

RMDS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 4, 2019

Armando's Ristorante Italiano

The Wine Room

720-851-6770

9355 Crown Crest Blvd,

Parker, CO 80138

The room is reserved beginning at 6:00pm

Meeting @ 6:30 PM

Attendance: Sharron Soos, Heather Petersen, Gwen Ka'awaloa, MaryJo Hoepner, Pam Phillips, Joan Clay, Tiffany Rutledge, Beth Geier, Stan Adamson, Dorothy Kapaun (and guest), Linda Gaber, Beverly Swanson, Natalie DeFee Mendik, Aline Brandau

Proxies: Ginka Kubelka to Heather Petersen; Una Schade to Heather Petersen; Arlene Rhodes to Heather Petersen; Didi Dekrey to Joan Clay; Cassandra Dipentino to Linda Gaber; Tiffany Rutledge to MaryJo Hoepner; Simone Windeler to Heather Petersen;

Call to Order-President

Gwen Ka'awaloa

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Introductions

President Report

Gwen Ka'awaloa

- Gwen thanked everyone for all their hard work.
- Apologized for lack of voice.

Secretary - Approval of Minutes - January 2019 meeting

Heather Petersen

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

Treasurers Report

Sharon Soos

Funds as of March 31, 2019

RMDS Checking Account	\$27,433.93
RMDS PayPal (as of 12/19/2018)	\$15,669.51
RMDS Scholarship	\$ 5,697.29
<u>Reserve</u>	<u>\$43,823.00</u>
TOTAL	\$92,623.73

Working to change items from income to reimbursements, expenses and such. It is easier to file taxes if income is less than \$200K. Many of the things we categorized as income actually fall into other categories. Changing the way we "transfer" money for scholarships and same with Paypal accounting. Discussion of uncashed checks; Chapters were reissued those checks but individuals were not contacted due to the large volume, but the money is sitting there if folks do come back and ask us to cash a check later.

Vice President Report

Tiffany Busch

No report

Central Office

Beth Geier

Membership

- Registration – 439 as of 3/1 members for 2019. 47 new horses since October 1, 2018. (470 or so as of April 1)
- See reports with chapter membership totals.
- Accepting dues for 2019 - \$70.

Education:

- Andrea Incitti has yet to pay for the TD/Show Management clinic.

Omnibus:

- Binders ordered?

General:

- Chapters receive free email blasts for educational purposes.
- RMDS Executive Board members get ½ price admission to RMDS events.

Awards:

- Izabelle Durbin still owes for broken trophy that needs to be replaced – suspend membership and **add to suspension list?** It has been 4 months. It was decided to put her on the suspension list.

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

2019:

Executive Board Meetings: May 9, July 9, Sept 5, Oct 10 (budget)

BOG Nov 2

2020

2019 Banquet: January 4

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

3/11/2019

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Members:	439	725	752	756	779	694	827	797	868	773	945	1030	1008	1036	1019	1151	1177	1162
Horses:	47	161	91	93	59	63	59	135	123	132	132	166	246	262	234	207	337	274
AV	31	36	39	25	29	26	27	25	27	24	15	26	12	-	-	-	-	-
BV	87	162	159	182	168	171	180	182	190	200	188	205	172	178	179	199	208	230
FH	26	70	57	73	79	76	64	65	71	72	75	76	77	74	73	109	103	115
GV	59	77	91	95	71	55	71	53	65	83	87	105	102	88	92	93	98	77
HP	86	164	169	149	156	151	176	190	208	226	256	265	260	259	251	267	283	278
NC	47	75	69	77	77	89	94	93	110	132	107	124	137	137	139	162	151	150
OB	30	38	49	43	42	33	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PP	58	77	89	63	70	63	62	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WC	14	25	29	22	18	19	23	27	31	22	21	25	25	32	34	44	55	64
No Chapter	1	1	1	3	5	11	12	13	15	14	25	14	16	22	21	34	36	24
CS			Dissolved	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			-	Dissolved	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	439	725	752	756	779	694	827	797	868	773	945	1030	1008	1036	1019	1151	1177	1162
Juniors	33	73	80	86	88	95	120	117	120	134								
Amateurs	115	205	195	163	152	176	209	220	239	230								
Education	11	18	21	17	16													
Business	6	9/2																
Life	33/1	32/2																

