

**RMDS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

July 14, 2022

Zoom Meeting

Meeting @ 6:30 PM

**Attendance:** Joan Clay, Bettina Bosma, Dorothy Kapaun, Beth Geier, Karen Harkin, Heather Petersen, Andrea Price, Stan Adamson, Nadia Westra, Sharon Soos, Nicole Bizzarro, Lauren Still, Gwen Ka’awaloa, Ginka Kubelka, Shannon Lemons, Natalie DeFee Mendik, Sally O’Dwyer, Sandra Rosewell, Nancy Leonard

**Proxies:** MaryJo Hoepner to Heather Petersen

**Call to Order-President**

**Dorothy Kapaun**

Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm by Dorothy Kapaun

**Secretary - Approval of Minutes -**

**Heather Petersen**

**May 2022 minutes, 2 sets of June minutes – Dorothy Kapaun moved to approve the minutes as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stan Adamson. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Treasurers Report**

**Sharon Soos**

Funds as of June 30, 2022

RMDS Checking Account \$30,029.74

RMDS PayPal (as of 12/15/2021) \$9,792.85

**Restricted Funds as of June 30, 2022**

RMDS Scholarship \$ 4,842.29

Barbara H McElnea Scholarship \$9,500.00

TOTAL \$54,164.88

Funds as of July 14, 2022

RMDS Checking Account \$40,048.66

RMDS PayPal (as of 12/19/2018) \$ 509.87 Total \$40,558.53 operating cash total

**Restricted Funds as of July 14, 2022**

RMDS Scholarship \$ 2,842.29

Barbara H McElnea Scholarship \$ 9,500.00

Payable \$1500.00

Pending Deposit

Subtotal \$10,842.29

TOTAL \$51,400.82

**Vice President Report**

**Bettina Bosma**

I have continued to build community with our youth and junior rider. I had the pleasure of having a get together at the GVDS show in May as well as the Foothills show in June.

I have been trying different times of day and show dates to figure out the best time to get the most number of riders present. Always tricky as its dependent on class times and when riders leave. For the GVDS show I did Friday evening of a 3 day show. For foothills it was Sunday during lunch of a 2 day show. Both were well attended ( GVDS 7 youth riders, Foothills 8 Jr riders.)

AS I talk to our future generation a few points they make. They would prefer a get together during NON show day. They prefer to concentrate on show days. I am hoping to do something in early spring and join forces with Lauren and make it also a learning experience (parents would like a “how to be more independent rider” series : what to pack for shows for rider and horse, basic first aid, etc -Lauren and I will put our heads together and collaborate!

A few junior riders did tell me that they wish at show they made a “junior aisle” at the barn – where they can all get to know each other in a relaxed environment with their horses.  
Thank you! Hope everyone is enjoying the warm weather!

Natalie discussed getting more participation in the Jr/YR spotlight for the e-Centaur. Several board members gave some suggestions and different ideas were discussed.

### President Report

Dorothy Kapaun

A HUGE **THANK YOU!!** to all our members that have volunteered to make our shows successful! It is truly appreciated by all that either competed or put on the show.

I am sure some of you have noticed that the RMDS Championships have been removed from the calendar. Unfortunately, The Polo Club is unable to guarantee the improvement necessary to fulfill a Level 3 show. The RMDS Board and I have exhausted every venue we been able to think of. This situation has devastated the Board. There is small hope that the Colorado Horse Park closes within the next week and we can still pull off Championships in mid-October. This is a small hope, one that we are not putting much stock in. We have already started looking for a venue for next year. We may be needing to head to Douglas or Grand Junction. In 2025 we will also be able to put in a bid for the National Western Stockshow venue. I am very sorry for this news.

### Central Office

Beth Geier

#### Membership

- Registration – 646 members as of 7/1 for 2022 –112 new horses since October 2021.
- See Reports with chapter membership totals.
- Accepting dues for 2022: \$80

#### Shows:

- For 2022: 7 RMDS shows: 30 USEF/USDF recognized shows which does not includes Championships and Regionals.
- Cancelled 7/17 Centaur Rising I (judge cancelled) Add: 9/10 AVDA Riverwalk-Fall
- Start checking scores and your data\*\*\*

#### Omnibus:

- New prices? Need now to be ready for Fall push.

