

RMDS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 29, 2017

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

4955 S Ulster St #103

Denver, CO 80237

The room is reserved beginning at 6pm

@ 6:30 PM

Attendance: Joan Clay, Beth Geier, Heather Petersen, Tiffany Busch, MaryJo Hoepner, Simone Windeler, Sharon Soos, Una Schade, Cassandra Dipentino, Beverly Swanson, Didi DeKrey, Andrea Chirich, Kathy Simard, Michelle Anderson, Shannon Lemons, Anclair Spaulding

Proxies: Arlene Rhodes to Didi DeKrey; Beth Hart to Didi DeKrey; Barbara Graham Terry to Heather Petersen; Ginka Kubelka to Heather Petersen; Kris Cooper to Cassandra Dipentino; Sandra Rosewell to Heather Petersen

Guests: Julie Barber

Call to Order-President

Gwen Ka'awaloa

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Introductions

Secretary - Approval of Minutes - July meeting

Heather Petersen

Tiffany Busch made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. 2nd by MaryJo Hoepner. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Sharon Soos

Funds as of July 31, 2017

RMDS Checking Account \$42,562.87

RMDS Paypal (as pf 6/19/17) \$ 1,178.82

RMDS Scholarship \$ 6,758.63

Money Market \$43,963.99

TOTAL \$94,464.31

- We did receive \$2000 from the Colorado Horse Park from the symposium profits. We would like to see more participation from the RMDS Board in the future.
- Sharon is working with her grandson to get the new computer. Michael was unable to commit to helping.

President Report

Gwen Ka'awaloa

- Championship show sponsorship and volunteers
- 2018 clinics and symposiums
- Sarah Martin, appointed to head up the Professionals clinic
- Discuss National Education Initiative (USDF). Friday, September 1st is the next due date and we hope to receive some applications.
- Texas Floods, donation thru USEF, or other reputable organization
- Dinners at championships, servers, hospitality, information in barns
- Board members, visibility at show, willingness to chat with everyone and talk about educational events
- Colorado Horse Park, what kind of free ad space are we giving them

Vice President Report

Joan Clay

No report

Central Office

Beth Geier

Membership

- Registration – 738 members as of 8/1 for 2017; 156 new horses since October, 2016
- See reports with chapter membership totals.
- Accepting dues for 2017: \$60.00
- Cost for mailing Omnibus now \$6.65 –raised to \$10 for 2018 – decided at July Board meeting

Shows:

- 42 shows completed – all scores in
- Judges: Gwen Ka’awaloa now a ‘R’ Sport Horse judge
Janet Foy now a FEI 5*

TD:

- Table Mountain, Boulder Valley
- Suggested Standing Rule change: See below.

Omnibus:

- Will send out first plea the middle of September. Opening date will be Oct 10.

General:

- GMO USDF Awards have been sent in: website, Centaur-1st person article (Kathy Simard article-May), and Centaur-general interest article (Amber Clark article-January)
- Chapters receive free email blasts for educational purposes.
- RMDS Executive Board members get ½ price admission to RMDS events.

Russ Fawcett:

- Sue Gentle

Storage Unit is now requiring insurance. Our insurance company would like 3% of value. Storage Unit charges \$10 for same amount. Beth and Heather will determine a value tomorrow when the championship stuff is picked up.

Discussion of what can be listed on the website calendar. Can we put links on the website to a website for each show? Competitors want more hand holding to find the information. **Anclaire Spaulding moved we put a provided link on the RMDS Calendar for each listing to a website for that show or event at no charge to the hosting party. 2nd by Una Shade.** Much discussion ensued. Will we lose revenue with the omnibus if they just utilize a link on the website. **Motion approved with Heather Petersen abstaining.**

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

2017 Awards Banquet: January 13, 2018 (Saturday)

2017 Executive Board Meetings

August 29 (Tuesday)

Oct 12-Budget Nov 4 BOG (Saturday)