Permanent Committee Reports Continued:

Adult Amateur

Michael Stevens/Anclaire Spaulding

Not much to report from my end of AA committee. We are not planning on a clinic this year but I'm looking into a Sports Psychologist to give a talk, possibly at championships. I'll bring forward more info next time, this is just a prelim thought.

Awards

Shannon Lemons

Shannon has moved into climate controlled storage for the awards. Approved Izabelle to be put on the suspension list as she has not cooperated with multiple attempts to reimburse RMDS.

Communications

Beverly Swanson

Mar Centaur

Thank you to our contributors, Gwen Ka'awaloa and Michelle Anderson for their reports on educational clinics. I hope everyone got to read the story by the Mounted Patrolman, it was great! Also, Frances Carbonnel received some very nice feedback on her Bend/Balance/Biomechanics article. She plans to send a follow up article to further explain the details of biomechanics and raising the front of the horse. Great feedback on Frances' biomechanics article.

Apr e-Centaur

Please be sure to send info on any upcoming events! High Plains, do you have a report and pics of the Youth Clinic? I'd like to do a slide show again. Clinic was now rescheduled for October.

May Centaur

I will have a report on the New Test clinic.

NOTE: I am taking a quick two-day trip to New Orleans April 15-17, so PLEASE get everything to me the week prior. Beverly has lots of content for the May issue, which is great!

New:

I think it would be good to inform our members of what their Board and committees are doing.

Encourage people to help and possibly volunteer for Board positions, woohoo!

These reports would go in the e-Centaurs, which is a natural spot for them.

I would like to have a Board meeting report, plus the other committees, which would be a basic bullet list type report - just a summary of what we went over and what our plans are.

I can do the Board reports if I am present, and can also write up from the minutes as long as I get them in time.

It's (almost sort of) spring, and I am thinking of doing a slight design update to the print Centaur. We have had this format for a few years now, and a facelift might be in order. OK with everyone? Everyone seemed ok with this suggestion.

Omnibus

Nicole Bizzarro

Heather ordered 500 binders – about \$2100. Should be here in 3-4 weeks.

Website/Data Base

MaryJo Hoepner

RFPs

- **Data Base** – No feedback from the board
- **Website** – No feedback from the board
- **Summary Letter** – Linda and Michelle provided some edits to MaryJo. Proposals will go to MaryJo. She will do the updates on the RFPs and letter and we'll get the out in the next day or two to the board, posted on the website and to the membership. Proposals and bids will be due May 5th for review at the May 9th meeting. Grand Valley is donation \$1,000 to help RMDS with the database/website project.

Education

MaryJo Hoepner/Pam Phillips

We have had several very successful activities for a variety of interests.

- January 12 HeartSaver certification in Castle Rock. 13 participants and all were certified. Trained by Gwen Ka'awaloa.
- January 13 RMDS Judges 'L' graduate & Professionals Continuing Education Biomechanics of Horse & Rider. Instructors were Debbie Riehl Rodriguez and Kathy Simard.
- February 9 TD / Show management continuing Education. VERY well attended. Trainer was Heather Petersen. Many new rules for 2019. Especially important is required training by Show Managers. All RMDS Show Managers need to proceed with this training. Biggest turnout we've had in quite a few years.
- March 29-31 USDF Instructor Workshop-Preparing for 2nd Level.

Are there Education activities that folks want/require for 2019? For 2020? Perhaps a Freestyle clinic? Both a handlers' clinic and a freestyle clinic were discussed.

