

RMDS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 11, 2024

Zoom Meeting

Meeting @ 6:30 PM

Attendance: Sharon Soos, Sally O’Dwyer, Patricia Weed, Katie Knight, Karen Harkin, Heather Petersen, Sloane Rosenthal, Nicole Bizzarro, Beth Geier, Ginka Kubelka, Shannon Lemons, Kristen Allen, Alysa, Judi DeVore, Stan Adamson, Dorothy Kapaun, Gabrielle Ward

Proxies:

Call to Order-President

Sally O’Dwyer

Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm by Sally O’Dwyer

Secretary - Approval of Minutes - March 2024

Heather Petersen

Stan Adamson made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections, 2nd by Karen Harkin. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Sharon Soos

Operating Funds as of March 31, 2024

Wells Fargo RMDS Checking Account	\$ 60,254.99
Wells Fargo PayPal Account (March 15, 2024)	\$ 1,868.03
Subtotal	\$ 62,123.02

Restricted Funds as of March 31, 2024

Wells Fargo Scholarship Account	
RMDS Scholarship	\$ 3,847.29
Barbara H McElnea	\$ 7,500.00
Subtotal	\$ 11,347.29
Total	\$ 73,470.31

Operating Funds as of April 10, 2024

Wells Fargo RMDS Checking Account	\$ 60,060.49
Wells Fargo PayPal Account	\$ 3,608.30
Outstanding Checks	\$????
Pending Deposits	\$????
Subtotal	\$ 63,668.79

Judges “L” Program	- \$ 13,189.00
Subtotal Operating Funds	\$ 50,479.79

Restricted Funds as of April 10, 2024

Wells Fargo Scholarship Account	
RMDS Scholarship	\$ 2,847.29
Barbara H McElnea	\$ 7,500.00
Payable	- \$ 0.00
Subtotal	\$ 11,347.29

Total	\$ 61,827.08
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President Report

Sally O’Dwyer

Please keep to the agenda for the meetings and allow us to handle our business quickly and efficiently. Let Heather know if you have things to add to the agenda ahead of the meetings.

Vice President Report

Sloane Rosenthal

We have been interviewing central office manager candidates. 15 people applied, have offered interviews to 8 folks and 7 people accepted and did a first round interview. 4 candidates will be moving on to a 2nd round interview next week. If anyone on the board would like to join for the next round, please reach out to Sloane and she will share the Zoom information. We will convene the board on April 21st at 7pm to vote to move forward with a candidate.

Central Office

Beth Geier

Database/Website:

- Renewed the domain for RMDS.org for 10 years yesterday.

General:

- Paypal Giving, looking into it.

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

2024 RMDS EVENTS:

Team Competition July 20

Summer Intensive July 17-19

Sport Horse Sept 18

Championships Sept 19-22

Executive Board Meetings:

Reports: March 14, May 9, July 11, Sept 12, Oct 10 (budget)

No reports: April 11, June 13, Aug 8,

BOG Nov 16

2025 RMDS EVENTS:

Banquet **January 11**

Permanent Committee Reports Continued:

Scholarship

Karen Harkin

Everything is moving along, the new scholarship has about \$850 raised so far.

Adult Amateur

Katie Knight

Working on a facility for the Jodi Lees clinic. Need roughly 7 stalls. Sloane is checking to see if she might be able to do it.

Awards

Shannon Lemons

Nothing new to report.

Communications

Analiese Kovisto

Sally and Analiese have met and things seem to be going well. We have a few new articles for the e-centaur.

Magazine – It is out and in the hands of the members. Nicole is working with Kristen on a marketing document.

Website – Heather has a few updates to do tomorrow but it’s rolling along and renewed for 10 years.

Education

Dorothy Kapaun / Gwen Ka’awaloa

Clinic is going down to one day (Saturday) and we need to update the wording. We need more riders and more auditors.

Junior/Young Riders**Gabrielle Ward / Jewlee Bellah**

We are getting closer to our JR/YR Camp! 1 person has entered and several others are interested.

Insurance company contact Beth today and they are not wanting to insure the camp if there are any overnight accommodations or camping, but she's willing to pursue a different underwriter if we do want to do overnight. We need to decide if we want overnight or not. We are changing the format to a day camp it was decided, the horses can stay overnight, just not the humans. Gabrielle will update the fliers for the website next week and send them to Heather for posting.

Marketing**Kristen Allen / Alysa Levine**

Alysa Levine and Kandace Proud were introduced as new members of the committee. They are going to meet to create a strategy. **Sally O'Dwyer moved to approve Alysa Levine as the new marketing co-chair, 2nd by Kristen Allen, moved approved unanimously.**

Professionals**Sue Martin / Holly Bergay**

Sue has a plan to do a trainers' day at Lake View Equestrian in May with demo riders, how to coach people, deal with student issues, etc. Sue is willing to donate her time, there would be a \$500 facility fee, they would use their budget to cover that fee. Holly Bergay is doing a trainers' meet and greet on Friday at Dressage for the Cure.

Shows – Championships**Nadia Westra/Heather Petersen**

We have our first donation, prizes are in progress, ribbons have arrived.

Volunteer**Judi DeVore/Eleanor DeVore**

Scribing clinic had 16 participants, but some ended up not attending. If you have a schooling show, please consider letting folks shadow scribe.

Appointed Committee Reports:**1. Western Dressage**

Simone Windeler

Nothing to report.

2. Nominating Committee – Chapter Presidents

Ginka Kubelka

No report.

3. BOG - November 16, 2024

Heather Petersen

Working on looking at alternative venues. Heather has been visiting venues. If you have any to add, please let Heather know.

4. Banquet –

Sloane Rosenthal

Sloane has sent RSPs to the hotels on Beth's list and she will send a written report for the May meeting. Please let Sloane know if you know of any places.

Region 5 Report

Heather Petersen

We have a great slate of delegates.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Reminder of the added meeting.
- Discussion of clinics for 2025.

Chapter Presidents:

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| 1. Arkansas Valley
Struggling to get a manager for the schooling shows, so they switched their schooling show to a virtual show format. | Sandy Vernon |
| 2. Boulder Valley
Many thanks to Gabrielle Ward for hosing our newby dressage clinic. | Stan Adamson |
| 3. Foothills
No report | Nadia Westra |
| 4. Grand Valley
No report | Karen Harkin |
| 5. High Plains
No report. | Andrea Osmond |
| 6. Northern Colorado
No report. | Laura Speer |
| 7. On The Bit
No report. | Ginka Kubelka |
| 8. Pikes Peak
No report. | Patricia Weed |

Next Meeting is April 21st.

7:20 pm Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted, Heather Petersen