2017 Championships: September 14-17 Colorado Horse Park

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

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Members:	738	756	715	694	827	797	868	773	945	1030	1008	1036	1019	1151	1177	1162
Horses:	91	93	59	63	59	135	123	132	132	166	246	262	234	207	337	274
AV	30	25	29	26	27	25	27	24	15	26	12	-	-	-	-	-
BV	156	182	168	171	180	182	190	200	188	205	172	178	179	199	208	230
FH	56	73	79	76	64	65	71	72	75	76	77	74	73	109	103	115
GV	87	95	71	55	71	53	65	83	87	105	102	88	92	93	98	77
HP	168	149	156	151	176	190	208	226	256	265	260	259	251	267	283	278
NC	68	77	77	89	94	93	110	132	107	124	137	137	139	162	151	150
OB	49	43	42	33	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PP	80	63	70	63	62	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WC	27	22	18	19	23	27	31	22	21	25	25	32	34	44	55	64
No Chapter	17	3	5	11	12	13	15	14	25	14	16	22	21	34	36	24
CS	7/1/17	24	35	47	52	63	115	124	115	127	126	143	130	137	155	134
PN								Dissolved	inactive	12	13	13	14	15	14	13
PR		6/30/16	10	11	18	14	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TS								Dissolved	36	51	68	90	86	91	74	77
WA		Dissolved	19	21	26	28	24	24	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	738	732	779	694	801	692	717	773	925	1030	1008	1036	1019	1151	1177	1162
Juniors	78	86	88	95	120	117	120	134								
Amateurs	176	163	152	176	209	220	239	230								
Education	21	17	16													

BYLAW:

ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS *Page E-6*

A. The elected officers of the Board of Governors being, President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, shall act in their respective capacities as the officers of the Society. All officers shall be members of the Society in good standing and a participating member of the United States Dressage Federation.

B. Term of Office:

- Officers shall be elected by the Board of Governors at the applicable Annual Meeting of the Society, and shall hold office for a two (2) year term or until a successor shall have been duly elected.
- The Secretary and Treasurer are elected for terms to begin January 1 of even numbered years.
- The President shall be elected for a 2-year term to begin January 1 of the even[DELETE] odd numbered years.
- The Vice President shall be elected to a 1-year term to begin January 1, limited to two consecutive terms.

STANDING RULE:

1. SECTION V. AWARDS - YEAR END

A. Eligibility: *Page E-14*

- Only scores from competitions recognized by the Society may be used in determining Year-End Awards.
- Only current members of the Society in good standing shall be eligible to receive Society Year End Awards.

Riders that have an Education membership are not eligible for year-end awards.

Members who have failed to return or make restitution for missing/damaged perpetual trophies from the previous year, by Oct 20 of the current year, shall not be considered in good standing and will therefore not be eligible for Society Year End Awards.

D. Rider Awards: *Page E-16 in conflict with page B-3*

- An engraved plate will be awarded at the RMDS annual banquet for scores of 60% or better for Training Level and above. Scores must be earned at RMDS recognized shows. Scores must be earned from current US Equestrian Federation or FEI tests. No scores from restricted classes (e.g.: breed classes, **USDF Championship classes (delete)**, etc.) shall count towards RMDS Year-End Awards.

2. SECTION VI. RMDS TECHNICAL DELEGATES PROGRAM

RMDS has established a Technical Delegate Program to provide members with the necessary experience and training to officiate as Technical Delegates at RMDS only recognized shows. The program is administered by the RMDS Central Office.

A. RMDS Technical Delegates Training Program **Page E-19**

2. To be initially recognized as a RMDS Technical Delegate, the following requirements must be successfully completed by the candidate within one (1) year of acceptance into the RMDS Technical Delegate Training Program:
 - a. The candidate must attend a training clinic.
 - b. The candidate must complete field apprenticeships consisting of a minimum of three (3) full shows. Each of these shows must be under a different Technical Delegate at either RMDS or US Equestrian Federation recognized competitions. **ADD: Two must be at a USEF recognized dressage competition.** A minimum of two (2) shows of apprenticeships must be completed under licensed US Equestrian Federation Technical Delegates. Need to pass the evaluation with a minimum of three (3) evaluation scores of 70%. The remaining apprenticeship may be completed under either a licensed US Equestrian Federation Technical Delegate or a recognized RMDS Technical Delegate.
 - c. The program will be conducted when the RMDS Recognized Officials and Show Standards Committee Chairperson and the Executive Board determine that an adequate demand exists.
 - d. Pass a written exam with a minimum score of 85%.
- B. RMDS Technical Delegates Continuing Recognition Requirements RMDS Technical Delegates who meet the following conditions shall be approved to continue to officiate at competitions recognized only by RMDS.
 1. Is a member in good standing with RMDS.
 2. Is an individual member in good standing with US Equestrian Federation and is 21 years of age or older.
 3. Has successfully completed the RMDS Technical Delegate Training Program.
 4. Must attend either a RMDS or a US Equestrian Federation technical delegate-training program at least once every two (2) years since becoming a recognized RMDS Technical Delegate.
 5. Must officiate as the TD for a RMDS recognized show at least once every two (2) years.
 6. An RMDS Technical Delegate must take a technical delegate's exam once every two (2) years and must receive a mark of 85% or better before their certificate is renewed. The test is to be administered in October of the odd years.
 7. If test is not passed, the individual must do the whole program again: as stated in Section VI, A. above.