Junior/Young Riders

Cassandra Dipentino

2019 Jr/Yr Summer Intensive planning is coming along smoothly. Joan Clay and Julie Haugen have committed verbally to being clinicians. Will get contracts sent this month. I'm in communication with Cassandra Hubbert-Johnson to be the 3rd clinician. I rode with her on March 10th and really liked her teaching style. She is very supportive of Jr/Yr programs as she went through NAJYRC program. She lives in Ohio so we are working out what it would cost to bring her out and if I can swing it within budget.

I also have reached out to Kathy Gillespie to come talk to the kids about her kids' experiences and the Show Elves program.

I already have received 2 entries and have 4-5 riders who have committed verbally.

Marketing

Una Schade/Dorothy Kapaun

Una went in for major surgery again on March 26 and will be unavailable for a yet undetermined amount of time afterwards.

Professionals

Kathy Simard / Joan Clay

USDF Certified Instructor/Trainer 2nd Level Intensive Workshop

The workshop took place March 29-31, 2019 at Phantom Hill Farm in Fort Collins, CO. Sarah Geikie was our Certified Instructor/Trainer faculty member and there were 4 participating instructors (PIs) representing Colorado, Montana, Nebraska and Iowa. One auditor traveled from Nebraska to attend all 3 days. We utilized 6 horses on Friday for demonstrations and riding practice, 9 horse/rider pairs on Saturday for teaching practice, and 5 horse/rider pairs on Sunday for seat lesson practice. We had 3 area trainers volunteer as scribes and Beth Geier kept the PIs, horses and riders organized and on time. Kathy Simard created the schedule and organized the horse and rider volunteers.

This event needed 6 participants to break even financially. When it became apparent that we only had 4 participants, USDF offered to cover Sarah Geikie's daily fees and airfare because they wanted to try this new workshop format. Additionally, we were going to have Kathy Simard instruct the auditor group, but she has been suffering from a back injury and was unable to travel to Ft Collins for the workshop. Local auditor interest was minimal, but we utilized trainers who inquired about auditing to scribe.

Despite the difficulties that we faced, the workshop was an enormous success and the PIs were very appreciative of the opportunity to prepare for their 2nd Level testing. Each day was packed with lecture, demonstration lessons conducted by Sarah Geikie, practice rides or teaching, and evening lectures/debriefing over dinner. The participants were very supportive and their camaraderie was a highlight of the weekend.

The final accounting is attached. Our total income was \$3650.00 and our total expenses were \$2159.79. With USDF's financial support RMDS made a profit of \$1,490.21.

Scribes: Kellee James, Julie Burt, Gigi Brittain

Volunteer horse owners/riders: Julie Burt, Lori Keilt, Ellen Siebert, Sue Lucas, Terry McDonald, EJ Carr, Martha Brown, Uliana Ukrainchuk, Lesya Ukrainchuk, Sue Woods, Kathleen Kilkelly, Raissa Chunko, Clare Adamson, Courtney Newman, Gayle Udall, Silja Knoll

Volunteer on-site organizer: Beth Geier

MaryJo Hoepner moved we reimburse USDF \$1400 from the profit. 2nd by Stan Adamson. Motion passed. Joan Clay and Heather Petersen abstained.

**Event Budget Worksheet
Final Report**

Event:USDF Certified Instr/Trainer Workshop (2nd Level Intensive)	Date of Event: March 29-31, 2019
Location of Event: Phantom Hill Farm, Fort Collins, CO	
Prepared by: Joan Clay	Date Revised: April 4, 2019

