

RMDS Board of Governors Meeting
Sat. November 10, 2007
Greeley Colorado

8:34 Called to Order by Laura Speer

Roll Call taken:

Arkansas Valley-1: Brenda Haley Proxy carried by Barbara Goldman

Boulder Valley -9: Claudia Barkmeier (2) Present

Barbara Goldman Present

Beth Geier Present

Grace Maddox Present

Jasmin Becker Present

Julie Barringer-Richers Present

Nicole Bizzarro Present

Jeannette Hillery Present

Colorado Springs -7: Simone Windeler Present

Cici Lee Present

Elaine Thomas Proxy carried by Heather Petersen

Heather Petersen Present

Jean Patton Present

Pat Leach Present

Tara Nolan Present

Foothills-4: Aimee Edwards (2) Present

Dolly Hannon Present

Rachel Motsinger arrived at 130 pm with guest (mother)

Grand Valley-6: Tiger Adams Present (2)

Betsy Small Present (2)

Lisa Binse Present (2)

High Plains – 13 Alexandra Curnutte Present

Beverly Swanson Proxy carried by KC Parkins-Kyle

Debbie Wilke Proxy carried by Alexandra Curnutte

Hannah Lewis Present

Jessica Sheppard Present

Kathy Simard Present

KC Parkins-Kyle Present

Lisa Wiggins Proxy carried by Beth Geier

Sharon Soos Present

Susan Rudman Present

Susanne Pringuard Proxy carried by Alex Curnutte

Terri Wallace Proxy carried by Alex Curnutte
Tyteeka Reye Proxy carried by Alex Curnutte

Northern Colorado-7: Laura Speer (3) Present
Kathleen Kilkelly Proxy carried by Laura Speer
Susie Reed Present
Trudy Childers Proxy carried by Laura Speer

Penrose -1 Sally Strom Proxy carried by Laura Speer

Tri State – 4 Tammy Fagan (4) proxy carried by Beth Geier

Western Colorado – 2 Barbara McElena Present
Sally Shaffer Present

54 votes accounted for

APPROVAL OF 2006 BOG MINUTES

Make the following corrections to 2006 minutes:

1. Kristi Wysocki's name is missed spelled on page 4
2. Under Jr/Yr committee reports page 2: Susan Gregg was the Team coordinator for Region 5. Julie was always the Region 5 Jr/Yr overall coordinator.
3. Awards Report page 2: \$ should be before the numbers, so should read \$5350.....\$5800 instead.

MOTION TO ACCEPT 2006 BOG MINUTES AS CORRECTED

CICI LEE, HEATHER PETERSEN 2ND

PASSED

1st reading of Nominations:

Laura Speer President
Sharon Soos Vice President
Lisa Wiggins Treasurer
Alex Curnutte Secretary

Nominations from the floor- none

Treasurer Report:

Report filed by Lisa Wiggins. Review was done and was successful.

Funds as of October 31, 2007

Wells Fargo RMDS Checking Account:	\$57,846.45
Wells Fargo Paypal Account	\$100.00
Wells Fargo Money Market	\$44,095.43

Corrections to P&L:

Page 1: Raffle \$246 not \$300

Page 7: Corporate Report \$60 not \$1245

Page 7: Tax Prep \$1185 not \$0.00

Discussion of P&L: Issues concerning crossing years with expenses and income causes some confusion.

MOTION: ACCEPT TREASURERS REPORT WITH CORRECTIONS

Heather Petersen, Jeanette Hillery 2nd

PASSED

Central Office Report:

Office:

RMDS is being remembered in someone's will with the stipulation that it goes towards the scholarship fund.

Membership: Totals for 2007- 1008 members, 16 Centaur only, 246 Horses since 9/30/06

Beginning October 1, 2007- horse registration is \$40 and any changes are \$15.

Persons can now join on line via website with Paypal.

Email addresses are becoming more important, including them with registration is critical. Chapters are encouraged to forward any email corrections to Central Office.

Omnibus: New rates for 2008. Please encourage vendors to advertise.

Nicole will discuss the new Directory List. Price will be \$25 for a listing. List will have 10 words or less about business, listed by category.

