the NAJYRC Region 5 JR/YR Team for the 2021 Jr Sportsmanship award. 2nd by Cassandra Dipentino. Motion passed with Heather Petersen abstaining.**
- RMDS Volunteer of the year – lots of discussion on a broader base volunteer that serves the whole organization. **Gwen Ka’awaloa nominated Dorothy Kapaun for RMDS Volunteer of the year 2021, 2nd by Stan Adamson. Motion passed unanimously.**

Communications

Sally O’Dwyer

ECENTAUR has a 53% open rate. We may want to consider relying more on email blasts and social media. Also, send out messaging on multiple platform.
Social Media Policy needs to be reviewed by the Board—there is confusion in what we are permitted to post, and I would like more input and clarification

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY PROPOSED FOR REVIEW:

RMDS Social Media Policy

RMDS will use social media to promote its mission, grow its base of support, educate, improve communication, engage members, demonstrate leadership, and increase participation.

As an umbrella organization with Chapters, RMDS social media posts will include information regarding RMDS or Chapter events/activities that are open to and our members

Topics will include:

- All volunteer opportunities that serve to fulfill RMDS Award requirements
- Information about shows, clinics
- Educational/learning opportunities
- Any/all activities noted on our RMDS.org Calendar
- Educational articles about dressage
- Articles written by members
- Volunteer of the month and volunteer achievements
- Posts that encourage participation

To improve social media efforts, we will

- Encourage Chapters to share information. Posts about Chapter events will be made in concert and with approval from that Chapter. RMDS will share information of interest from Chapter Social Media Sites.
- Post frequently using relevant information, so that more users will rely on us as “the place” to go for information regarding dressage in our region. Additional posting will increase visibility (thanks to Social Media algorithms).
- Continue to seek RMDS members who are interested in social media, writing, photography, promotion, and marketing to support this effort.
- Closely monitor our page and ensure all incoming posts/comments are appropriately responded to and referred to the main office, as needed.

Social Media Posts will:

- Be professional but welcoming.
- Encourage participation and a sense of inclusion.
- Include a relevant photo.
- Link back to our website and include the hashtag: #RockyMountainDressage
- Be brief, concise and to the point.

- Be reviewed before posting.
- Not promote specific businesses.
- Focus on educational pieces featuring classical dressage.
- Use disclaimers, as needed— “views expressed are my own.”
- Uphold our values and policies.
- Respect the confidentiality and privacy of members.
- Target all members: Youth, Seniors, Amateurs and Professionals.

Discussion of if it’s on the RMDS Calendar, then we should promote it on social media. Posting more increasing our presence. Also promotes Dressage in our Region.

Miranda Avila made a motion to approve the social media policy as present. 2nd by Nancy Leonard. Motion passed unanimously.

Education

MaryJo Hoepner

Planning education events for 2022.

Dates for TD training and Show Management training to be announced.

For the Judges Continuing Education, we will be using a bit of our TDF grant to cover a minimal loss. The session was an excellent educational opportunity. Do we want to continue this program in 2022 since we only had 4 participants but a ton of auditors? We put in a lot of work for not a lot of return on investment.

Discussion of running an L program in the future and the board seems on board.

Junior/Young Riders

Cassandra Dipentino

I had a lunch meeting with Heather Peterson after our last meeting regarding the events that took place at NAYC and how I could get more involved. We came up with an exciting idea and will begin to put it in motion soon. We want to develop a program to help match ambitious JR/Yrs who are in need with Schoolmasters who are stepping down yet still need jobs. We plan to start locally with RMDS/Region 5 Jr/Yrs and horses with the goal of making it a national program.

In other news, our 2022 Jr/Yr Summer Intensive is planned for June, 8-10 2022.

Marketing

Vacant Position

Discussion of changing the name to community outreach from marketing to better define what the position needs to be doing.