5. Allow Western Dressage classes, exempting USEF rule DR121.1 for those classes only.

This reference was voted in when Western Dressage was just starting up. Since then several shows have offered Western Dressage and competitors have started to support our shows. The last few shows have highlighted the potential need to expand our 'rule' regarding Western Dressage. Western Dressage allows more than 3 tests per horse per show. Since they have 4 Intro classes, do we want to consider allowing 4 tests or more per show? For equipment, since WD is a division of USEF, perhaps to refer to WD120 for legal tack?

MaryJo will write it up and send it to Beth to go forward.

Permanent Committee Reports:

1. Adult Amateur

Anclaire Spaulding/Michelle Stevens

Lots of discussion on the clinic presented. There was quite a bit of discussion of the popularity of local instructors and suggestions were made to perhaps make it a themed clinic, adding in something like pilates or yoga in addition to the dressage aspect. Anclaire said she would make some calls, rework some things and represent either by email or at the October budget meeting.

Location: Lookout Ridge, 8 riders per day

Participate fees: \$200 (stabling extra)

Food for riders included

Anclaire to donate the \$65 application fee for the USDF Educational Grant

Sarah Martin will stay with Beth in Boulder

Without grant, the cost is \$325 per rider for 2 days

Program Budget

Event Name	Rocky Mountain AA USDF Clinic	GMO	Rocky Mountain Dressage Society
Prepared By	Anclaire Spaulding	Event Date	March 3rd and 4th 2018

Revenue

Revenue Source	Budgeted	Actual
Rider/Participant Fees	\$1,600.00	\$ -
Stabling: NA		\$ -
Auditor Fees: \$25 x 5	\$125.00	\$ -
USDF Grant	\$1,000	\$ -
Additional Grant(s)	\$ -	\$ -
Sponsors	\$ -	\$ -
Donations	\$65.00	\$ -
AA 2018 Funds	\$1,000.00	\$ -
Other (List)	\$ -	\$ -
Other (List)	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenue	\$3,790.00	\$ -

Expenses

Expense	Budgeted	Actual
Primary Instructor Fee	\$2,000.00	\$ -
Additional Instructor Fees	\$ -	\$ -
Instructor Travel(airfare/gas)	\$400.00	\$ -
Lodging Costs	\$ -	\$ -
Facility Rental	\$500.00	\$ -
Equipment Rental	\$ -	\$ -
Instructor Food Expenses	\$150.00	\$ -
USDF Fees: application fee	\$65.00	\$ -
Insurance	\$120.00	\$ -
Office Supplies	\$ -	\$ -
Food/Catering: \$20 per person	\$600.00	\$ -
Volunteer expenses	\$ -	\$ -
Breakfast - coffee	\$100.00	\$ -
Other (List)	\$ -	\$ -
Other (List)	\$ -	\$ -
Other (List)	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$3,935.00	\$ -
Net Profit/Loss	(\$145.00)	\$ -

2. Awards

Shannon Lemons

Notices are in the Centaur to return trophies.
Bring trophies to Championships.

3. Communications

Beverly Swanson

- **Centaurs: Aug-Sep Centaurs**
Nothing new - just love getting such great content from our members. Chapters, remember to send any event dates for the e-Centaurs, I will put them up top as always.
- **November Centaur**
November will focus on Champs. Welcome any personal comments, pictures and/or stories.
- **Chapter Reports**
BIG THANK YOU to all chapters for sending in reports. Keep us all informed!
- **Facebook Page**
Profile picture has been updated.
- **Website**
No report. See motion earlier in minutes.

Michael Petersen

4. Education

Michelle Anderson/MaryJo Hoepner

L Continuing Education

2018 session is scheduled for Jan 27. Clinic with Melissa will be the Sunday & Monday after the "L" session. See separate budgets in progress.

