

RMDS BOARD OF GOVERNORS
SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 4, 2017
Stock Show Complex Denver, CO 80207
NW Club-Front

AGENDA

Call to order at 9:11 am by President Gwen Ka'awaloa.

Attendance and delegate count taken by Heather. 41 votes total 41 present.

		Here?
Arkansas Valley – 2	Beth Hart	X at 2:45 pm proxy to Didi DeKrey
	Sandy Vernon	X at 2:45 pm proxy to Didi DeKrey
Boulder Valley – 8	Sandra Rosewell - 2	X
	Beth Geier	X
	Kristi Cooper-Camp - 2	X arrived at 11am.
	Dorothy Kapaun - 2	X
	Grace Maddox	X
	Vanessa Chavez (proxy to Sandra)	
Foothills – 3	Linda Gaber	X
	Marilou Metcalf	x
	Cassandra Dipentino	x
Grand Valley – 5	Arlene Rhodes – 3	X
	Anne Shoffstall – 2	X
	Judi DeVore (Proxy to Arlene)	
	Pat White (Proxy to Arlene)	
High Plains – 9	Kathy Simard – 2	X
	Stephanie Figgins – 2	X
	Lori Keilt – 2	X
	Ellen Seibert	X
	Una Schade	X
	Sharon Soos	X
Northern Colorado – 4	Didi DeKrey	x
	Rose Balfour	x
	Andrea Chirich	X
	Jacki Rosellen	X
On The Bit – 3	Ginka Kubelka	X
	Anna Chalfoun	x at 2:30 pm proxy to Ginka Kubelka
	Stephanie Gies	x at 2:30 pm proxy to Ginka Kubelka
Pikes Peak – 5	Michelle Anderson	X
	Heather Petersen	X
	Tiffany Busch	X
	Gwen Ka'awaloa	X
	Beverly Swanson	X
Western Colorado – 2	Proxy to Heather Petersen or Arlene Rhodes	

Guests: Mary Lynne Munn, Anclaire Spaulding, Michelle Stevens, Shannon Lemons, Joan Clay

Approval of the 2016 BOG Minutes

Heather Petersen

Beth Hart request her name be removed from a vote. **Tiffany Busch moved the motion to approve the 2016 minutes as corrected. Seconded by Beth Hart. Motion passed unanimously.**

President's Message

Gwen Ka'awaloa

Welcome everyone and thank you for coming to the Rocky Mountain Dressage Society Board of Governors Meeting. Your willingness to participate in the planning, organization and running of RMDS is the backbone of our organization.

Today we will also vote on some Officer and Chairman positions. Those who have volunteered to run already know that their time and energy are needed to move forward in 2018. I encourage nominations from the floor as I hope we have more folks willing to help in the growth of RMDS. None of the positions is a one man/woman show. Committees make the work easier and ideas are plentiful.

“THE BEST PREPARATION FOR TOMORROW IS DOING YOUR BEST TODAY” - H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

RMDS is proud to announce that two Centaur articles have won special recognition with USDF. Kathy Simard and Amber Clark wrote not only informative articles but inspirational as well. Our website got an Honorable mention.

2018 is full of Educational Events. RMDS is also working with the Colorado Horse Park and their Dressage Symposium in the Rockies.

For the first time in quite a while RMDS made a small profit on our Championship show. This was due to good sponsorship, especially from The Colorado Horse Park.

We have a full agenda so let's keep to task and get 2018 planned as a team.

“I CAN'T CHANGE THE DIRECTION OF THE WIND, BUT I CN ADJUST MY SAILS TO ALWAYS REACH MY DESTINATION.” Jimmy Dean

First reading of election roster, nominations from the floor

Gwen Ka'awaloa

The slate for 2018:

- President (1 year possibly): Gwen Ka'awaloa
- Vice President (1 year): Tiffany Busch
- Secretary: Heather Petersen
- Treasurer: Sharon Soos
- Awards: Shannon Lemons
- Education: Michelle Anderson/MaryJo Hoepner
- Marketing:
- Professionals: Kathy Simard

No Nominations made from the floor.