Professionals

Joan Clay

1. 2021 Professional’s Education – “The Virtual Rider Project” online workshop with Lisa El-Ramey (4 hours total)

a. DATES

- i. Part I - Monday, January 24, 2022 (6:30-8:30 PM MST)
- ii. Part II - Monday, February 7, 2022 (6:30-8:30 PM MST)

b. BUDGET

- i. Expense = \$750 to Lisa El-Ramey
- ii. Income = \$50 each x 15 participants = \$750

c. FORMAT

- i. This workshop is open only to professionals.
- ii. Participants will submit videos of riders following specific videotaping instructions to observe rider position on circles and straight lines at walk, trot, and canter (Lisa would like at least 10 different riders to assess). The videos will be submitted in advance so Lisa can review them and select clips to use for presenting how to assess rider positional issues and determine exercises and strategies for instructors to use to help correct rider position issues.

iii. Lisa will use a webinar format to present course material, including video clips.

iv. See attached "Virtual Rider Project" document for complete outline.

2. 2022 Professional's Symposium – Lilo Fore Clinic

a. **DATES:** April 23-24, 2022 at Tomora Training Center, Greeley, CO

b. **BUDGET:** Original budget from 2019 will need to be re-evaluated. Lilo has agreed to honor her fees that were contracted for the original 2019 dates, but I am assuming travel and hotel costs will have increased, which will require adjustment to fees charged to riders and auditors

c. **FORMAT:** Only Professional's may participate as riders and auditors (horse owner may observe their horse's session only). Riders will submit videos for selection to ride. Horse/rider combinations will be selected to insure a good representation through the levels. A moderator will help with guiding discussion between the auditors, the clinician and the rider. The closed format is to help foster a safe environment for professional's to openly discuss training and teaching issues.

Scholarship

All 2021 scholarship recipients have completed their volunteer hours and educational events. Three have completed their articles, and one is almost finished and has been in contact.

A blast went out to membership about the upcoming deadline for next year's scholarship. A few people have been in touch with general questions. Applications tend to come in at the last minute.

Natalie DeFee-Mendik

Shows – Championships

Discussion of 2022 – Heather is working with Denver Polo Club on dates.

??/Heather Petersen

Budgeting for 2022

The Magazine:

I would love to produce the second RMDS Magazine | Omnibus Edition in early 2022. I will keep my hourly rate and estimate the same as last year even knowing the amount of time I donated after the project went over estimate.

Hopefully minimal test changes and having an established team and design will minimize or eliminate that this go around.

Natalie has generously dropped her bid and plans to do the same job as last year.

Last year we budgeted for a -\$5,228 loss and the actual loss was less. Actual loss came in at -\$4,508. The numbers in my middle table did not quite add up to the figures I went over with Sharon, so I would certainly take her data over my own, but in either calculation, we did better than anticipated, and that was with test changes, designing from scratch, selling ads in a format no one had the opportunity to see yet, and going over the page count and printing budget. Of course the goal is the break even, or even make money and ad sales are the key. Without a dedicated effort by everyone on this front we won't get there. I have raised the estimate for the printing and dropped the estimate for ad sales for this latest budget. I would rather do better than expected than worse.

Rocky Mountain Dressage Society

Awards Budget

EXPENSE ITEM	2020 (FOR 2019 AWARDS)			2022) PROPOSED (for 2021)		
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance
Postage	\$500	\$498	(\$2)	\$600	\$0	(\$600)
Trophy replacement/update	400	268	(132)	200	0	(200)
Supplies, printing, uhaul	500	397	(103)	650	0	(650)
Gifts	500	698	198	400	0	(400)
Ribbons	1,850	1,606	(244)	1,750	0	(1,750)
Rider plaques/plates, engraving	3,250	3,209	(41)	3,200	0	(3,200)
Storage unit	1,000	791	(209)	2,076	0	(2,076)
INCOME ITEM						
Postage Reimbursement	(400)	(438)	(38)	(400)	0	400
Award Sponsor	(200)	0	200	(200)	0	200
Late Fees/Donations	0	0		0	0	
TOTAL	\$7,400	\$7,029	(\$371)	\$8,276		(\$8,276)

Program Budget

Event Name RMDS AA USDF Clinic with George Williams GMO Rocky Mountain Dressage
 Prepared By Heather Petersen Event Date April 15-16, 2022

Revenue

Revenue Source	Budgeted	Actual
Rider/Participant Fees	\$ 2,970.00	\$ -
Stabling; Pass Through		\$ -
Auditor Fees:	\$ 480.00	
USDF Grant	\$1,000	\$ -
Additional Grant(s)	\$ -	\$ -
Sponsors	\$ -	\$ -
Donations	\$ -	\$ -
AA 2022 Funds	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Other (List)	\$ -	\$ -
Other (List)	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenue	\$ 4,950.00	\$ -

