

RMDS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 12, 2016

Darcy's Bistro & Irish Pub – 303-770-0477

4955 S Ulster St #103

Denver, CO 80237

The room is reserved beginning at 6:00 pm

(See directions at end of agenda)

@ 6:30 PM

Attendance: Gwen Ka'awaloa, Beth Geier, Heather Petersen, Joan Clay, Didi DeKrey, Kathy Simard, Una Schade, Michelle Anderson, Linda Gaber, Patricia Leech, Sharon Soos, Beverly Swanson, Chydie Crandall

Proxies: Arlene Rhodes to Didi DeKrey; Jessica Ford to Heather Petersen; MaryJo Hoepner to Michelle Anderson; Shannon Lemons to Heather Petersen; Kris Cooper to Linda Gaber;

Call to Order-President

Gwen Ka'awaloa

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm

Secretary -Approval of Minutes

Heather Petersen

Pat Leech moved to approve the minutes from May as amended, 2nd by Sharon Soos. Motion passed with Una Schade abstaining.

Treasurers Report

Sharon Soos

Funds as of June 30, 2016

RMDS Checking Account	\$31,860.08
RMDS Paypal	\$ 3,433.29
RMDS Scholarship	\$ 6,347.63
<u>Wells Fargo Money Market</u>	<u>\$44,085.67</u>
TOTAL	\$85,726.67

Net appears to be more negative than last year but it is distorted a bit due to L program income and such. Need to do a comparison over 4 or 5 years to see where we are taking the hit. Any questions, please email her and she will get back to you in a few days.

President Report

Gwen Ka'awaloa

- Shows are in full swing.
- The Platte River Dressage chapter has dissolved and the funds have been dispersed to RMDS to be used for the Adult Amateur committee. Members have dispersed to other chapters.
- Website bids – one received, no bids received from the floor. **Michelle Anderson moved to accept, 2nd by Una Schade, motion passed with Heather Petersen abstaining.**
- Central Office bids – 2 received – Beth Geier and Chydie Crandall.
 - Beth Geier - \$15 per hour. Been the only Central Officer person RMDS has ever had. Beth gave job descriptions.
 - Chydie Crandall – 14 years admin work. Currently an office manager looking to transition out to working for herself in order to ride more. Hourly rate - \$25-29 per hour. 55-60 hours per month is what the bid is based on.

- There was a lot of discussion by the board. **Una Schade moved to accept Beth Geier's bid, 2nd by Sharon Soos, unanimously accepted. Kathy Simard made a motion to revise the office manager bid process with criteria, transition plan and exit processes to begin August 1st, 2017 so a full year can be documented in the office manager position. 2nd by Beverly Swanson. Motion passed unanimously.** We want to offer to Chydie continue her interest and work towards the next bid process.
- **Jr/YR Chair – Joan Clay moved for the RMDS Executive Board to appoint Cassandra Dipentino to fulfill the remainder of the Jr/YR Chair until November of 2016. 2nd by Kathy Simard. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Points we have to discuss – AA Clinic cancellation, last meeting for preparation and sponsorship of Championships, Colorado Horse Park clinic proposal, Freestyle Competition for 2017 and what we need to do now, more sponsorship and membership involvement for the organization in general; volunteers needed for NAJYRC.

Vice President Report

Joan Clay

Talked with Cassandra Dipentino regarding the Jr/YR chair and we covered this earlier. Otherwise, has only new business.

Central Office

Beth Geier

Membership

- Registration – 710 members for 2016 – 75 new horses since October 1, 2015
- See chart with Chapter membership totals

Omnibus:

- Lining up advertisers now. Are we??

Shows:

- TD Report: Foothills Spring Show

Education:

- June 11 Team Competition – Successful!!

General:

- Chapters receive free email blasts for educational purposes.
- RMDS Executive Board members get ½ price admission to RMDS events.
- We regret the dissolution of the Platte River Chapter

Awards Banquet:

- January 14, 2017 – 10 rooms have been set aside. If those are taken, then she will add more rooms to the “block” up to 25 rooms. Reserve as early as possible so you get the rooms.

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

2016:

Executive Board Meetings: July 12 (Tuesday) September 8

Oct 13-Budget Nov 5 BOG (Saturday)

2017:

Awards Banquet: January 14 (Saturday)

2017 Championships: September 13-17.

Volunteers needed for NAJYRC:

Dressage is set, but eventing still needs folks. Contact Vivian van Buren 303-883-6560 or vnviv@cs.com.