Event Budget worksheet

Does NOT include \$500 grant from The Dressage Foundation

Event: 2018 RMDS "L" Continuing Education	Date of Event: January 27, 2018
Location of Event: TBD	

Income	Amount
Participants: 10 RMDS "L" Grads @ \$100 each	\$1,000
Auditors 15 @ \$45 each	\$675
Total Income	\$1,675
Expenses	Amount
Instructor: Melissa Creswick	\$550
Lodging (1 night)	\$150
USDF CE Recognition fee	\$40
Per Diem or Meals (1 day)	\$40
Sound System (unless provided by hotel)	\$190
Meeting Room Rental Fee	\$600
Photocopying	\$20
Travel (Airfare From/To Fresno)	\$450
Total Expenses	\$2,040

Net Profit / Loss	(\$365)
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Event Budget worksheet

Event: 2018 Clinic with Melissa Creswick	Date of Event: January 28-29, 2018
Location of Event: Lookout Ridge Farm, Longmont	

Income	Amount
Participants: 10 Rides/day \$125 each x 2 days	\$2,500
Auditors 8/day @ 30 each x 2 days	\$480
Total Income	\$2,980
Expenses	Amount
Instructor: Melissa Creswick (\$750/day up to 10 rides)	\$1,500
Sound System (Lookout Ridge has one)	\$0
Insurance	\$110
Lodging (2 nights)	\$300
Per Diem or Meals (2 days)	\$100
Coffee/Water	\$100
Lunches (40 x \$15)	\$600
Porta-Potty	\$200
Photocopying	\$20
Travel (Airfare From/To Fresno - covered in CE)	\$0
Total Expenses	\$2,930
Net Profit / Loss	\$50

TD / Show Management training

Scheduled with Deeda Randle for February 10, location TBD.

Related proposed bylaw change to be discussed during that section of the meeting agenda.

Group sit time for L Graduates

Group sit time with Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez was very warmly received. Attendees included six RMDS "L" grads and 2 attendees from out of state (1 from Arizona, 1 from California). MaryJo Hoepner handled the event on the day of the session. After all expenses were paid RMDS realized a \$20.20 profit.

PLEASE NOTE that unless they have done sit time privately there are 4 or 5 RMDS member "L" graduates who will no longer be eligible to judge RMDS recognized shows. (They did not participate in the group sessions in 2016 or 2017 and Beth did email them reminders that they needed to meet this requirement).

Scribing Clinic

"L" graduate (with distinction) Sharron Sarchet of Longmont was kind enough to teach the second scribing clinic at the Autumn Hill show at CSU in July. There were 5 participants and RMDS realized a profit of \$58.20.

We can tentatively schedule another scribing clinic in conjunction with the Pikes Peak RMDS show in 2018 but since it is outside there is always the potential for cancellation. Depending on TwoWhiteFeet show schedule for 2018, perhaps combine a weekend of "L" group sit time one day and a scribing clinic the next at an indoor show?

New Business

See email & budget from Sarah Barnes for proposed RMDS sponsored educational event.

Hi Michelle,

Here is a tentative budget. We are still finalizing dates (either November 10-12 or November 17-19) and Coralie is putting together a biography and description of the clinic, which I'll forward to you, but briefly, it would be 4 hours of lecture/discussion on horse anatomy and the biomechanics of dressage on Friday (with a break for dinner), 3 hours of lecture/discussion on rider biomechanics and exercises for identifying areas of tension, etc on Saturday morning, followed by mounted lessons for 5 riders, and 3 hours of lecture/discussion/hands-on painting of horses on Sunday, followed by mounted lessons for 5 riders. As I've done the budget, it reflects no subsidies from RMDS. Windy Creek Ranch will donate the use of the facility. If RMDS can provide any funding, we can reduce fees for auditors and participants and/or provide more of a meal for participants/auditors (I haven't budgeted that much for hospitality). We can't take more than 5 riders, and I've been pretty conservative on the number of auditors. I'm not too worried about being able to cover costs, even without RMDS sponsorship. I'm more interested in opening up a great educational opportunity to RMDS members and hopefully getting more people to come because it's an RMDS sponsored event.

Here is the link to Dressage Movements Revealed, the book Coralie wrote along with Jim Masterson, Betsy Steiner and Susan Harris.