Expenses

Expense	Budgeted	Actual
Primary Instructor Fee	\$ 3,200.00	\$ -
Additional Instructor Fees	\$ -	NA
Instructor Travel(airfare/gas)	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Lodging Costs	\$ 300.00	\$ -
Facility Rental	\$ 250.00	NA
Equipment Rental	\$ -	NA
Instructor Food Expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ -
USDF Fees: application fee	\$ 65.00	\$ -
Insurance	\$ 120.00	\$ -
Office Supplies	\$ -	NA
Food/Catering: \$20 per person	\$ 250.00	\$ -
Breakfast - coffee	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Snacks	\$ 50.00	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 4,935.00	\$ -
Net Profit/Loss	\$ 15.00	\$ -

Rocky Mountain Dressage Society			
2022 Budget			
2022 Budget	Income	Expense	Net Change
Adult Amateur	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 5,200.00	0.00
BOG Awards	\$ -	\$ 8,500.00	(8,500.00)
BOG Banquet			0.00
BOG Meeting	\$ -	\$ 2,200.00	(2,200.00)
Centaur (under publications now)	\$ -	\$ -	0.00
Central Office	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	(10,000.00)
Championship/Breed Show	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	5,000.00
Donations	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	(1,000.00)
Education/Clinics	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00	0.00
Jr/Yr Program		\$ 500.00	(500.00)
Junior Camp	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	0.00
Marketing/Expo/Merchandise	\$ 200.00	\$ 800.00	(600.00)
Membership - Dues	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	23,000.00
Membership - Horses	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	5,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	0.00
Operating (USDF Conv/Treas Exp)		\$ 3,500.00	(3,500.00)
Professional Committee	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	0.00
Publication (RMDS Magazine)	\$ 13,228.00	\$ 19,078.00	(5,850.00)
Scheduling / Insurance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	(1,500.00)
Scholarship	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	(500.00)
Taxes / Legal / Audit	\$ 300.00	\$ 800.00	(500.00)
Team Competition	\$ -	\$ -	0.00
Website/Database	\$ -	\$ 5,500.00	(5,500.00)
Total	\$ 179,728.00	\$ 186,878.00	(\$7,150.00)
Approved by Board of Governors on			

Appointed Committee Reports:

1. Western Dressage

Simone Windeler

No Report

December 18th, February 26th, March 12th western dressage and regular dressage schooling shows at Latigo Trails in Elbert, Colorado.

2. Nominating Committee – Chapter Presidents

Stan Adamson

To be prepared for the Board of Governors meeting on November 20, 2021, here are the current nominations required for 2022, an even numbered year:

- Vice President Gwen Ka’awaloa, there may be another person interested
- Secretary Heather Petersen
- Treasurer Sharon Soos
- Awards Shannon Lemons
- Education MaryJo Hoepner
- Professional Joan Clay
- Marketing (1 Year)
- Championships/Shows (1 Year)
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A proposal has been made to add an additional permanent committee on Volunteers. Should a by-law change be adopted to create this new chair, the Board of Governors would also have to state during which years the chairperson would be up for election. Currently, the Volunteer Coordinator (Miranda Avila as of this report) is an appointed position.

3. BOG - November 20, 2021 Heather Petersen
We have the Renaissance

4. Banquet – Beth Geier
January 15th, 2022. Reserved at the Renaissance.

5. Volunteers – Miranda Avila
No report.

6. Region 5 Report Heather Petersen

The USDF convention is just around the corner and sadly, we’re back to a virtual convention this year. With Covid numbers on the rise again, it’s a safer and easier way to meet. We are very hopeful that convention will be back in person in 2022. I hope that more of you are able to join us. Be sure to check the convention schedule and attend the Region 5 meetings, along with the Board of Governors and learn more about how your USDF works. The information and schedule will be posted at www.usdf.org/Convention/. We are electing a new president of USDF this year and there are two candidates for consideration. Both candidates will be speaking during our 2nd regional meeting at the convention.