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

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Members:	710	760	752	827	797	868	897	945	1030	1008	1036	1019	1151	1177	1162
Horses:		59	63	59	135	123	132	132	166	246	262	234	207	337	274
AV	24	29	26	27	25	27	24	15	26	12	-	-	-	-	-
BV	171	168	171	180	182	190	200	188	205	172	178	179	199	208	230
CS	22	35	47	52	63	115	124	115	127	126	143	130	137	155	134
FH	70	79	76	64	65	71	72	75	76	77	74	73	109	103	115
GV	89	71	55	71	53	65	83	87	105	102	88	92	93	98	77
HP	137	156	151	176	190	208	226	256	265	260	259	251	267	283	278
NC	74	77	89	94	93	110	132	107	124	137	137	139	162	151	150
OB	36	42	33	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PP	60	70	63	62	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PR	6/30/16	10	11	18	14	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WC	21	18	19	23	27	31	22	21	25	25	32	34	44	55	64
No Chapter	6	5	11	12	13	15	14	25	14	16	22	21	34	36	24
PN							Dissolved	Inactive	12	13	13	14	15	14	13
TS							Dissolved	36	51	68	90	86	91	74	77
WA	Dissolved	19	21	26	28	24	24	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	710	779	752	801	769	846	897	925	1030	1008	1036	1019	1151	1177	1162
Juniors	76	88	95	120	117	120	134								
Amateurs	152	152	176	209	220	239	230								
Education	17	16													

Presentation of the Foothills Spring Show TD report – a few small issues that will hopefully corrected by the next show; Centaur Rising TD report – very well run show that went well.

Permanent Committee Reports:

Adult Amateur

Team Competition

On a lovely Saturday, three youth teams and five adult teams gathered at Tomora Training Center in Greeley, Colorado. The riders came from RMDS, Eventing and Pony clubs. Riders, volunteers and our two judges, Julie Haugen and Julie McDermott, were delighted by the creative uses of Team Colors and inventive themes. Judges and Volunteers sequestered and decided on the following:

The Youth Pink Poodle Pony – yes, they had skirts on!- won the Best Use of Color Youth Yellow took the best theme with their yellow shirts and mustache'd horses.

The Green Ninja Turtles won "Smart Cookies" for working together.

Adult Team Purple Rein – including some homemade britches! – Best Use of Color

Adult Team Pas De Cheval – took Best Theme with their white Brides' costumes

The Pitchfork Princess with their Royal Blue colors received a “Hang Together” for strong team cheering

Team Light Blue were properly hatted!

And Team Orange were our (Construction) Clean Up crew!

Thank you to our prize donors – Two White Feet for knapsacks to all, Towels and drinking glasses, dekrij Ornamental Iron for stall door horse design hangers and horse shaped computer thumb drives, and Northern Colorado Feed for bags of horse cookies.

	TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 2,356.00
Expenses:		
	Judge	\$ 125.00
	Stalls	\$ 500.00
	Food	\$ 76.00
	Refund	\$ 16.00
	Ribbons	\$ 160.06
	Potty	\$ 135.00
	Bandanas	\$ 40.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE:	\$ 1,052.06
	NET:	\$ 1,303.94

Amateur Adult – Education Events

Sadly, the AA clinic was cancelled. So, what went wrong? A number of things likely contributed; here are some of my thoughts and those of others involved with the clinic:

- Timing – even though this was geared for the “non-showing”, summer is still when people leave on vacations, etc.
- Advertising – Marketing – there were flyers, there were RMDS emails, there was a post in the Colorado Horse Forum
 - However, the flyers/advertising did Not make it to local barns or other spots
 - Info did not get out to “non-RMDS” organizations, other than by the Forum or word of mouth
- Format; too narrow an audience, and they were not communicated to! Also, it was not clear enough that the Instructors were certainly able and willing to provide expertise beyond “beginner”.
- More local feet on the ground to help with getting the word out – I was just too far away and it takes more than one local person!
- There was a lot of discussion between board members on what might be stronger for future events, what we could look at changing, changes to publicity.
- Looking at not doing it in the summer next time, perhaps fall and such. We need to watch costs.