<https://www.amazon.com/Dressage-Movements-Biomechanical-Bodywork-Using-Masterson/dp/B00GMMJ5GK>

Coralie Hughes Clinic Budget Worksheet

Event: Coralie Hughes Clinic	Date of Event: Nov 10, 11, 12, 2017
Location of Event: Windy Creek Ranch	
Prepared by: Sarah Barnes	Date Prepared: July 31, 2017

Income	Amount
Participants 5 Riders @ \$450 (without RMDS subsidy)	\$2,250
Auditors 6 @ \$150 (without RMDS subsidy)	\$900
Donations: Facility Fee for WCR	\$700
Grants	
Sponsors:	
Other Income (List)	
Total Income	\$3,850
Expenses	Amount
Clinician(s) / Instructor (s)	\$2,000
Judge(s)	
Technical Delegate(s)	
Other Hired Staff	
Equipment Rental (potential need for space heaters)	\$200
Facility Rental (to be waived by WCR)	\$700
Insurance (covered by my policy if not RMDS)	
Lodging (clinician will stay with organizer)	

Per Diem or Meals (organizer will cover meals for clinician)	
Photocopying	
Postage	
Supplies (paint for painting parts of the horse)	\$50
Travel	\$550
USDF Credit	
Other Expenses (List)	
Snacks/Beverages for participants/auditors	\$250
Total Expenses	\$3,750
Net Profit / Loss	\$100

The board decided not to consider the event.

5. Junior/Young Riders

Cassandra Dipentino

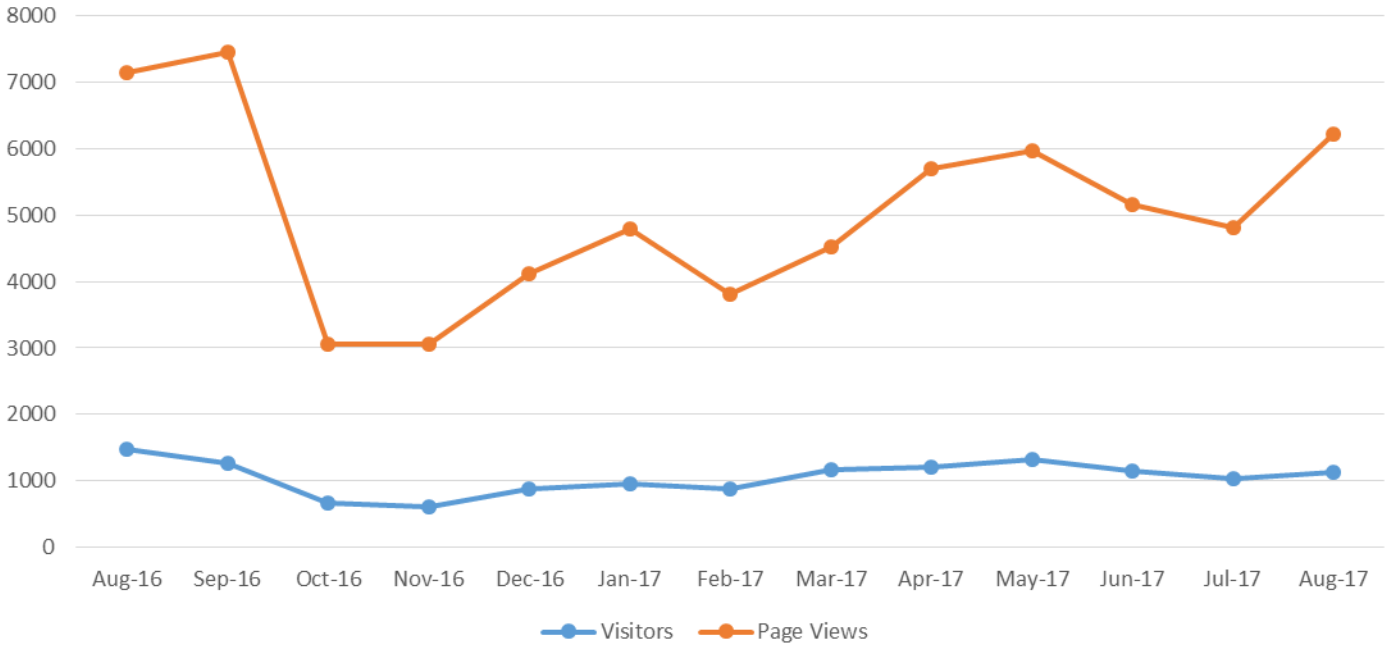
I would like to use a portion of the remaining money to sponsor a class at Championships instead of doing an ice cream social. I have 8 horses showing and will be way too busy to organize an event. I will start planning now for next year and find someone to run it. \$321.48 left in the budget. Joan asked if she could help organize the ice cream social so she could talk to the kids some. It was decided to continue with the ice cream social for Saturday evening after the catered meal instead of the class sponsorship.