#### Database/Website:

- Working well – let me know of any problems you are having.
- Did an upgrade to the website software, part of original contract.
- Please ask your chapter members to see if there is a donor in the group or if they know of one.

#### Banquet:

- January 14, 2023

#### Volunteer:

- A member is reporting her hours to her business and they are giving \$\$\$. Received a check for \$400+
- Need 4 hours for awards and 8 hours for scholarship

#### General:

- Chapters receive free email blasts for educational purposes.
- RMDS Executive Board members get ½ price admission to RMDS events.

#### Next Executive Board Meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday odd months-exceptions noted) – 2022

**Executive Board Meetings:** July 14, Sept 8, Oct 13 (budget)  
**BOG** Nov 19

#### 2023

**Banquet** January 14

**RMDS MEMBERSHIP -  
YEAR-TO-DATE**

7/12/2022

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Members:	646	714	636	700	725	752	756	779	675	827	797	868	751	945	1030	1008	1036	1019	1151	1177	1162
Horses:	112	161	109	159	161	91	93	59	63	59	135	123	132	132	166	246	262	234	207	337	274
AV	43	40	39	39	36	39	25	29	26	27	25	27	24	15	26	12	-	-	-	-	-
BV	142	160	138	151	162	159	182	168	171	180	182	190	200	188	205	172	178	179	199	208	230
FH	64	65	51	56	70	57	73	79	76	64	65	71	72	75	76	77	74	73	109	103	115
GV	98	89	78	80	77	91	95	71	55	71	53	65	83	87	105	102	88	92	93	98	77
HP	140	146	117	162	164	169	149	156	151	176	190	208	226	256	265	260	259	251	267	283	278
NC	63	69	57	64	75	69	77	77	89	94	93	110	132	107	124	137	137	139	162	151	150
OB	24	30	40	37	38	49	43	42	33	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PP	71	56	62	87	77	89	63	70	63	62	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
No Chapter	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	5	11	12	13	15	14	25	14	16	22	21	34	36	24
CS					-	Dissolved	24	35	47	52	63	115	124	115	127	126	143	130	137	155	134
NM	dissolved	37	33																		
PN					-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Dissolved	inactive	12	13	13	14	15	14	13
PR					-	-	Dissolved	10	11	18	14	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TS					-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Dissolved	36	51	68	90	86	91	74	77
WA					-	-	Dissolved	19	21	26	28	24	24	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WC	dissolved	21	20	23	25	29	22	18	19	23	27	31	22	21	25	25	32	34	44	55	64
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>1005</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>1004</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>1107</b>	<b>1122</b>	<b>1098</b>
Juniors	53	64	54	66	73	80	86	88	95	120	117	120	134								
Amateurs	229	240	140	217	205	195	163	152	176	209	220	239	230								
Education	14	12	11	14	18	21	17	16													
Business	15	16	12	12	9/2																
Life	38/1	43	35/1	33/1	32/2																

**Permanent Committee Reports Continued:**

**Adult Amateur**

**Pippa Bird**

- **May 14/15 - Dawn White O'Connor at Lake View Equestrian, Longmont, CO.**
  - The clinic filled and there were a handful of auditors.
- **Team Competition scheduled for June 25th at Happenstance Farm**
  - Team went well and it showed a profit.

**Awards**

**Shannon Lemons**

Shannon intends to be in Estes Park and Santa Fe for trophy return and will make one trip to Beth as well, but with diesel prices, that's all she's really going to do.

**Communications**

**Sally O'Dwyer**

I hope everyone is following RMDS on Facebook. Thanks to Kristina Lee, who has taken over the responsibility for posting on our page, we have increased messaging to daily—That's right! Every day, our followers get a fresh dose of what's going on with RMDS. Kristina brings professionalism to our page, and I think you will all agree, her posts look terrific. Our reach is now over 3,500 and we've added 111 NEW followers to our Facebook page! We also are publishing the Ecentaur monthly. I have been asking our Board members and Committee members for content and they have been very responsive. As a result, we have fresh, up to date and interesting information to share.

I would love to have an additional person assisting with the publication of the Ecentaur. I would be happy to teach any interested individual how to use MailChimp so we could collaborate. This would be a great opportunity for someone who wants to learn more about creating online newsletters and more.

We are ALWAYS looking for input. This newsletter belongs to the club and would be better served if we had more input from the members.

