

RMDS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 1, 2023

Zoom Meeting

Meeting @ 6:30 PM

Attendance: Sally O’Dwyer, Patricia Weed, Karen Harkin, Beth Geier, Sharon Soos, Heather Petersen, Sarah Murphy, Rebecca Ciota, Jewlee Bellah, Nadia Westra, Judi DeVore, Stan Adamson, Simone Windeler, MaryJo Hoepner, Jennifer Stewart, Tiffany Brown, Katie Knight, Jewlee Bellah, Gwen Ka’awaloa, Ginka Kubelka, Joan Clay

Proxies: None;

Call to Order-President

Sally O’Dwyer

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm by Sally O’Dwyer

Secretary - Approval of Minutes -

Heather Petersen

July 2023 minutes –Rebecca Ciota moved that we approve the minutes, 2nd by Karen Harkin. The motion passed unanimously.

No electronic votes to approve.

Treasurers Report

Sharon Soos

Operating Funds as of July 10, 2023

RMDS Checking Account	\$ 46,408.01
PayPal Account	\$ 571.97
Outstanding Checks	\$????
Pending Deposits	\$????
Subtotal	\$ 46,979.98
Judges “L” Program	\$ 14,789.00
Subtotal Operating Funds	\$ 32,190.98

Restricted Funds as of July 10, 2023

Scholarship Account	
RMDS Scholarship	\$ 5,597.29
Barbara H McElnea Payable	\$ 8,500.00
	- 250.00
Pending Deposit	
Subtotal	\$ 13,847.29
Total	\$ 46,038.27

Shows – Championships

Nadia Westra

- Discussion of hospitality – the pavilion is apparently a vet area now, so where would we do parties and place the silent auction.
- Shirts (Gwen is handling them) and the inventory we currently have versus what we need to order. Nadia will gather the logos of each sponsoring company.
- Heather will finalize the prize list this coming week.
- Working on more sponsorships.
- Volunteer spreadsheet is posted.

President Report

Sally had a few meeting this month and will discuss items as needed in committee reports.

Sally O'Dwyer

Vice President Report

No report.

Dorothy Kapaun

Central Office

Membership

- Registration – about 640 active members right now.

Shows:

- Laramie shows have cancelled.

General:

- Chapters receive free email blasts for educational and event purposes.
- RMDS Executive Board members get ½ price admission to RMDS events with audit fee \$50 or more.
- Amelia clinic – rider applicants coming in and some auditors.
- Championship sponsorships coming in as well.
- Insurance company – logged into portal to peruse.

Sarah Murphy

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

2023 RMDS EVENTS:

Amelia Newcomb Clinic flyer has been sent: applications and audits coming in; Katie has a count

Sport Horse Sept 21

Championships Sept 22-24; 4 paid sponsors

Executive Board Meetings:

Reports: Sept 7, Oct 12 (budget)

No reports: Aug 1,

BOG Nov 18

2024

Banquet January 13

Region 5 Championships Sept 20-23

Permanent Committee Reports Continued:

Adult Amateur

Katie Knight

The Amelia Newcomb clinic has been well received, with 25 applicants vying for the eight spots. Their videos will be evaluated this week and selections made. A waitlist will also be maintained. Eleanor at Nighthawk is assisting with the evaluations.

At least ten auditors have already paid to attend. Sarah Murphy has been immensely helpful in creating spreadsheets to manage the auditors' and applicants' information.

Nighthawk Equestrian has generously opened their doors for this event. Stalls for the riders' horses will be \$60 a night, with riders providing their own shavings.

Amelia is staying with friends while she is in Colorado, sparing RMDS the hotel cost. Katie is finalizing the USDF grant application, which should be out this week.

We are in the process of defining our volunteer needs. Sally O'Dwyer has offered to provide food on the first day for riders and auditors, and we are looking for donations for the second day for food.

All on all, the clinic is shaping up nicely! The theme is cantering up the levels. Insurance is covered and we're working on Amelia's insurance as well.

Awards

Shannon Lemons

Someone wants to sponsor a Mustang breed award – we need to see if there are 5 competing mustangs.

Currently there are no mustangs active that are listed as mustangs so we need to poll the membership to see

which are currently listed as grade horses and need to be changed to mustang.
AA 1st Level Freestyle – the sponsor wants it back. The person who has it this year is willing to sponsor it for the future.

Communications

No report.

Rebecca Ciota

Website – It’s rolling along, let Sarah or Heather know of any updates.

Education

Working on a freestyle clinic with Dolly this winter as a continuing education for judges.

MaryJo Hoepner

Will work with Heather to set up TD/Show Management for next year.

Junior/Young Riders

Jewlee and Sally are working with Gabrielle Hibbert for a 1 day clinic at Windance. Targeting training-first level riders. Aiming for October 14th for a date. Would need to charge about \$110 per child to break even. A suggestion to contact Alpine Bank as they like to sponsor jr/yr events.

Jewlee Bellah

Marketing

No report

Kristen Allen / Jessica Reigel

Professionals

Sally discussed that Grand Valley did a newby clinic. Would RMDS be interested in hosting something like that? Perhaps set up something for each chapter?

Joan Clay

Scholarship

Karen asked a couple of questions about requesting checks.

Karen Harkin

Volunteer

Working on volunteer spotlights. Discussion of a selfie frame.
Working on Championships with Janeen.

Judi DeVore/Eleanor DeVore

Appointed Committee Reports:

1. Western Dressage

No report

Simone Windeler

2. Nominating Committee – Chapter Presidents

No report

Stan Adamson

3. BOG - November 18, 2023

Staying at the same facility.

Heather Petersen

4. Banquet –

January 2024, facility all set.

Beth Geier/Sarah Murphy

Region 5 Report

No report

Heather Petersen

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

No new business

Chapter Reports

Arkansas Valley Dressage

Nancy is having some health issues and they will be voting on an interim president at the next meeting.

Nancy Leonard

Boulder Valley Dressage

Thanks to everyone for helping with the BVD show this past weekend!

Stan Adamson

Foothills Chapter

Super big show this coming weekend, excited to have everyone. That's our current main focus.

Nadia Westra

Grand Valley Dressage

Schooling show opened yesterday, 2 more schooling shows for the rest of the year.

Karen Harkin

High Plains

No Report

Pippa Bird

Northern Colorado

No report

Sandra Rosewell

On the Bit

Sadly they had to cancel their show, the weather has just been so crazy and the footing is just not ideal to take all that moisture.

Ginka Kubelka

Pikes Peak Dressage

No report.

Patricia Weed

Next Meeting is September 7th.

8:01 pm Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted, Heather Petersen