November 15th, 2007 is deadline for submissions into the Omnibus.

Centaur:

10th of prior month is deadline for submissions to Centaur. Submissions should be sent to Central Office as well as Editor, Ads and classifieds should be emailed to the Central Office with payments. \$20 for 50 words or less, Additional \$12 to include picture, over 50 words additional \$20.

Calendar listings: Should there be a small fee for stable to list clinics? \$5? Only for non-RMDS sponsored events? Free if you purchase an ad? Discussion followed concerning these ideas. Decided to not make a change, listings will remain free.

Country Supply: Please encourage members to use the code. Located in the Centaur and on the website, RMDS gets money for every \$50 spent.

Committee Reports:

AA: No report, no chairperson for 2007

Jr/Yr Report:

Susan Rudman reporting. Camp: Hollee Price informed Susan that camp was successful. Well attended and well received. NAJYRC: RMDS had one JR and two

YR qualify. RMDS contributed \$658.00 to each of these three riders.

NAJYRC Silent auction: Over \$6000.00 raised, other fundraising included Braiding at shows.

2007 – 2008 Plans: Fundraising has already brought in close to \$500 from the Jane Savoie food services and \$120.00 from braiding. Future fundraisers planned are the Terry Ciotti Gallo Clinic, April 12-13, 2008, The Judges Continuing Education event Jan 26, 2008 at Autumn Hill. More events are being looked at to do similar fundraising. Braiding will be offered at any show that wants it. Postcards will be sent to all RMDS JR./YR's to encourage more participation in the program not just those on the team. An educational venue for a JR/YR day to be held at Autumn Hill is in the works. The group is requesting funds from USDF for this day. This would be a non-riding event, hands on activities and educational programs. Sponsors for the NAJYRC which is at the Colorado Horse Park this year, are being solicited already. The committee hopes to target some of the fund raising money to RMDS jr/yr not just the team.

Additionally, Julie Barringer-Richers discussed the NAJYRC that will be here in Colorado this year. . USEF will have a coordinator specifically for this event. Please encourage members to volunteer; dates are July 29th – Aug 3rd, 2008.

Awards Committee- Barb Goldman reporting. New Friesian statue and Oldenburg award have been received. Also 1st level Pony award new for 07 along with a 12 & under division comes with a sponsor, Kylee Lourie of Dukes Morgan Farm. Russ Fawcett award to promote and grow spirit of dressage, this will be a nominated award. Discussion about awards not claimed and or not engraved. New awards for 08 include 12 & under group for Training and 1st level. 13-15 division all levels and Championships to 6th place has sponsor to pay for awards and ribbons. Barb estimates that the cost of purchasing awards for 08 will increase compared to 07.

Championships- Winter Wake up Show committee- Heather Petersen reporting for Debbie Wilke. Heather reviewed expenses for 2007 RMDS USDF Region 5 Championships. Projected income of \$8703.90 with the possibility of a \$1000 Grant from USDF to be still awarded. 2008 RMDS Championship budget was also presented. Possible loss for 2008, remember that USDF Region 5 Championship are in Arizona for 2008.

Communications report: Nicole Bizzarro reporting. Centaur and Omnibus continue to generate a loss for RMDS. Nicole hopes that with continued effort by all members RMDS can show an increase in revenue and bring these two publications into the black. Discussion about Centaur and the types of articles included. Central Office should always be cc'd on all ads, articles and items for Centaur.

Website Committee: Heather Petersen reporting for Michael Petersen. Highlights include: \$11,000 worth of online memberships this past year, pay pal for membership with a \$5 fee, possible for chapters to funnel emails thru RMDS website, up to chapters to verify email addresses of members. Automated Classified and Marketplace Ads benefits described.

Education Committee: Heather Petersen reporting. Heather gave an overview of each program such as the Judges ContEd program, TD and Show Management Workshop 07 and discussed the "r" Judge program for 08. \$2000 from the "L" program should be

contributed toward the Capital Campaign Fund commitment by RMDS. Terri Gallo Clinic is also planned for 2008. Scholarship committee needs a chair to follow up with this program. An AA Chair is also needed.