Income	Amount
Participants (4 x \$850)	3,400.00
Auditors: (3 x \$50; 1 x \$25)	175.00
Extra Lunch Orders (\$15 x 5)	75.00
Total Income	3,650.00
Expenses	Amount
Instructor: Sarah Geikie (\$800 X 3) (USDF pays)	0.00
Travel - Geikie (Airfare & Parking) (USDF pays)	0.00
Travel - Geier (Tolls)	11.80
Travel - Clay (Mileage & tolls to DIA)	78.80
Lodging: Geikie (3 nights)	307.56
Lodging: Geier (2 nights)	211.12
Equipment Rental: Portable Rental Systems (Potty)	135.00
Facility Rental: Phantom Hill Farm (\$150 x 3)	450.00
Event Insurance	101.00
Lunches (participants/auditor/volunteers = 29 lunches)	466.76
Dinner (7 people x 2 nights)	215.45
Snacks/Water	49.94
Copies	79.60
Office supplies (binders, thank you notes, postage)	52.76
Total Expenses	2,159.79
Net Profit	\$1,490.21

Scholarship

The 2019 scholarship award winners were comprised of:

- The Leg Up Scholarship: Pam Phillips
- The Solid Seat Scholarship: Gayle Udall & Anclaire Spaulding
- The Opening Doors Scholarship: Clare Adamson
- Junior/Young Rider: no applicants

Natalie DeFee-Mendik

Each recipient received a check for \$500, as well as a reminder of obligations pertaining to the scholarship. The application for the 2020 scholarships was updated on the RMDS website with the new scholarship chair's mailing address.

We had an email from someone who applied but the application never arrived. We are going to add wording that they should put a tracking number on it and to keep copies of their application. Not going to accept by email and only by snail mail in the future.

Shows – Championships

Anclaire Spauling/Michelle Stevens/Tiffany

Updates on dealings with the Horse Park for both 2019 and 2020.

Consideration of adding an Intro Championships for both Junior/Young Rider and Adult Amateur. Require Rider/Horse/Owner memberships to RMDS but allow scores to be submitted for qualifying from any show judged by an L graduate or higher, USDF, RMDS or unrecognized. 2 qualifying scores of 60%, one at the highest test of the level. Intro C to be ridden for the Championship class. Please submit copy of qualifying tests. Beverly Swanson moved and Sharon 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Appointed Committee Reports:

1. Western Dressage

Simone Windeler

No report

2. Nominating Committee – Chapter Presidents

Stan and Tiffany

Need nominees for 2 years: Vice President, Awards, Education, Marketing, Professionals

3. BOG - November 2, 2019

Heather Petersen

No current report. Heather will research locations for the next meeting.

4. Banquet – January 4, 2019

Beth Geier

Region 5 Report

Heather Petersen

Gosh what a winter it has been here in Colorado! I was lucky enough to see a few of you in California at the Adequan West Coast Dressage Festival and it was great seeing others down in Wellington, Florida when I went down for USEF meetings in March. It has been very snowy and wet in Colorado this winter and we will have green pastures this spring, but I have had very little turnout due to all the mud the last few months and my horses are a bit stir crazy at times. Lots of riding, hand walking and turnout in the indoor recently... That said, the show season is about to start in the northern part of our region and I would love it if the weather would cooperate for that as well!

I had the wonderful opportunity to travel south in March to Tucson, Arizona for the March Madness shows so my daughter had a chance to show a bit before the Colorado qualifier season starts and so that I could have an opportunity to show. The hospitality was excellent; the volunteers, management and officials were so friendly and it was a great chance to visit with other parts of our region and meet more USDF members.

Dressage is winding down a bit in the southern part of the US and gearing up in most of the rest of the country and there are plenty of clinics and educational events to choose from in Region 5. The Santa Fe Dressage group is hosting a great clinic in April with Bill Warren and Bill McMullin and the Pikes Peak Chapter of RMDS is hosting a clinic introducing the new tests with Janet Foy. Mark your calendars! If you are interested, there is more information on both on the Region 5 website. Please be sure to let me know if your barn, GMO, club, chapter or other groups are hosting events and we'll get them in our monthly USDF GMO newsletter that contains great links to all the Regions and on the Region 5 website. We want to let our members know about as many dressage opportunities as we can. Tucson Dressage has a great symposium scheduled with Laura Graves as well for September!

