

RMDS Executive Board meeting

March 8th, 2007

Perkins Restaurant

Called to order: 6:44 pm

Present: Jane McBride, CiCi Lee, Cat Siemiet, Laura Speer, Heather Petersen, Beth Geier, Barb Goldman, Nicole Bizzarro, Julie Barringer-Richers, Alex Curnutte, Lisa Wiggins. **Proxies:** Tammy Fagan, Deb Wilkie, Simone Windeler, Kathy Johnson, Claudia Barkmeier and Tiger Adams.

Alex was late arriving with the minutes so the board jumped ahead to discuss the Tax Exempt Certificates. RMDS has one plus each chapter has their own. Central Office will request from the chapters a copy of their own tax exempt certificate.

Minutes from September were reviewed and a few changes were requested.

Motion to accept Sept. minutes as corrected. Beth, Jane. Passed.

Jan. minutes were discussed. Clarification of Motion to offer ½ price to Executive Board for RMDS special events. This would apply to elected officers only. Other corrections: Heather reported for CSDA not Jane, CSDA show moved to April not May, Boulder is doing two shows not three. Beth was also at the meeting with CHP.

Motion to accept Jan. minutes as corrected. Beth, Cici, Passed

Treasurers Report

Lisa Wiggins reported.

Lisa discussed the report that she put together. She is concerned about the length of the report and the complexity of it.

Summary: RMDS Wells Fargo Ch.Acct- \$ 50,655.47
Adv.Yr Wells Fargo Acct. - \$ 1223.36
Wells Fargo Money Market - \$ 43,760.45

Total Assets as of March 4th, 07 - \$ 88,755.90

Net income as of March 4th, 07 - \$ - 1,588.58

Discussion about reporting of numbers and presentation. The new laptop is working great. Lisa feels that it is obvious that a non accounting person has been doing the books. She feels that an accounting review is needed. Kurt Needles has offered to do the review for 850\$. Barb asked if review could wait until end of year and Lisa responded that that would not be best.

Motion to have an accounting review. Jane, Beth, Passed.

Lisa offered to do the review. Discussed if there was a conflict of interest and general consensus was that since Lisa had only been on board since Jan. 07, it would not be a problem. Lisa offered to do the review for \$850.

Motions to have Lisa Wiggins do review for no more than \$850. Beth, Laura Passed.

Central Office Report

Office- Melissa Mullen has the tax info now.

Membership- 07- 727 members, 12 Centaur only, 92 horses since 9-30-06

Insurance- Central Office presented info concerning the cost of various insurance for the treasure, Directors and Officers, and event insurance. Discussion concerning combining the various insurance costs to not exceed \$1200.

Motion to proceed with insurance combination not to exceed \$1200. Barb, Alex Passed.

Permanent Committee Reports

Awards Barb Goldman reporting.

You've come a long way baby plaque has re-surfaced after several years of being AWOL. Will have this plaque or new one updated to show history.

Oldenburg award is being retired and replaced with new trophy donated by the Heinrichs Family. A trophy has been donated in memory of Liz Wolf. Barb would like to replace this award for one that needs to be retired.

Motion to accept the new trophy in honor of Liz Wolf and replace an old trophy with it. Beth, Cici, Passed

Banquet Report Laura Speer reporting.

November 10, 2007 date for Banquet in Ft. Collins. Greeley Country Club is alternate site. Working on hotel accommodations near site. Bob Stack and Sean White will be the MC's this year. The goal is to keep the cost per person under \$ 40. Laura is going to follow up with the Country Club.

Championship Report Heather Petersen reporting.

Winter Wake up for 08 – looking at the National Western Stock Show complex as alternative site. Veronica Holt has been working on emergency plan in case of bad weather for 07 at Penrose Equestrian Facility. The footing has been improved recently. As of March 8th, 07, 6 Hrs filled on Sat. and 4 hrs on Sun. Have one ring planned but can add another if needed.

Judges are set for the 08 Winter Wake Up. Hilda and Axel, Janet Foy to offer 'Ride by the Side'. This will be a High Performance show.

Heather has been contacted by Theresa Hunt, the Region 5 President. This concerns the need on RMDS's part to fulfill our commitment to the USDF Pledge. Suggests having Baskets by State to auction off. State high pt coolers and fun stuff donated by each state.