Upcoming Event

It's time to act on The Region V Adult Clinic! Check out the Omnibus and the web at usdf.org/education/clinics/adult for information on the clinicians and what to expect. A few bullet points about signing up:

- Registration for auditing or riding is only via the web page at usdf.org
 - **Group rates for auditors available!**
- Rider deadline is **August 26, 2016**
- *All* breeds and riding levels are encouraged – the USDF wishes to showcase how our sport is universal across breeds and training levels
- Horse and rider must be able to perform movements expected at the level they are applying
- Submit a video of you and your horse
- You do NOT need competition history
- You Do need a history of instruction with the horse

These are a few of the points – go to the web!

As always, check the RMDS website, your Omnibus and local Chapters to stay abreast of everything happening in your areas!

2. Awards

Shannon Lemons

- Will send out reminders in August to return trophies to the RMDS Championships in September.
- No requests that solidified for new awards.
- High Plains did purchase a new 1st Open trophy.

3. Communications

Linda Gaber

- No “new” news from May and June ECentaur and printed Centaur. Do you have any comments or suggestions?
- Contracts will be awarded at tonight's meeting for two paid positions for qualified candidates. Bids were due by June 30 for:
 - Website Maintenance and hosting – effective Aug. 1
 - Central Office Manager – effective Sept. 1 – will train, if needed
- We are reminding readers that they will receive credit for two hours of volunteer time for each article they write and submit to Centaur, with photo.
- There is a new deadline for newsletter articles to speed publication. It is the 5th of each month.

Future Centaurs will feature articles on:

- A RMDS member annually attending the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event
- A second Century ride at a Foothills Chapter show this summer
- Championships plans
- Always looking for 2015 Scholarship winner reports

Centaur

No report

Beverly Swanson

Omnibus

No report

Nicole Bizzarro

Website

No report

Michael Petersen

4. Education

MaryJo Hoepner/Michelle Anderson

2016 "L" Group Sit Time

8 current "L" graduates had the opportunity to spend the day with Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez to meet this new requirement (2 had last minute issues but paid for their spots).

2017 "L" Continuing Education (& Freestyle Certification)

Jan 28, 2017 with Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez & Dolly Hannon.

Proposed budget has been provided for review.

Location TBD.

Price for participants must be the same for RMDS or others. Tried to keep it affordable while still covering higher costs. Hopefully outside participation will be higher than budget!

- Several suggestions were made from board members for other items to consider on the budget.

Event Budget worksheet

Event: 2017 RMDS "L" Continuing Education & Freestyle Clinic	Date of Event: Jan 28, 2017
Location of Event: TBD (Tower Rd area hotel)	
Prepared by: Michelle Anderson	Date Prepared: 7/11/16

Income	Amount
Participants: 10 RMDS "L" Grads, 6 other judges @ 80 each	\$1,280
Auditors: 10 RMDS Members @ 45 each	\$450
Donations	
Grants: USDF	\$500
Sponsors	
Other Income (List)	
Total Income	\$2,230
Expenses	Amount
Clinician(s) / Instructor (s): Dolly Hannon & Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez	\$1,100
Judge(s)	
Technical Delegate(s)	
Other Hired Staff	
Equipment Rental: Projector (may be able to rent from member)	\$150
Facility Rental (Quote from La Quinta on Tower Rd Rm for 35)	\$600
Insurance	??
Lodging	
Per Diem or Meals	\$70
Photocopying	
Postage	
Supplies	
Travel	\$66
USDF Credit	
Other Expenses (List)	
Total Expenses	\$1,986
Net Profit / Loss	\$244

2017 RMDS TD Continuing Education

Feb 4, 2017 with Laurie McTavish for TD portion

Heather is tentative for show management depending on out of state show obligations. Can confirm in 2-3 months.

Location – Douglas County Extension Office

2017 "L" Group Sit Time

Date, Instructor and Location to be determined.

Other Events

Have received some email inquiries. Is there any interest in the following? (A) Another "L" program or (B) A clinic focusing on out of saddle fitness?
Discussion of Lilo clinic in 2017