Your Participating Member Delegates to the USDF Convention for 2021 are Joan Clay, Cecilia Cox, Sarah Lindsten, and Sarah Martin. These ladies will be representing our Region during the voting portions of the Board of Governors meetings, in addition to representatives from each GMO. If you have an opinion on a Presidential candidate or any other things of import, please reach out to the delegates and let them know your thoughts. – their contact information can be found at <https://www.usdf.org/about/aboutusdf/governance/nominating/delegates.asp>.

We will have the USDF Region 5 Jr/YR clinic with George Williams at Hobby Horse Farms in Longmont, Colorado on October 23-24, 2021. Spectators will be allowed this year and we hope that you’ll join us. Thank you very much to Kaite Lorentz for the donation of your lovely facility for this clinic. Congratulations to the folks who will be selected to ride – we don’t know who they are at the time I write this, but it’s great to see more depth forming in our youth for Region 5 again!

There are many fun things on tap for education with our GMOs in the near future, so please be sure to check your local calendars and participate in these great opportunities!

Old Business:

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New Business:

- Board Meeting Improvements? Tabled until January 2022.

Chapter Presidents:

Shannon Lemons moved to accept all reports as written, 2nd by Dorothy Kapaun, motion passed unanimously.

1. Arkansas Valley

Nancy Leonard

AVDA has had a very full fall with our October 2 show and several clinics. We were glad to be able to sponsor our October schooling show and found it to be well attended and successful. AVDA sponsored a long lining clinic with Holy Bergey. She will be coming back to Canon City for a second clinic. Our members have attended clinics including one with Heath Marshall on confidence building. Our member, Tristan Faith, is having a weekend riding retreat on balance that looks very exciting. We also have some members that have enjoyed trail riding. We are fortunate to have trainers in our club that continue to give lessons so that our riding continues to improve. We will look forward to a winter when riding is still possible on our warm days.

2. Boulder Valley

Stan Adamson

BVDA met at 7 p.m., Monday, October 12, 2021. After routine business, we heard a report about our book club, which is open to any RMDS member (check information on our web site, www.bouldervalleydressage.org or our Facebook page). The book club met on October 4 to discuss the book *Ride Big* by John Haime. The club will meet again on January 3, 2022, to discuss the book *The Girl on the Dancing Horse: Charlotte Dujardin and Valegro*, by Charlotte Dujardin (published September 20, 2018). You are encouraged to buy a copy, read it, and participate in the discussion, even if you haven't finished reading. You'll learn a lot!

We congratulated all our Region Five champions.

The club elected officers for 2022:

- **President** Stan Adamson
- **Vice President** Sally O'Dwyer
- **Secretary** Janeen Cochi
- **Treasurer** Dorothy Kapaun

These officers will begin serving January 1, 2022 and will be recognized and installed at our Awards Banquet on January 29.

Vice President Sally O'Dwyer presented plans for the January 29 Awards Banquet at the Boulder Country Club, 7350 Clubhouse Road, Boulder, Colorado 80301. Tickets will be \$49, there will be a cash bar, Stan Adamson will MC, and Julie Barringer-Richers will present a slide show and awards. Please see our web site and Facebook pages for further details.

Dorothy Kapaun and Beth Geier will work on finding clinicians for two or three clinics to be sponsored by Boulder Valley, as we sponsored the Monique Potts Clinic this year.

We appointed eight delegates and two alternates to the RMDS Board of Governors November 20 meeting:

1. Janeen Cochi
2. Sally O'Dwyer
3. Nicole Bizarro
4. Stan Adamson
5. Eleanor Harrison
6. Beth Tavino
7. Beth Geier
8. Jenn Thompson
9. ALTERNATE: Miranda Avila
10. 2nd ALTERNATE Marcia Zuger

Nicole Donohue, Show Manager for BVDA, announced we have secured the dates of July 29-31, 2022, for our annual Boulder County Fairgrounds Show. All appropriate arrangements are being made to make this a Level 2 RMDS/USDF/USEF recognized show. We have reserved all the facilities we used in this year's show, a move which allowed the show to go on despite severe weather, since we had access to the indoor arena and additional

outdoor warmup area. Show Secretary Heather Petersen is arranging for compatible judges and a Technical Delegate.

We are looking at various configurations for the basket we will donate to the RMDS Silent Auction at the January 15, 2020, Annual Awards Banquet. Stan reported he has four remaining helmets donated to RMDS by Colorado Tack and Supply in 2020, which he will donate to the Silent Auction.