Proposed By Law changes in order presented:

2007 - PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES

(Need 2/3 vote) - page E-11 Article XIII, A.

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ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS

D. President:

2. Upon assuming office in January, the President shall appoint (with the approval of the Executive Board) an auditor **a third party** who shall be charged with reviewing the financial records of the previous year. A full **audit review** of the financial records must be performed with every change of Treasurer or at least every five (5) years. The **auditor reviewer** shall report the findings to the President and to the Executive Board

PROPOSED STANDING RULES CHANGES

(Need majority vote) – page E-11 Article XIII, A.

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SECTION V. AWARDS - YEAR END

F. Sport Horse Breeding Show Year End Awards

1. Eligibility

c. Only scores earned when the owner and handler **(delete and handler)** are current members of the Society in good standing may be used to determine Year End Awards.

f. All owners and handlers **(delete and handlers)** are responsible for verifying and documenting their scores with the Awards Chairperson prior to September 30 of the competition year. If scores are not checked, RMDS and/or the Awards Chairperson are not responsible for any errors that may occur.

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SECTION VIII. DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

A. Membership classes are defined in the RMDS By-Laws. The membership application and dues should be sent to the RMDS Central Office. The

Society's membership fees shall be as follows:

Individual	50.00	55.00
Additional Family member	35.00	40.00

Results:

Auditor section. Motion to accept wording change, **Failed**.

Breed award changes. Motion to accept cici and Jennifer, **passed**

Due and assessments, motion to amend to 08 and raise ind by \$5, **passed**.

Budget Discussion:

Motion to accept Budget, **Failed**

Motion to increase YR Team donation by \$500, **Passed**.

Motion to change membership income amt to \$43505, **Passed**.

Motion to accept Budget as revised. Laura Speer, Heather Petersen 2nd **Passed**.

2008 RMDS BUDGET

2008 Budget	Income	Expense	Net
BOG Awards	\$ 285.00	\$ 5,400.00	\$ (5,115.00)
BOG Banquet	\$ 7,585.00	\$ 7,585.00	\$ -
Centaur	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ (3,000.00)
Central Office	\$ 500.00	\$ 10,555.00	\$ (10,055.00)
Championship/Breed Show	\$ 88,725.00	\$ 88,725.00	\$ -
Clinics	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ -
Educations / Grants	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 10,500.00	\$ -
General / Interest	\$ 1,575.00	\$ 1,365.00	\$ 210.00
Membership - Dues	\$ 43,505.00	\$ 22,292.00	\$ 21,213.00
Membership - Horses	\$ 9,630.00	\$ -	\$ 9,630.00
Misc / donations	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,075.00	\$ (75.00)
Omnibus	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 13,435.00	\$ (5,035.00)
Operating / USDF Convention	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (2,000.00)
Scheduling / Insurance	\$ 2,625.00	\$ 1,575.00	\$ 1,050.00
Taxes / Legal	\$ 720.00	\$ 4,575.00	\$ (3,855.00)
USDF Capital Campaign	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (3,000.00)
Website	\$ 735.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 35.00
Winter Wake-up Show	\$ 16,900.00	\$ 16,900.00	\$ -
Total:	\$ 235,685.00	\$ 235,682.00	\$ 3.00

approved at Board of Governors 11/9/07

Old Business: Jane McBride and Heather Petersen reporting. USDF Convention, non member rules voted in, refund to GMO members discontinued, 08 Convention in Denver, 09 in Austin TX., USDF and USEF cards are now combined onto one card. Capital Campaign Fund contributions so far of \$3000. Motion for \$2000 from “L” program and \$2000 from Championship show to go toward fund. **Passed**.

New Business:

Corrections on show list. Info due for Omnibus, 08 Champs at CHP, 08 USDF Convention in Denver, need committee to coordinate volunteers. Symposium will be at the National Western Complex. Discussion of USEF raising min scores. The RMDS Central Office needs a new computer.

Donations; 08- \$1000 to Region 5 Young riders

\$50 to COHCO **Passed**

RMDS Scholarship donation tabled until end of meeting. **Passed**.