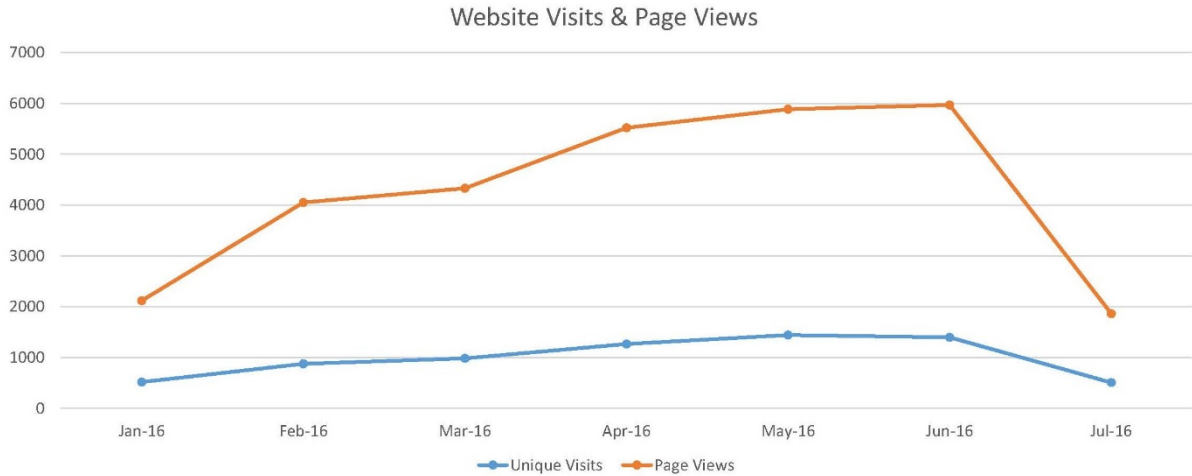
5. Junior/Young Riders

Cassandra appointed, will have report next meeting.

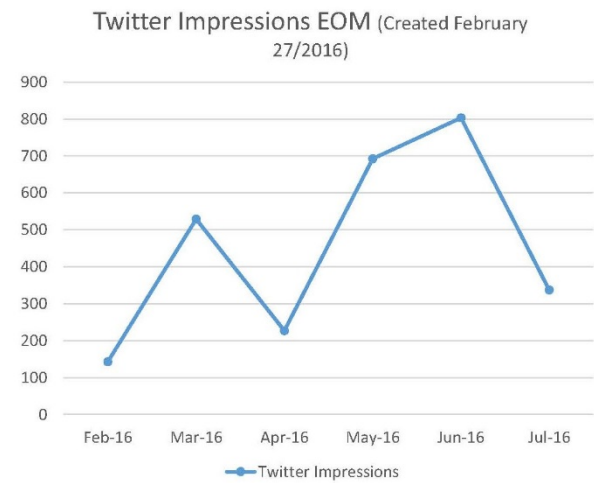
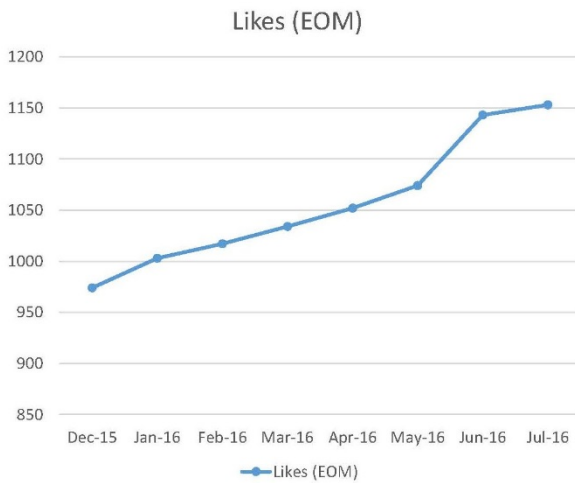
6. Marketing

Una Schade

RMDS Website Data (Started Analyzing 1/17/2016)



Social



Other Notes:

- Championship Sponsors are needed. A packet has been created and will be distributed. It will also be emailed to you. I ask that you reach out to any friends with small businesses that could benefit from advertising to our competitors & spectators. (ANYONE can benefit from advertising with us, think outside of the box! Insurance Agents, Realtors, Repair Shops, beauticians, etc.). I have reached out to over 175

companies currently (over the past week) and have a google spreadsheet I can share with you so that you know who has been reached out to and who has committed to advertising.

- unaschade@gmail.com—email me with any questions!
- 720-862-4444 –text or call me with any questions
- 36.9% open ratio on the mailchimp emails that are being sent out from the central office. This is a good rate.
- There was discussion of adding another purchase check list for sponsors to the sponsorship packet in addition to the advertising one and incorporate the letter as well into the sponsorship packet so it all becomes 6 pages total.
- Una will email out an updated

7. Professional Trainers/Riders Committee

Sarah Dodge

Still working on Lilo Fore for 2017.