6. Marketing

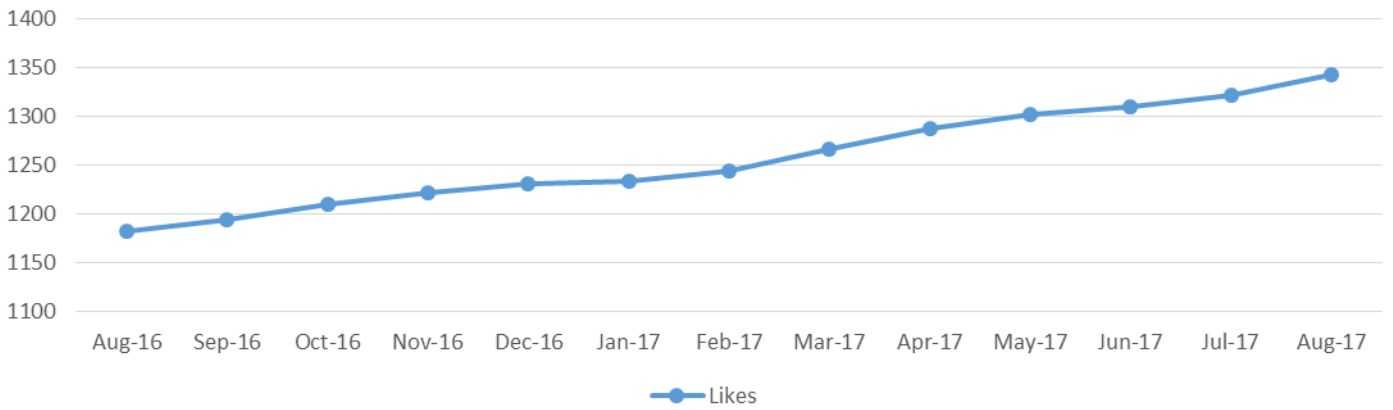
Una Schade

- We are finalizing ads and logos for championships program and t-shirt sponsors. **We can accept print ads through Friday at the absolute latest.**
- We still have room for more sponsors – try to sell your friends and clients last minute ads if they could benefit! Get your barn together on an ad to thank your trainer or barn owner!
- There will be a Yoga session every morning before championships classes.
- We are still in need of a Saturday dinner sponsor!

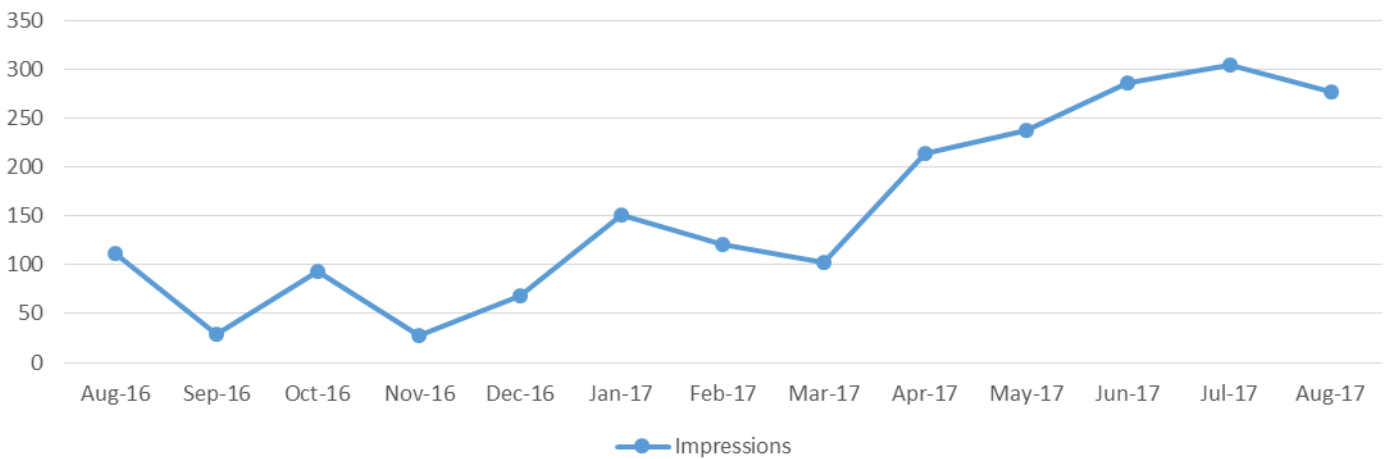
RMDS Website Analytics



Facebook Likes



Twitter Impressions



7. Professionals

Sarah Dodge/Beth Geier

Sarah is working on the dinner.