The Judges for Championships also all set.

Communication report. Nicole Bizzarro reporting.

Nicole said that there was a conflict on getting the Centaur and the Omnibus out at the same time. There fore it was critical that the April Centaur deadline by strictly adhered to. The Omnibus was reviewed by Krystina Firth of USDF and a few comments were received. When referring to Regional Championships, please refer to them as Great American/USDF Regional Championships.

The most recent edition of the Centaur had extra copy and warranted an extra 4 pages. The last 2 issues have been on time and with out any major problems.

Beth and Nicole discussed the situation with the Omnibus Binders. Currently down to 87. Beth presented estimates/quotes to order more. Prices varied from \$3.96 to \$ 4.99 per binder.

Motion to approve purchase of 1000 binders at a cost of no more than \$4.30 per binder. Heather, Lisa Passed

Website Report. Beth Geier reported.

All going well at this time. Alex asked if more “splash” could be incorporated into the front page of website. Beth said she would talk to Website Manager about that.

Adult Amateur Report. Brenda Haley submitted written report. Heather presented.

Brenda has received some interest from members to help, which is great. They are looking at some ideas of events. Such as; Camp with Jill Canter Lee based on workshops that she has designed. These can be viewed at www.jcldressage.com.

Clinic with James Shaw, tai chi instructor that was featured in Dressage Today. Another musical clinic, very positive response from last one.

Heather discussed money for AA education and suggested maybe it could be used for chapter AA camps.

Education Report. Heather Petersen reported.

The Intro to the New Tests with Janet Foy, held at Canon Ridge, was very well attended. 170 attended 18 good demo riders. Canon donated everything and the new barn owner was thrilled with the turnout. Lots of pictures taken. Profit from the clinic including Janet Foy’s donation came to \$2000.00. The intention was to put this toward the RMDS Capital Fund raising Pledge to USDF.

Motion to give profits from the New Test Clinic, not to exceed \$2000.00, will be donated to the USDF Capital Campaign Fund on behalf of RMDS. Cat, Nicole Passed.

L Program- Session well attended by auditors and participants. B session this weekend, March 10-11. 15 auditors signed up so far. Had to move to Singletree, whom is supplying most of the demo riders but still have to pay for the facility. Discussion on why RMDS is paying for a host barn when it’s possible that others might donate space. Demo horses still needed for C session.

“r” Judge program- The budget will be funneled through RMDS but we should not lose money or profit from the program. Application into USDEF and waiting approval. Jan.18-20 for review session and Aug. 23-24 for exam. Janet Foy will instruct review and Janet and Lois Yukins will do the testing. Plan to combine RMDS Judges’ Continuing Ed on Sat if approved by USEF. At this time Table Mountain Ranch was planned for the Jan. dates. Alex had some objections to Table Mountain. Decided that Autumn Hill would be asked to host event in Jan.

Clinics under development: 08 Freestyle Clinic with Terry Gallo, who is head of USDF Freestyle committee and ‘author’ of many great freestyles. For 08, the D2 and Final sessions for the L program will be at the Winter Wake Up and June HP show. 08 Judges Ed, 08 TD/Show Manager ED and 08 Instructors Ed in planning stage.

Jan. 27-28 Judges Continuing ED- 14 attended (8 were L grads) Loss of \$35.00
Recommend: Go back to One day.

Feb.10 TD and Show Mngmt Continuing Ed- 11 attended TD portion
11 attended Show Mgmt Ed. 8 attended both sessions
Profit of \$486.13

Recommend: Continue to offer next year

Feb. 17-18 Rachel Saavedra Clinic – 40 sat. 27 sun, profit of \$705.30

Recommend: Continue to have these sessions

Combined profit from above three programs- \$ 1156.43, put toward year end pledge to USDF.

Heather also discussed her visit to Grand Valley. They have some really good sponsorship raising ideas. There was some discussion that followed concerning the RMDS pledge to USDF. \$20,000 is the goal by 2010. \$500.00 brick bought by RMDS in 2005, \$500.00 brick bought by CSDA thru RMDS, possible \$2000.00 from Test Clinic, CSDA has a fundraising idea of a “ NO show Horse Show” they were still working out the details. At this time Heather is open for any input from members concerning fund raising ideas to fulfill RMDS’s pledge.