Magazine – We discussed raising pricing for advertisers for the magazine. Publication generally runs about a 4k-5k deficit. Much discussion on various items, keeping prices the same for shows, increasing the rest.

**Stan Adamson moved that RMDS increase our advertising rates for the 2023 Magazine by 10% for non-show/chapter advertisers. The current rates from 2022 will stand for shows and chapter advertisements and prize lists. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ginka Kubelka.** Nicole discussed that we list all rates have gone up 10%, but we're offering a 10% discount for shows and chapters. Another point is that we need to decide what is an acceptable loss and what is an acceptable future or gain for that loss. It was discussed that we need to be very specific in who

receives a discount or lower rate. Motion passed with Shannon opposed and Abstaining is Heather, Sharon, Nicole and Natalie.

Website – Heather says it’s going well.

### **Education**

**MaryJo Hoepner**

Some of the paperwork has been finalized for the L program. They are working on getting hotels in Loveland and having to deal with a hotel planner. They are working to obtain a cheaper conference room than Larimar County’s conference room. The full application should be through the approval process from USDF. We are getting a lot of inquiries for the program, including from out-of-state folks for auditing and participating. Once we get this finalized, we’ll work on setting up the part 2 with some help from Heather.

### **Junior/Young Riders**

**Lauren Still**

#### **Summer Intensive**

The Summer Intensive was very successful – we were full with 12 riders and horses attending. The Summer Intensive was profitable, making just under \$3000 for RMDS.

Tomora was our host facility and was great to work with. We had wonderful volunteers including Simone Hersh, Joan Clay, Elizabeth and Heather Petersen, and the clinicians who generously donated their time to the program: Sara Storch-Kay, Shannon Warner, and Annie Morris.

The only potential glitch we encountered was that at the last minute, Dolly Hannon unfortunately tested positive for Covid and was unable to teach. Luckily Shannon Warner who had been lined up to come do a musical freestyle for the kids kindly agreed to coach the full day.

Detailed information and photos have been shared on the RMDS Facebook page and in the eCentaur.

Thank you to everyone who made this a success!

#### **Dressage4Kids TEAM clinic with Lendon Gray**

We are tentatively on their schedule for the last weekend in October (29th-30th). I am still looking for a facility. The one I thought we could use is now for sale. We need stabling for 8-12 horses, and a facility willing to donate the use of the dressage arena (preferably indoor arena).

Suggestions welcome!

#### **Virtual Community Events**

I would like to schedule more Zoom education opportunities for the kids after the TEAM Clinic as we go into the fall. I have a few ideas of topics, but please send me any ideas you think would be engaging and helpful.

### **Marketing**

**Vacant**

Adrienne Murphy has stepped down from marketing for personal reasons. Kristina Lee has been doing a fabulous job of filling in as best she can and Dorothy will be talking to her about possibly filling the roll.

### **Professionals**

**Joan Clay**

#### **Old Business:**

RMDS received the final check from The Dressage Foundation from the Max Gahwyler Fund for the 2022 RMDS Professionals’ Symposium with Lilo Fore.

#### **New Business:**

- 1) Investigating offering a USDF Certified Instructor/Trainer Workshop Series per the suggestion of Annie Morris. However, we want to make sure to schedule it so that it doesn’t create conflict with the USDF “L” program that RMDS is planning.
- 2) Need to start plans for the next RMDS Professionals’ Symposium in 2024.

### **Scholarship**

**Natalie DeFee-Mendik**

Two scholarship recipients (Stacy Adams and Blake Anderson) have been in touch with updates and will soon complete their scholarship activities and requirements. Stacy’s update ran in the *eCentaur*.

## Shows – Championships

## Currently Vacant

We are tabling the discussion until July 28<sup>th</sup> regarding the 2022 Championships. The meeting will be at 7pm. Thoughts for Championships for 2023?

## Appointed Committee Reports:

### 1. Western Dressage

Simone Windeler

No report for Western Dressage.

### 2. Nominating Committee – Chapter Presidents

Stan Adamson

The following RMDS Officers for even-numbered years, were elected at the Board of Governors on November 19, 2022:

- President
- Vice President                      Bettina Bosma (GVDS)
- AA
- Championships
- Communications
- Jr/YR
- Scholarships

### 3. BOG - November 19, 2022

Heather Petersen

### 4. Banquet –

Beth Geier

January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. We are also still trying to get a final confirmation from the hotel.