8. Scholarship

MaryJo Hoepner

One recipient sends a report monthly. Sent email to the others requesting reports. Should volunteering for NAJYRC count to volunteer hours for scholarship applications? It was definitely agreed upon that NAJYRC volunteer hours do count.

9. Shows – Championship

Beverly Swanson

Sent MailChimp email to all 2015 Award recipients for donations to RMDS 2016 Championships. Working with Marketing Committee (Una Schade) to seek out sponsors. Updating sponsor benefit package - Do we have any theme suggestions? See marketing report. We need to have more together now for championships – we need to really push sponsorship now. Gwen suggested we have an august meeting.

Appointed Committee Reports:

1. Western Dressage Liaison

Frances Carbonnel

No report

2. Nominating Committee – Chapter Presidents

Sandra Rosewell

Need nominees for 2 years: Vice-President (1 year), President, Treasurer, Secretary, Awards, Education, Marketing, Professional

No report

3. Historical Committee-Archives

Pat Leech

No report

4. BOG – November 5, 2016

Heather Petersen

Contract in hand, will make some revisions and send it back.

5. Banquet – January 14, 2017-Renaissance Denver Hotel

Beth Geier

Rooms available in a block.

I hope everyone is having a great summer! It's often been a bit hotter than I like so far this summer, but for the 2nd year in a row we have had some great rain this spring and early summer! This summer's project for me has been redoing the footing in my indoor arena. My husband and I decided to do it ourselves and also to build kickboards and make some fun modifications to the arena. I've really enjoyed the project and definitely had fun doing lots of research and improving my knowledge in the footing area and the construction of a good base.

Several important **DEADLINES** are coming up:

- USDF National and Regional GMO volunteer nominations, as well as GMO award nominations, are due to the USDF office by August 31.
- GMOs can submit nominations for [Newsletter Awards](#), [Website Awards](#), and [Photography Awards](#). Don't forget that all nominations are due to the USDF office by **August 31**. No more submitting hard-copy nominations! See the nomination forms for detailed information.
- Regional GMO Volunteer of the Year nominations can be submitted by any participating member, group member or the Region Director.
- Volunteer of the Year and Youth Volunteer of the Year nominations can also be submitted by any participating member, group member or the Regional Director.
- One deserving group member will receive the [Ruth Arvanette Memorial Fund Grant](#) to attend the 2016 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention in St Louis, Missouri. The grant includes full convention registration and partial reimbursement for travel expenses. Applications due by **August 31**
- GMOs must return their GMO Delegate/Proxy Authorization form to the USDF office to appoint representation to the Board of Governors meeting at the USDF Annual Convention November 30 – December 3, 2016 in St. Louis, MO.

The end of the qualifying period has come for the 2016 NAJYRC Championships, this year in Region 5 at the Colorado Horse Park. Congratulations to our Young Rider – Lexy Donaldson riding Power Player and Congratulations to our very competitive Juniors – it was tough competition making the team – Jackson Gillespie and Westpoint, Gaylen Davis and Mojito RH, Katherine Scotford and Dean Martin, and Paige Smith and Welkin. Our reserve riders for the Junior Team are Dallas McCullough with Bailar and Maia Knowles with Worthington.

The qualifying period for the 2016 USEF Championships Programs for Young Horses, Developing Horses, Ponies, Young Riders, Juniors and U25 Grand Prix will close at the end of July. We wish all our intended competitors good luck in their endeavors for those championships as well.

Please mark your calendars for our Region 5 Championships and plan to join us! It will be a fun week.

USDF/Great American Region 5 Championships – September 15-18, 2016 – Stanley Park Fairgrounds, Estes Park, Colorado.

There are many educational opportunities being held over the next year around our region. Please be sure to double check your local calendars and those of the GMOs and barns just outside your area and take part in one of these wonderful events.

Old Business:

- Discussion of filling the Jr/YR position and voting on it within 30 days.
- Discussion of the Montana shows not following the requirements from RMDS. We are sending them a letter telling them they must hire professional management on site and show proof to RMDS of the contract with 10 days of the competition or they will lose their recognition.