The deadline for Participating Member Delegate nominations is **April 15**. Our region will have 5 PM delegates for the 2019 USDF Convention in Savannah, Georgia December 4-7. You can check the status of our delegate nominees by going to the link below. Please check your status to make sure your acceptance is there if you would like to be a PM delegate candidate. If you are not listed and you would like to be a PM delegate, please contact Eva Maria

Adolphi at adolphi@burgoyne.com. Please do not commit to be a delegate unless you know you can attend. There is some financial assistance from our Region for those PM delegates who do attend the convention.

<http://www.usdf.org/about/about-usdf/governance/nominating/accepted.asp>

As of May 16th, our potential candidates for the 2019 FEI North American Junior and Young Rider Championships July 30 – August 4 in Old Salem, New York will be finalized. As I write this, we have 4 riders who have declared (2 Juniors and 2 Young Riders). If you would like to contribute or help with their fundraising efforts, please contact Joan Clay, our Region 5 Jr/YR FEI coordinator at jnclay@comcast.net or 970-420-0877. Sadly, due to the distance and the older age of quite a few of our horses, travel is a strong consideration and if enough money can be raised to help fly the horses, it will make things a lot more feasible for our kids. PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR DECLARATIONS!

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Summary of Board meetings in Centaur? Some discussion on whether to or not. It was decided Beverly was going to encourage committees to create reports and such for the Centaur.
- Misuse of email lists – sanction discussion. Beverly is going to write something up to publish in the Centaur regarding the issue.
- Discussion of continuing the meetings here at Armando's versus Darcy's. We have to see if we meet the guarantee as well. We do not owe anymore. They would like \$25 per person and we made it to \$28. Beth is going to check on availability for future meetings. **Stan Adamson moved we approve a change of venue if they have availability for the meeting dates. 2nd by Pam Phillips. Motion passes unanimously.**

Chapter Presidents:

1. Arkansas Valley

No report.

Nancy Leonard

2. Boulder Valley

We are working on two shows at the Boulder County Fairgrounds for 2019:

- June 28-30—with trailer in and schooling on Friday afternoon, June 28, followed by two show days on Saturday and Sunday with judges Lilo Fore and Mike Osinski
- September 13-15—with schooling on Friday afternoon, September 13, a full day show on Saturday with judge Gwen Ka'awaloa, followed by a clinic with Sandra Hotz on Sunday Please see the *Omnibus* and the RMDS web site for details.

We are pleased to announce better warm-up arenas for all these events, with less crowding than last year; we will have one dressage arena for all. We are also pleased to announce that the Fairgrounds has purchased a Cherrington rock picker which will greatly improve the footing in the arena.

We brainstormed a bit in our February meeting about possible educational events throughout the year; more on that later. We also noted the transition of Somerset Farm on Nelson Road in Longmont; Karen Whitman and associates have purchased the facility, which will now be called Nighthawk Equestrian Center, at 5555 Nelson Road (many of us remember it when it was "Four Fives"!).

We had a great time celebrating the show year at our annual awards banquet at the Boulder Country Club on January 27, 2019, with the Dave Camp duo providing music and Julie Berringer-Richers as emcee.

3. Foothills

Linda Gaber

The report is in the Centaur

4. Grand Valley

Arlene Rhodes

In February we completed our USDF National Education Initiative grant - clinic with Joan Clay on lungeing and seat work. It was a full clinic and 26 different people audited over the three sessions. We posted flyers all over town so a few other riders from other disciplines attended as auditors. Everyone made progress and had positive feedback. Judi DeVore is working on an article for the Centaur and our own GVDS newsletter. The grant process is very user friendly and I would be willing to answer any questions a club might have about the process. The financial support made the clinic so accessible. Joan was personable and knowledgeable and it made for a fun time despite the snow on Saturday morning! Glad we had an indoor.