Young Rider Report. Julie Barringer Richers reported that Colleen Diamond had to resign as committee chair due to family matters. Julie Barringer Richers has agreed to step in until replacement is found. Colleen will continue through the George Williams YR clinic at Crooked Willow. Discussion followed concerning the selection process followed for picking the riders whom would participate. There was a general thought that USDF could find a better process to follow in the future.

Camp- Hollee Price has gotten things moving very well. Every one is very grateful to Hollee for her efforts in this matter.

Some discussion about the future of the YR committee chair. The need for more member involvement is still there.

YR Teams need to submit their letter of intent by March 1st for JRs and YRs. The YR’s are working on their auction to be held at the June High Prairie Dressage shows.

Nominating committee. Laura Speer reporting.

Laura reported that so far the only interest so far in the Presidents position is Laura Speer..... She needs some names of other members whom might be interested in

the next year to volunteer for Board positions. She would like to put an announcement in the Centaur at some time and see what comes up from that.

Scholarship Committee. Cici Lee reported for Kathy Johnson.

Motion to proceed with setting up the RMDS scholarship using guidelines provided by Kathy Johnson. Alex, Barb Passed

Discussed the 50/50 Payback raffle idea. 50% goes to scholarship and 50% to winner.

Motion to go forward with the 50/50 raffle to be awarded at the 07 Banquet. Alex, Beth Passed.

Old Business.

\$1450 was allocated for donations through the RMDS BOG in 06.

Motion to allocate \$450 to YR, \$750 to scholarship fund and \$250 Dressage Fund. Laura, Julie Passed.

Russ Fawcett Memorial parameters were moved to table to later date. **Motion Passed.**

Cat Siemiet withdrew her topic of Board members free to events. Can be discussed at later date.

New Business

USDF Convention PM and GM delegates, do we want to give them any monetary help? At this time it was decided that there are no funds available to give them.

Chapter Reports

Boulder Valley

Report submitted by Claudia Barkmeier. Their 06 end of year banquet was big success thanks to Glenda Needles. 50 members attended. Also had a silent auction with items donated by many businesses through out the community. Autumn Hill donated their facility for the planned AA camp in 07. Thanks to all.

Colorado Springs

Report submitted by Simone Windeler. April 28-29 will be Dressage at the Peak Mid-Spring show. This is the may show that they are holding earlier for hopefully a better turnout. They discussed the online entries and watched the 'On the levels' DVD.

Foothills

Info about the Scholarship that Kathy Johnson put together was submitted. This is the model that RMDS will use for the RMDS Scholarship. Complete info on it can be accessed at www.foothillsdressage.org/scholarship.html.

Grand Valley

Written report submitted by Tiger Adams. The club had a "just for fun" schooling show on Feb.24th which was well attended. Each rider received a video tape of

their ride to review later. They plan on offering this same format again in the upcoming year. Heather Petersen came and did a clinic on “Show Management and Show Secretary Requirements”. The clinic helped all members whom attended better understand what is needed to put on a show. Thanks Heather. Their first show is Mar.17-18, a schooling show to start the year off. Their first recognized show is May 11-13. Correction of opening date of April 9th will be in the next Centaur.

High Plains

Written report submitted by Alex Curnutte. Their March 3 show was cancelled due to weather related problems. A June clinic with Sharon Schneidiman at CHP is in the works. It will run together with a schooling show on the same day and an RMDS show on the next day. The chapters Show Readiness seminar went well. Not a huge turn out but it attracted the very people they hoped to, really new people to dressage and RMDS. The Chapter Pres. Attended the TD/Show Mgmt seminar and found it very helpful.

Northern Colorado

No report submitted or presented.

Penrose

Cat Siemiet gave verbal report. The chapter is discussing what direction they hope to take in the future. Until that is decided, no other plans are being discussed at this time.

Tri-State

Submitted by Tammy Fagan. They are planning the Tri-State show series. 5 shows with accumulating points towards series end awards. Each year they have increased the number of shows in the series. They also are planning 3 clinics. As thank you to the community, they are hosting 4-H and Beginner Adult Clinics with members donating their time.

Western Colorado

No report submitted or presented.

Next meeting: May 10th, same time and location.
Meeting adjourned at 10:20