New Business:

- Consideration of Tuesday nights instead of Thursday since it's less busy? **Una Schade moved we move to Tuesdays, no 2nd. Motion dies. Beverly moves we table discussion of a possible day change to the RMDS BOG after final elections for the 2017 board. 2nd by Didi DeKrey. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Joan discussed the lack of sponsorship by Platinum for this coming year who also sponsored the Party on the Patio. We don't have sponsors and we are looking for help. Several leads were given.
- Colorado Horse Park would like to host a clinic series in conjunction with RMDS, RMDS doing the marketing and advertising. All clinics in the outdoors. Suggestions were made concerning when, who, costs, etc. They would like to come to the September meeting.
- Freestyle competition – October 2017, National Western. What can we do now to bring people / sponsors / celebrities? Start promoting it now. Thinking Debbie and Dolly for judges since they also do western dressage.

Chapter Presidents:

Pat Leech Moved to approve all chapter reports as submitted. 2nd by Sharon Soos. Motion passes unanimously.

1. Arkansas Valley

No report

Beth Hart

2. Boulder Valley

Huge Congratulations to Boulder Valley Dressage members Gaylen Davis and Paige Smith on becoming part of the 2016 Region 5 NAJYRC team!!!

Beth Geier is retiring from show management for BVD at the end of the season and Patti Hallock will take over that position. Huge thanks to both for stepping up!

The 'So Long to Summer Show' will be the last BVD show of the season. It will be held at Somerset Farms in Longmont, CO on August 28th

At the last BVD meeting the group began to flesh out an idea for next year. We are looking to put on a 'Preparing to Show Clinic' which will highlight all the elements of showing and how to prepare. Stay tuned for more details.

Sandra Rosewell

3. Colorado Springs

Pat Leech

No Report -

4. Foothills

Kris Cooper

Nearly a dozen Foothills riders tired riding indoors out of the snow and wet this winter and spring rode outdoors at our successful Ride-A-Test clinic on May 22 with one of our often-requested judges, Julie Haugen, 'r'. Two rides with her plus her comments in between made a good start for show season and warm-weather lessons, all held at Table Mountain Ranch, Golden. Another R-A-T has been discussed for this fall.

Read about another training opportunity offered by the chapter in this issue of Centaur, a seat lesson clinic April 10 at Anchorage Farm in Pine, CO. It also likely will be repeated again for those who missed it.

Check out the chapter's new look and website at <http://www.cofoothillsdressage.org/>. We thank our secretary and web magician Nicole Riffe. She also is experimenting with a show entry form on the site. Currently it offers a link to our events, including our upcoming Last Chance Show Aug. 27 at Table Mountain Ranch and its prize list, a button to join the chapter's e-mail list for current information, and photos, chapter meeting dates and meeting minutes.

Also new this year is a Foothills Scholarship for members, available to those who report their credit hours (either three or six) as a volunteer at FH events with a receipt for an educational program they attended. Maximum value of credits annually is \$75. For details and forms, visit the FH website under the Membership tab for Scholarship Information at <http://www.cofoothillsdressage.org/>

Congratulations to the riders at the chapter's first RMDS show of 2016, Spring Into Summer on June 12. It was our biggest show ever, with 61 tests ridden, running from 8 a.m. to 5:10 p.m.

Competitors rode Western dressage, USDF and USEF tests. In addition, those attending watched as Susan Becker, 70, and Geppetto, 30, rode their way into The Century Club, completing a judged test required for a horse-rider pair whose age is at least 100 years. Cheers, flowers, friends, carrots and the Club's special gold and black bridle ribbon helped them celebrate this rare feat.

Many thank-yous are in order for keeping the show on time and incident-free. Thanks to show site Table Mountain Ranch for overnight and keeping the main arena watered and groomed. Special thanks to Show Manager Linda Gaber, Secretary Didi DeKrey, TD Joan Clay, Scribe Sarah Reega. and Judge Michelle Anderson 'L'. Volunteers also were fantastic, including Mike Lacey, CC and Bob Ross, Jan Danis, Heather Appel, Kris Cooper, Kristin Canale, Dorathea DeForest, and Bobbi and Kylie Spinsby, many of them working both morning and afternoon shifts. And the ominous clouds did not produce rain till all were gone at 5:40 p.m.

Our next chapter meeting Monday, Aug. 8, at Tuscany Tavern in Evergreen.

2016 Foothills Officers

Kris Cooper President 303-847-9862 kris@anchoragefarm.com

Jan Danis Vice President

Nicole Riffe Secretary

Laura Quakenbush Treasurer

Maylou Metcalf Scholarship

Cassandra DiPentino Education

Jan Danis & Linda Gaber Shows

CC Ross & Linda Gaber Communications

5. Grand Valley

Arlene Rhodes

No report

6. High Plains

Katherine Simard

At our May meeting we once again offered an educational event. We featured Heather Petersen speaking about everything we need to know to show. Attendance again doubled from our usual number. We are learning that an education meeting while not drawing the numbers we may hope for, does increase the number of members who attend.