2018 Instructor Clinic – May 15-17 with Lilo Fore

8. Scholarship

MaryJo Hoepner

Each chapter, please encourage your volunteers to report their time to the Central Office.

<http://rmds.org/uploads/Publications/rmds-volunteer.pdf>

[Judges Continuing Education Form](#)

rmds.org

VOLUNTEER FORM 8 hours minimum Name of RMDS Member: _____ Name of Event Attended: _____ Date: _____

Also, please each chapter make a concerted effort to encourage your volunteers to apply for one of the 4 scholarships.

9. Shows – Championships

Andrea Chirich/Una Schade

Una and Heather went over sponsorships and events. Discussion of the silent auction and drawing for DSIR ticket.

Championship Volunteer Update:

In general, the SignUp.com pages are set for 1/2 day shifts starting at 07:15 AM to Noon, and Noon to 5:30 PM. Overall we are 20% filled.

There is an offer of guest rooms for those volunteers needing to stay overnight. I also plan on using the \$\$ paid to the Coordinator to get a hotel room - available for sharing.

Spread the word, the time is approaching quickly!

Appointed Committee Reports:

1. Western Dressage

Simone Windeler

No report

2. Nominating Committee – Chapter Presidents

Tiffany Busch

Need nominees for 2 years: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Awards, Education, Marketing, Professional

3. Historical Committee-Archives

New person?

4. BOG - November 4, 2017

Heather Petersen

5. Banquet – January 13, 2018- Renaissance Denver

Beth Geier

Una says don't forget that silent auction.

Region 5 Report

Heather Petersen

Congratulations to our Juniors who competed at NAJYRC in New York this year! Everyone did very well and we are so proud of you.

- Emma Asher and Traneenggaards Akondo
- Emily Bug Karls and Neptune NF

GOOD JOB EVERYONE! Many thanks to our Region 5 FEI Junior/Young Rider coordinator, Joan Clay, who also was Chef d'Equipe for our teams. We could not have done it without you. Joan not only led our two riders, she volunteers to get gate keepers for the entire show and scribed as well! She wore many hats very well.

The USDF convention is coming up quickly and it's time to book your hotel rooms, airfare and register for the convention and symposium. We are in Lexington, Kentucky this year November 29th - December 2nd. Information and registration forms for the Convention and Symposium are available at www.usdf.org/Convention/. All Group Member Organization's (GMO) were asked to designate their delegates for the USDF convention Board of Governors meeting by August 31st and if not determined by that date, the GMO president would become the delegate. If the GMO delegate/president is not able to attend the convention, a proxy for that delegate can be submitted at any time up until the night before the BOG meeting at the convention. The advantage for the GMO is that the delegate will be known and can receive communication from the USDF office earlier. GMO Delegates are included on a list of USDF delegates to receive e-mail

communications containing pertinent information on issues that will come before the 2017 BOG meeting at convention. If GMO's have not yet sent in their delegate information, please do so as soon as possible.

If you are going to Kentucky for the Convention or the Awards Dinner, make sure you set aside some time to perhaps go ice skating in the park across the street from the hotel, or you could get a group of friends together and go do the Southern Lights at the Kentucky Horse Park. It's a beautiful time of year in Kentucky.

Don't forget, the Great American/USDF Region 5 Championships is coming up September 14-17 in Parker, Colorado. Entries have already closed, but we hope to see everyone there to cheer each other on!

Old Business:

- **Volunteer awards program**-Una will report on in October.

New Business:

- Dressage Show Online nationwide dressage schooling shows. It was decided to leave as is.
- Texas Flood donation. Do we do something as a club or encourage individual donations. MaryJo Hoepner moved RMDS gives \$250 to the USEF donation site for Hurricane Harvey and do a free email blast to the membership for donation options and links. 2nd by Sharon Soos. Motion passed. Beverly voted against, none abstained.
- CSDA dissolution – high point trophies that were donated by members now outside of CSDA, where are those trophies. They were given to Arkansas Valley. PPDS needs to contact Arkansas Valley.

Shannon Lemons moved we accept all chapter reports as written, 2nd by Cassandra Dipentino. Motion passed unanimously.