Dressage Foundation \$250 **Passed**

Scholarship fund donation; Grace Maddox and Simone Windeler to chair committee.
Motion to donate \$750 to RMDS Scholarship fund, **Passed**.

Chapter reports.

Arkansas Valley Dressage Assoc. (AVDA)

New chapter started in 2007. Membership comes from Salida, down the Arkansas river into east of Pueblo. Held their first clinic, gained 4 new members and made a profit. Goal is to host three schooling shows in 2008. Encouraging instructors to frequent the chapter area is generating excitement. As an area that dressage is considered and extraordinary sport, the chapter in incorporating different disciplines into their shows. Advertising has been submitted in the local newspaper and equine magazines distributed locally. Officers 2008

Brenda Haley Pres
Cat Seimiet VP
Karen Randall Sec/Tres
Soraya Van Asten Publicity

Boulder Valley Dressage

Annual banquet was held at Spice of Life Catering center with positive response. Thanks go to Glenda Needles VP, for putting this together and her team of volunteers. The many shows held by the club were all successful; thanks go to all the management and volunteers. Adult Amateur Camp for 08 will be in July. New for 2008 includes a two week span of events incorporating Dressage for the Cure, a schooling show and a clinic with Sarah Martin. Followed by a two day RMDS show with an S judge.

Colorado Springs Dressage Assoc. (CSDA)

4 shows held in 2007 and 4 planned for 2008. New locations for three of the shows, Cactus Creek and Estes Park.

Foothills Chapter

2008 Board members are Aimee Edwards Pres
Dolly Hannon VP
Laura Quakenbush Tres
Sally Higgins Sec

The two shows hosted by the chapter both showed a profit, these events are planned for 2008.

Grand Valley Dressage Society

More members have gotten involved in the welfare of the club and its shows. Both recognized shows went well and showed a profit. Two schooling shows were well attended by membership. 2008 will have a trail class added to some of our shows. A new class will be a memorial class for Ned Marshall. Proceeds to go to support Young riders. Hope to host 5 recognized shows for 2009.

High Plains Dressage

2008 Board members Alex Curnutte Pres

Sharon Soos VP
Terri Wallace Tres
Jessica Sheppard Sec

Website development is proceeding well. www.highplainsdressage.com should be up and running by middle of Nov 07. All Friesian Clinic at 8th Heaven Farms full with wait list, clinician Sabine Shut-Kerri. HP will host a booth at the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo in March of 08.

Northern Colorado Dressage Assoc (NCDA)
2007 Board Laura Speer Pres
Trudy Childers/ Susie Reed Co VP's
Kerri Belsito Tres
Susie Gordon Sec

Schooling shows were successful and hope to have more in 2008. Officers for 2008 will be elected in Nov 08. Have an anonymous donor of awards for those NCDA members whom received RMDS YR End awards to be presented at our Christmas Party on Dec 12th.

Tri – State Dressage

Tri-State 2007 Schooling Show Series Awards night held Nov 2nd. Well attended for the 3rd yr. Various YE awards were handed out.

Western Colorado Chapter

Two successful schooling shows held and additional one was canceled due to weather. Hope to have 4 in 2008. Several clinics in the area were well attended by chapter members. 2008 Officers

Judith Family Pres
Sally Shaffer VP
Barbara Graham Sec
Barbara McElnea Tres

3rd reading of nominations. Added Grace Maddox for Scholarship committee.

Tara Nolan nominated from floor for AA chair. Tara accepted.

Motion to accept slate as whole, Heather P, Beth 2nd, **Passed**.

Slate of Officers and Committee Chairs:

President Laura Speer
Vice President Sharon Soos
Treasurer Lisa Wiggins
Secretary Alex Curnutte

Adult Amateur Chair Tara Nolan
Awards Chair Barbara Goldman
Championship Show Debbie Wilke
Communications Nicole Bizzarro

Education Chair	Heather Petersen
Jr/Yr	Colleen Diamond
Marketing Chair	Vacant
Scholarship Chair	Grace Maddox

Meeting adjourned at 350 pm. Motion to adjourn, Heather P and Beth G 2nd, **Passed**.