High Plains hosted SRS Chief Rider Andreas Hausberger again and today was the last day of the clinic. I will have more to report next meeting.

Hope you enjoyed your little bag of sugar if you attended High Prairie Dressage at the Horse Park in June!

HPD already has verbal confirmations for our 2017 Youth Clinic! Julie Burt and Kathy Simard have agreed verbally to be our clinicians. Westmanton Stables is kindly offering Iron Horse Farm for Sunday, February 19th. So save the date!

7. Northern Colorado

Didi Dekrey

NCDCA 2016 Board: President – Didi DeKrey, Vice President – Rose Balfour, Treasurer - Karla Lauritsen, Secretary – Kathleen Kilkelly, Delegates – Renee Martig and Julie Haugen

NCDCA's latest tally of members was still growing! Our board is committed to providing outlets for our members to show off their horses and talents. We are continuing with schooling shows, clinics and other hands on activities. We strive to provide an educational program at our general meetings.

Since the last report in May, NCDCA put on a Ride A Test clinic with Sharron Sarchet as our "L" graduate and hosted by Phantom Hill Farm in Ft. Collins. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful day, relaxed venue and valuable input from Sharron.

We then moved on to the RMDS/USDF Team competition as riders and volunteers. The Team competition is one of three events we use towards our own year-end awards. NCDCA members were on both the Youth and Adult Teams.

Our Board decided to continue meeting over the summer. This helped us finish organizing and running the Ride A Test and the Team effort. Our next agendas will be to arrange the educational offerings for our upcoming meetings, decide on what mounted/hands-on events for the next year, and some budgetary topics.

We are looking forward to our general meetings in their new time and place in September!

8. On The Bit

Jessica Ford

2016 has been busy with On The Bit activities. We've hosted two clinics and our second schooling show.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

We had to reschedule the Kristi Wysocki Clinic from April 30-May 1 to May 17-18 because of weather challenges. We had 19 rides over the two days and all participants were very excited about their rides. The majority of the participants asked that we try to bring Kristi back on a semi-regular basis, as her schedule allows.

Stephanie Soule judged our schooling show again this year and offered clinic rides Monday after the show. We only had 4 rides, but those who rode were very pleased and want to have Stephanie back in the fall for a 2 day clinic.

SCHOOLING SHOW

We moved our schooling show to June 26th to hopefully have better weather, which worked out for us - it was hot by Laramie standards! We also hosted the show at a new facility, Spur Ridge Equestrian Center. We had the show ring in the indoor arena and by this fall they will have an outdoor arena for warm up. This venue has the potential for a recognized show down the road. We had 26 rides, from Introductory through 4th Level. We, once again, had wonderful community support and had \$625 in cash donations and the facility was donated for the day. The show made \$800, which moves us closer to our goal of being able to buy our own dressage ring.

FALL ACTIVITIES

We continue to have interest in clinics and hope to host at least one 2-day clinic this fall, before the weather turns bad. After the snow starts to fly, we will continue our education opportunities, like the Banned Substances clinic we did last winter with Heather Petersen.

9. Pikes Peak

Michelle Anderson

I am happy to welcome Bev Swanson as our new Communications Chair. Bev will be working on keeping our PPDS members informed through various means this year.

Unfortunately we are now also in search of a new education chair as Nina Felsenthal has had to bow out due to work conflicts.

We are proceeding with plans for a clinic with Sharon Schneidman on August 13, hosted by Heather Petersen and still hope to organize a Pilates or Yoga session in September. Details and costs should be available soon.

Our annual RMDS show has been rescheduled at Shiloh Ranch for October, taking the date of one of their planned schooling shows. A big thank you to Melody & Simone for making this possible! Additional club meetings this year are scheduled for the following Tuesdays.

August 9, October 4 & November 15, all starting at 6:30 pm.

Locations are TBD but we will be moving them around the Colorado Springs area.

For the most current information on our chapter activities visit our website at

<http://pikespeakdressage.org/Main/Home>.

10. Western Colorado

Barbara Terry

No report

Michelle Anderson moved to adjourn, 2nd by Joan Clay. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 9:28 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Petersen
Secretary