### 5. AD HOC Volunteer Committee Report –

Judi Devore

Mission/Vision Statement: RMDS is an organization reliant upon its members as volunteers to build a strong dressage community. To develop this culture RMDS will nurture and enhance the volunteer experience by:

- WARMLY WELCOMING AND FOSTERING MEMBER PARTICIPATION
- PROVIDING RELEVANT TRAINING, MANAGEMENT, AND RECOGNITION •
- EDUCATING OUR MEMBERSHIP AS TO THE DIVERSE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES THAT EXIST YEAR ROUND • ROUTINELY EVALUATING OUR EFFORTS

Many shows have been implementing the suggestions from the committee and the survey conducted at the beginning of the year. From reports from exhibitors and volunteers at most shows it appears the volunteer experience has been enhanced and most feel very welcomed, appreciated, and better prepared for their roles. A second survey may be in order to identify if these reports are consistent throughout all volunteers and all shows. Not all shows are having increased success with recruitment which was one of the main goals of this committee. By making some of the jobs only two hour commitments instead of four it has actually created a few more holes in the volunteer schedule in some instances. This was done due to suggestions from our survey in order to help facilitate exhibitor participation in volunteering at shows in which they are also competing. Volunteers where the SignUp.com is being used, have indicated this has helped them easily identify how to help out when they know where to access it. Email blasts to the membership to sign up for various shows appears to be the main access point for this information. It has also been posted on the RMDS volunteer page when RMDS is notified to add it by the individual show volunteer coordinator.

Since some shows are still struggling to find volunteers at the last minute they have requested a second email blast be sent to the membership. Current policy is for RMDS to charge a \$60 fee (\$105 for non-member) for any subsequent email blasts. This committee is proposing this fee is waived if the blast is for volunteer recruitment.

**Sally O’Dwyer moved that we increase the email blasts for shows for volunteers from one to two. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lauren Still. Motion passed unanimously.**

Kids are doing well in qualifying for NAYC and Convention is in Kentucky this year, please join us! We have a Region 5 meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Old Business:**

- No old business.

### **New Business:**

**We have 3 bids for consideration.**

**Central Office – Dorothy Kapaun moved to accept Beth Geier’s Central Office bid for 1 year with a wage increase to \$16.50 per hour. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sharon Soos. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Magazine – Sharon Soos moved that we accept Nicole Bizzarro’s bid. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lauren Still. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Magazine Editing – Lauren Still moved that we accept Natalie Mendik’s bid for editing. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen Harkin. Motioned passed unanimously.**

Natalie asked if we would be interested in nominated the RMDS Magazine for the USDF Creative award to promote membership. Everyone seemed very supportive of that.

### **Chapter Presidents:**

**Joan Clay moved to accept the chapter reports as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Katie Knight. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### **1. Arkansas Valley**

**Nancy Leonard**

AVDA has continued to be very active this spring and early summer. We had a Ride a Test with one of our members, Brenda Haley, as judge. We have had clinics with Holly Bergay and Simone Windeler and are scheduled for a clinic with Juan Gonzales and Kathy Daly. We are hoping to have Monique Potts for a clinic this fall. Our members have been very active on the show circuit, riding in Dressage for the Cure and Cheyenne. Katie Knight, Debi Stevens and Tracy Broll have been especially active showing. They are heading to Boulder Valley at the end of the month and then Estes Park. Our spring show was snowed out which was a disappointment to all. But we are heavily involved in plans for our September 10th show which we have changed to a rated show instead of schooling due to our spring cancellation. Hopefully we will not have weather get to us again. We have historically had our shows at Pathfinder Park in Florence. We have been pleased to hear that they are planning to enclose this although the details are sketchy at this point and we are hopeful that it will work for us. We are also starting to try some social get togethers and have planned an outside get together at Cat Siemet's house in August. AVDA has increased its membership to 45. We had a great meeting this last Monday night with 14 people attending. This is the highest attendance for a meeting that we have had since Covid began. We are hoping to continue this trend both in members and attendance. Our members are still very hopeful that RMDS will have Championships this year and hopefully we will know the outcome of this after our RMDS meeting. It has really been a good year for us, even with the problems that have been kind of scary down here with the horse illness that broke out in the prison herd. It is my understanding that this illness never left the prison herd. None of our horses were in any danger. We hope everyone continues with this wonderful sport of dressage and that everyone finds a way to be a part of it.