In order to help our members become familiar with the new tests, in early March we also held a group potluck/video viewing of On The Levels at Judi DeVore's home. Two weeks after that we have our Ride-A-Test clinic with Megan Bretey, "L". So many of our members have not ridden very much so we are being flexible in the format allowing riders to work on sections of their test or just ride their test twice, with some comments. The clinic is nearly full. Our April 27/28 first schooling show will be opening soon! At our next meeting we will be talking about the new USDF recognition program for schooling shows, as we meet the criteria. I will be interested in hearing how other clubs weigh the pros/cons for the program. This year we have three Western Dressage Association of America (WDAA) certified judges for 3 of our 4 shows. We are hoping this will be a draw for those working on national points/certifications for WDAA.

5. High Plains

Stephanie Figgins

High Plains Dressage is happy to announce a full calendar for 2019. To apply to any of these events, please visit our website at highplainsdressage.org or call Stephanie Figgins at 720.480.7044 (Opening Dates Apply).

April 7th, 2019: Ride-A-Test with guest Judge: Gwen Ka'awaloa at Paradox Ranch (Formerly Iron Horse Farms)

This Clinic is FULL! To sign up to audit, visit our website at highplainsdressage.org

May 11th and 12th, 2019: Clinic with Dolly Hannon at Greenie Mountain Farms in Parker, Colorado (Julie Burt's Residence)

RESCHEDULED DUE TO WEATHER!

October 6th, 2019: Youth Clinic at Paradox Ranch in Elizabeth, Colorado (Formerly Iron Horse Farms)

Clinicians: Kathy Simard and Joan Clay

Special Guest: Current 2019 Region 5 Jr/Young Rider

Auditing: \$15

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- April 9th, 2019
- May 14th, 2019
- June 11, 2019

Meetings held on the second Tuesday of every month -- 5:30PM at 6796 Ponderosa Dr. Parker, CO
Open to the public! Please RSVP to stephanieefiggins@gmail.com to attend

6. Northern Colorado

Didi DeKrey

March marches on! This Wednesday's topic is Working Equitation. One of our members is an enthusiast and will present information and videos about Working Equitation. Next month, Joan Clay will review new rule changes for the 2019 season.

The April clinic with Dolly Hannon is coming soon! This clinic is open to all! Dolly is an excellent clinician who includes auditors with her interactive style.

The Dolly Hannon clinic is ready for registrants (mounted or auditors), the old fashioned way and on the web at www.Equestriantentries.com. We are hosting a Friday (April 12th) evening affair with Ms. Hannon at Mimi's Café. The clinic is Saturday the 13th at Tomora Training Center in Greeley.

If you are interested in volunteering, please go to the Signup.com page and look for our event!

Keep an eye on our web page and FaceBook for our goings-on!

General meetings are the second Wednesday of the month (September through May) at the Mimi's

Cafe, Loveland, Colorado. Everyone is welcome to join us!

7. On The Bit

Ginka Kubelka

We are so excited to hold our first USEF/USDF and RMDS recognized show this July in Laramie, WY! Come join us for a fun and friendly show on July 20 & 21 at the Spur Ridge Equestrian Community. Our judges will be Donna Richardson (S, CA) on Saturday and David Schmutz (S, CA) on Sunday. You will find a complete prize list soon on our website www.onthebitdressage.com or on www.2whitefeet.com. We are looking forward to seeing you in Laramie!

We are also planning on having a clinic in Laramie in late spring or early summer, so please check our website or facebook page for updates!

Our meetings will continue to be held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at Altitude Chophouse in Laramie, WY. Feel free to join us to learn more about our chapter. We are always happy to see new faces!

8. Pikes Peak

Tiffany Rutledge

Hosting a wonderful USEF New Test Clinic with Janet Foy April 6th. Everyone is invited.

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

<http://pikespeakdressage.org/Main/Home> and follow the Facebook page!

Have a great Month!

9. Western Colorado

Lesley Hill

No report

8:53 pm Dorothy Kapaun made the motion to adjourn. 2nd by Beverly Swanson. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Heather Petersen