We agreed by consensus on our Volunteer of the Year, and her name has been reported to RMDS.

We look forward to a lively and productive year advancing the sport of dressage in our territory, together with RMDS.

3. Foothills

Cassandra Dipentino

Our 1st "Foothills First" monthly clinic series was held on October 2nd, 2021. Kathleen Donnelly to be our clinician. We ended up with 8 riders. We still ended up a wee bit above breaking even after all expenses. We feel that we need to improve advertisement. We decided to skip November and concentrate on a December 4th, 2021.

Our goal is to provide a monthly opportunity to ride with top trainers, local at first, until we can bring in clinicians from around the country to educate our membership. We may explore grant opportunities in the future, but for now, we are thinking local to build up the clinic series' publicity.

We received approval for the dates for our Foothills Dressage Festival, level 2 USEF show on July 9th and 10th 2022. Planning is in full swing!! We are hoping to make this show a fun and exciting experience for everyone.

We have also secured the following:

Judges: Debbie Reil-Rodriguez and Fran Dearing-Kehr

TD: Victoria Powers

On-call Veterinarian: Shane Baird, Mobile Vet

We are planning to host our Spring Into Summer RMDS show on June 5th, 2022.

We need advice regarding the date of our Last Chance RMDS show. Proposed dates of August 14th or August 28th.

We know that not all the shows are on the RMDS Calendar yet. We were hoping to move our last RMDS show up to get ahead of Championship deadlines but not if it conflicts with bigger shows like Estes Park or Dressage in the Rockies.

Last but not least, we will be sending 4 delegates to the BOG.

4. Grand Valley

Karen Harkin

The Grand Valley Dressage Society (GVDS) is closing out 2021 with a sold-out schooling show this weekend. We are augmenting the end of the show season with some "fun" events: a potluck on Saturday, a chili cookoff on Sunday and costumes encouraged all weekend. Kathy Simard is our judge and we hope she has as much fun as the riders.

Planning is underway for our year-end awards and holiday celebration on December 4. Prizes are ordered and we hope that the supply-chain issues won't prohibit us from giving the awards we've selected.

Our 2022 clinician survey resulted in a well-known national candidate selected as the top choice. Planning is underway to bring her here in late spring. We are also planning a western dressage clinic, co-sponsored by WDAA. GVDS will be seeking grants to help with these educational opportunities.

We have several member-sponsored clinics happening in October. Lots of training opportunities for members on the western slope before the weather changes.

5. High Plains

Andrea Price-Valenzuela

Things have been quiet with the High Plains chapter as we wrap up the year and head into fall. We had a lot of support from members for the events that the High Plains chapter put on this year and we are working on planning some similar upcoming events for the 2022 year. We are losing two of our board members, Lori Keilt and Lynn Van Voris, and are looking forward to seeing which of our members will replace them. We would like to congratulate all of our members on a successful 2021 show season.

6. New Mexico Dressage

Maureen Mestas

No report

7. Northern Colorado

Jon Haugen

NCDA is looking forward to an Oct. 31st Clinic with Sandy Hotz at Blue Roof Equestrian Center. We are continuing to plan for our 2022 events and the Robert Dover symposium in May. At our general meetings through the winter, we will have educational speakers on many aspects of horse care and shows.

8. On The Bit

Ginka Kubelka

We are excited to be able to offer another educational event this year: Joan Clay will come to Laramie on December 11 to teach us how we can use Franklin Balls to improve our riding!

We also decided to bring back educational presentations at our monthly meetings. We will be learning about upcoming changes in the USEF Rule Book regarding dressage competitions, and which kind of commonly used supplements or first aid supplies we need to be careful with when using them on our competition horses.

Our monthly meetings continue to be held on the first Thursday of the month at 7pm at Altitude in Laramie. Feel free to join us if you are interested in what we are offering, or contact us through info@onthebitdressage.com!

9. Pikes Peak

Linda Millisor

No report

10. Western Colorado

Lesley Hill

No report

Next Meeting will be the Board Of Governors.

9:34 pm Dorothy Kapaun made the motion to adjourn. 2nd by Stan Adamson. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Heather Petersen