#### **2. Boulder Valley**

**Stan Adamson**

A core group of BVDA members met at 7 p.m., Monday, June 20, 2022. We completed routine business, we noted that Beth Geier has agreed to serve as Volunteer Coordinator for the July 30-31 shows at the Boulder County Fairgrounds.

Nicole Donohue, Show Manager for BVDA, reported on progress in planning the annual Boulder County Fairgrounds Shows on July 29-31, 2022. I confirmed that Mike Maroone Ford in Longmont will provide the Ford pickups for the judges and scribes. We have since confirmed that both Colorado Tack and Supply in Thornton and Dover Saddlery in Parker will donate high point prizes for Adult Amateur, Open, Jr/YR and Pony classes each day. We will set up on Friday, July 29, at 8 a.m. All personnel (Show Secretary, judges, TD, announcer, EMT, farrier and on-call vet) have been confirmed, and accommodations for overnight staff are reserved. I will be taking the Show Secretary, Judges, TD, and Show Manager to dinner on both Friday and Saturday evenings. We have volunteer recruitment and

management supplies held over from last year and will be purchasing new goodie bags for volunteers. Port-a-potties are booked, and we have contacted some vendors to invite them. We have booked the wonderful food truck The Wolf, which has done such a great job at the Nighthawk Shows.

Personal events have prevented Shannon Moyes-Clark from working on the web site, and we are sending positive and hopeful thoughts and prayers her way. There is no rush.

We acknowledge and applaud Nighthawk Equestrian Center in Longmont for the great shows they are putting on this summer and are thankful to Karen Whitman, Eleanor Harrison and their crew for this great asset to the show season in Boulder Valley. We also acknowledge that Rabbit Mountain hosted a clinic with Daniel Stewart June 30 and July 1, and also hosted Olivia LaGoy-Weltz in June, and will be bringing these clinicians back..

We discussed plans for scribe training in the off-season, since recruiting and training well-qualified scribes has become a challenge. We also discussed contacting barns in Boulder Valley, Broomfield and Brighton and other locations in our area to set up a Ride-a-Test as a fundraiser in the future

The club has grown to 141 members as of last count. Our next meeting, via Zoom, will take place August 8, 2022.

### **3. Foothills**

**Nadia Westra**

#### **Foothills Dressage Festival**

Foothills Chapter of RMDS has just completed the Foothills Dressage Festival! It was a huge effort solely run by volunteers, most of which had never had any horse show management experience. We had amazing mentors to help us navigate the waters. We were met with the normal challenges of running a recognized show, but then even more with EHV and Covid. The competitors were quick to jump to action and get health certificates on all horses after a holiday weekend and during a short week. To help the short time frame, we worked with Mobile Veterinary Services, LLC to provide an onsite health certificate clinic for competitors. The support of our local judges Dolly Hannon and Julie Haugen saved the show, and our gratitude is endless. Heather Petersen had a creative and brilliant idea to mix in a small r judge along with Dolly to make it all work! It made scheduling classes a little extra challenging, but we did it with only one rider having to ride HDC and we refunded her the class fee. I could write an entire novel about the challenges, wins, and details, but overall, it was an amazing experience. So far we are receiving wonderful feedback and are being asked to do it again next year. I think I need about a week to recover and decide if we want to do it all again!

The Jefferson County Fairgrounds is definitely a facility I would use again. There are some small improvements we can make next year, but they are eager to have us back and to learn. I will be having a meeting with them in the upcoming weeks to discuss everything we loved and everything that could be improved. But overall, it was such a great atmosphere.

#### **Future Events**

The FDF has consumed most of the energy of our amazing team, but we still have a few events in the works and will be planning more now that the beast of a show is completed.

We are going to host a book club featuring Sarah Barnes book, She Who Rides Horses. We are also going to do a rider nutrition zoom meeting with Dr. Cynthia Dormer. We have one last show in August, the Foothills Last Chance show that we look forward to.

#### **Scholarship**

With the proceeds from the FDF we hope to revamp and reinvigorate our scholarship program. We hope to bring more interest and reason to join the RMDS for all riders. Even those who don't necessarily want to compete. More to come on that.

Here's to an amazing summer so far!

