

RMDS Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2015
Mimi's Café, Englewood, CO

In Attendance: Gwen Ka'awaloa – President
Aline Brandau – VP
Sharon Soos – Treasurer
Michelle Anderson – RMDS Member (serving as secretary)

Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm by Gwen.

Sharon provided a regular Treasurer's Report for review. She noted that the check for the Stanley Park Fairgrounds facility use for RMDS Championships had not yet cleared and the amount is unknown, so total expenses and income for that show are not available.

Overall, Education has generated significant income this year due primarily to the "L" program and the Christophe Hess Professional Seminars and clinics.

Sharon then provided her suggestions for changes to the reimbursement policy for RMDS representatives to the USDF convention. As there was no quorum at this meeting to vote on those changes this issue will be deferred to the November BOG meeting. The most significant change provides for a \$45/day per diem for each representative (President and VP) rather than requiring itemized receipts for reimbursement.

Sharon then distributed details of the past year's income and expenses and proposed budget for 2016. Some minor changes were made to individual line items. Until 2015 RMDS championships final expenses are known that is an open item. Education was modified to reflect that 2016 will not include an "L" program or a New Tests Clinic.

Gwen noted that the Professionals Seminar and any future Christophe Hess clinics should be advertised nationally as there is likely interest from outside Colorado in attending these events. Michelle also noted that many regions do not offer any continuing education to their "L" graduates and that RMDS might see some out of state attendance if their date is well publicized. There is a Facebook page for "L" candidates and graduates where this information can be shared.

Sharon also noted that the Western Dressage groups are always interested in our shows that offer their classes, and that their members may also be interested in the annual Team Competition as well. She can share that information with their membership.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Anderson, RMDS member.