Chapter Presidents:

1. Arkansas Valley

Beth Hart

AVDA had a fabulous day with Mary Jo at the schooling show in June. Our club enjoyed the article in the Centaur, thank you Beverly! The show went off marvously. We thank and appreciate all our volunteers. They are an amazing group!

Our clinic with Anna Blake was stellar. Wonderful to have her come down to Pueblo West at Liberty Landing Stables and do her magic. Many of us follow her blog on Facebook.

Our fall schooling show will be September 30th. We expect to have a very full and fun day! We appreciate all our judges who come down to our neck of the woods to judge our shows. It is a long drive and usually makes a very long day, many thanks!

Please contact me if you are interested in any of our events. Auditors are always welcome!

A few of us will be working on our web site this fall. We will be updating it and adding more photos from more recent events.

We look forward to Championships and have a great September!

2. Boulder Valley

Sandra Rosewell

The So Long to Summer Show yesterday went very well. It was a beautiful venue (that we have not used before) and the riders all had a great time. I don't have the finalized numbers yet, but Beth may by the meeting. We also had a good turnout out for our last BVD meeting that was held at Blue Roof Equestrian Center. Vanessa Chavez and Paige Smith demonstrated moves that commonly confound people (should in, leg yield, half pass) and how to complete them correctly.

3. Foothills

Kris Cooper

As show season ends, Foothills Chapter members are planning to socialize without horses. Sept. 30 is the tentative date to gather to watch dressage event videos, to share food and beverages, catch up on summer riding successes and discuss goals for next year. More information to come via email.

Also this fall is the final 2017 meeting on Oct. 16 when those attending elect officers, including the 2018 president and vice president. More details will be sent to members.

By now, results are in from the chapter's Last Chance Show in August with Judge Julie Haugen 'r' and TD MaryJo Hoepner at Table Mountain Ranch. It has been a successful show season, with nearly 100 riders competing at Spring Into Summer in June and Last Chance shows qualifying entrants for RMDS and Western Dressage Association of Colorado year-end awards.

Volunteers kept our relaxed and friendly shows running smoothly and on time. Huge thanks to our members and friends Koba Skelton, Darrell Walters, Sarah Reega, Gail Wheat, Melanie Nuchols, Heather Appel, Karen Schoenecker, Marilou Metcalf and CC Ross. Linda Gaber was show manager.

4. Grand Valley

Arlene Rhodes

No Report

5. High Plains

Kathy Simard

There is really not a lot to report this time. Kathy Simard and AnClaire Spaulding have let the board know that they will not be continuing in 2018. We are looking for new members to step up and become involved. Our elections will be held after the BOG so the current board will be attending.

6. Northern Colorado

Didi DeKrey

Sadly, NCDABade a final Farewell to one of our members, Bruce Rosellen. Bruce and his wife, Jacki, joined RMDS and NCDAB to pursue dressage with their Saddlebreds. Monthly meetings start up again in September at our new location; The Ranch in Loveland, Colorado. The first meeting is September 6 at the LaPorte meeting room in the McKee Building at 6:30. Upcoming events include the "Circles In The Sand" 3 clinic series; September 23, 24 and October 1st. Fall Schooling show is on October 15. Both events will be at the Tomora Training Center, Greeley, CO.

7. On The Bit

Ginka Kubelka

Our On The Bit Summer Schooling Show in July at the Spur Ridge Equestrian Community was a great success. The show committee chair, Jessica Ford, did a great job of recruiting volunteers, scheduling ride times, and making sure that the show was running smoothly. The big outdoor warm up ring and the nice indoor arena at this facility were perfect to provide a low-key environment for young horses and riders to get used to the excitement of horse shows! Plenty of local businesses supported our show by placing ads in the program or donating items for the silent auction. Julie Haugen was a wonderful judge, and having her for a clinic the day after the show was very helpful! All of the local members were helping with preparations, during or after the show. Since we got lots of positive feedback from the riders, we feel like we are ready to have a recognized show next year! Currently, we are working on planning an educational event about the horse hoof, and a community event for International Helmet Awareness Day. Check out our website (www.onthebitdressage.com) or our facebook page for updates!

8. Pikes Peak

Tiffany Busch

No Report.

9. Western Colorado

Barbara Graham Terry

No Report.

8:50 Michelle Anderson made the motion to adjourn. 2nd by Tiffany Busch. Motion passed unanimously.