### **4. Grand Valley**

**Karen Harkin**

Grand Valley Dressage Society (GVDS) had a very successful Summertime Horse show weekend in early June, all sponsored by Alpine Bank. We began the weekend on Friday, June 3 with an RMDS show, Summertime Warm-up, which was sold out with a waiting list. Judge Dolly Hannon was a great attraction for both classical and western dressage riders. Saturday's Summertime I show featured a premier judging panel of Janet Foy and Dolly Hannon which was quite a draw. Again, a sold-out show bringing in riders from Utah and the four corners area. We were very excited to have a fine display by higher-level riders, which was fun for other lower-level riders and spectators. Saturday also featured Training 3 as our USDF Benefit class. Krista Nobilo and her Sir Edward WS was

the winner. The sponsor, Alpine Bank, really appreciated the photo opportunities with the judges and the top three riders.

We closed out the weekend with our Summertime II and judge Janet Foy. Through some engaging press releases, we were able to attract the local television station to the show on Saturday. This was quite the accomplishment since the JUCO (Junior College World Series) was finishing on the same weekend and that is a huge attraction in our community.

<https://www.nbc11news.com/2022/06/06/grand-valley-dressage-society-holds-three-day-dressage-competition/>

Sara Weiss from The Dressage Foundation even saw the clip and sent us a congratulations note. We are planning a similar weekend in 2023 and have already secured Debbie Riehl Rodriguez as our Summertime Warm-up RMDS show judge and half of the panel for the Summertime I show.

Members have been showing at other shows in Cheyenne, Millbrook, HIPICO, and Foothills. Due to some of the member-sponsored clinics provided by Sue Martin and Kristin Aggers, our members have fared well. We hope to have a sizeable group going to Regionals in the fall.

We are also looking into paperless scoring applications. We'd welcome input from any other chapters who have experience with this.

Our second schooling show is August 27-28 with Sharron Sarchet as our judge.

## 5. High Plains

No report

**Andrea Price Valenzuela**

## 6. Northern Colorado

### Two successful Schooling Shows

NCCA had two successful School Shows at Tomora on June 11 & 12<sup>th</sup> our judges were Sharron Sarchet & Simone Windeler

### A Regional Show committee?

As everyone is experiencing, we struggled with finding volunteers for these shows. NCCA is in the process of setting up a show committee to explore ways to grow our volunteer base. If there is interested from other clubs, we wondered if it made sense to have a regional committee? What I mean by regional is which clubs would be most likely to draw from the same volunteer base? Example: BVD, NCCA and Foothills Dressage.

### New Website

NCCA is in the process of creating a new website. We should be debuting it within the next month.

### Year End Awards

We have decided as a club to revise our Year End Awards to include divisions

Robert Dover Debrief – We wondered if having this same proposed 'regional committee' would benefit from having a discussion on how these 'big name' events impact the clubs.

**Sandra Rosewell**

## 7. On The Bit

We had a wonderful clinic with Kathleen Donnelly on June 25<sup>th</sup> at Jane Swanhorst's facility in Cheyenne. Jane not only let us use her beautiful arena, she also donated horse themed items that we sold at the clinic as a fundraiser. We are very grateful for so much support!

Now we are excited about our upcoming recognized show on July 23 & 24 at the Hansen Arena in Laramie. Our judges will be Jeff Moore (S, CA) and Renee Johnson (S, CA). The new facility will hopefully eliminate some of the challenges we were facing last year. Join us for a friendly and fun show! Entries are closing on Wednesday!

We are always happy to see new faces, so come join us through zoom or in person for one of our monthly meetings! Connect with us through Facebook or our website, [onthebitdressage.com](http://onthebitdressage.com).

**Ginka Kubelka**

## 8. Pikes Peak

PPDS has been working hard to increase member participation at our monthly meetings. We are using the monthly meetings to discuss topics relevant to competing. At our previous meeting, we discussed the dress code for competitions. Members were encouraged to bring their clothes in if they had questions on specific clothing items. Free pizza and drinks were also provided by the club. The next meeting will discuss upcoming changes to tack rules.

**Audra Littlewood**



In addition to the show, PPDS is also looking forward to hosting Janet Foy for a clinic on the new dressage tests. This will be held on November 3rd at Latigo. We are looking into providing food and drinks for this as well to make it a fun, educational event.

**Next Meeting is July 28th.**

**8:48 pm Sharon Soos made the motion to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by many. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Respectfully submitted, Heather Petersen**