Vice-President's Message

Joan Clay

Joan presided over one board meeting and helped with pictures at Championships and other tasks Gwen would have assigned her. She enjoyed attending the USDF convention on RMDS' behalf.

Treasurers Report

Sharon Soos

Funds as of October 31, 2017

RMDS Checking Account	\$42,984.38
PayPal Account (as of 10/20/15)	\$5,886.78
Scholarship Account	\$ 6,774.63
Reserve	<u>\$43,823.00</u>
Total	\$99,468.79

Money market was cashed out and put into a “reserve”. Currently in checking account but looking at moving it into a savings account in the near future. Question on why assets and liabilities are exactly the same – Sharon will look into it.

Central Office Report

Beth Geier

Membership

- Registration – 752 members for 2017 (only 4 less than 2016) 166 new horses since October, 2016
- Accepting 2018 dues today at \$60. \$70 after Jan 10

Omnibus:

- Lining up advertisers now. **Need help!!** Nov 20 is the deadline. At the moment we are way down on advertisers.

Shows:

- Approve 2018 schedule later

Education:

- Professionals Clinic with Lars Peterson – 28 attended on day 1; 27 on day 2
- USDF Region 5 Adult/Youth Team Competition-2 youth teams and 8 adult teams

Marketing:

- Emails and website ads are coming in.

General:

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

Awards Banquet:

- January 13, 2018 – 10 rooms have been set aside. If those are taken, then she will add more rooms to the “block” up to 25 rooms. **Good until December 23.** Reserve as early as possible so you get the rooms.

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

2018:

2017 Awards Banquet: January 13 (Saturday)

Executive Board Meetings: Jan 11 March 8 May 10 July 10 (Tuesday/Thursday) Sept 6 (1st Thursday) Oct 11 (Budget) Nov 3 BOG

2018 Championships: September 12-16.

2018 Awards Banquet: January 12, 2019

Committee Chairman Reports

Education

Michelle Anderson/MaryJo Hoepner

The “L” Continuing Education this year was on Freestyles with instructors Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez & Dolly Hannon. We had 11 “L” graduate participants and 23 auditors and made a small profit of \$154.92.

2018 “L” CE will be “Upgrade Your Judging Eye I” to be a classroom session held in Longmont (location TBD) on January 27. This has been approved by USDF for CE credit. This session will be followed by a 2 day clinic with our instructor Melissa Creswick (“S” California) at Lookout Ridge. Many thanks to Julie Smith for hosting this clinic. We currently have 4 confirmed rides out of a possible 20. See your November Centaur for applications. We also have some available here for distribution.

The TD & Show Manager educational session was held at Douglas County Fairgrounds with Laurie McTavish & Heather Petersen. There were 4 participants attending for either a half or full day.

2018 TD & Show Management education will be February 10 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Other details coming soon.

Group sit time was held at The Colorado Horse Park on August 6 with Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez as well. We had 8 participants (2 from out of state since this was approved “L” CE by USDF) and made a small profit of \$20.20.

2018 Group Sit Time instructor and location still TBD.

RMDS also hosted two clinics to learn how to scribe. The first was taught by Michelle Anderson in conjunction with the Pikes Peak RMDS show in April. We had 9 participants and realized a profit of \$91.80. A

second clinic was held at the Autumn Hill Show in July with Sharron Sarchet providing the judge's viewpoint. This had 5 participants and realized a profit of \$58.20. We are considering making this an annual event as there does appear to be ongoing interest.

Adult Amateur

Anclaire Spaulding

Anclaire and Michelle have decided to focus on the 2018 season for the adult amateurs. We have been told to bring in a clinician from outside Colorado which we are working on ideas for 2018. We plan to apply for the USDF Gant Program to offset some of the cost. The AAs have \$1000 to spend on a clinic in 2018 plus the grant money (if awarded).

Suggestions: Jeremy Steinberg, Noel Williams, Bill McMullin

Looking at April time frame or fall. Looking for location that isn't too expensive and has trailer room and stabling.

For 2017, we used the \$420 AA fund to pay for wine at one of the Championships parties.

Any and all suggestions welcome on how we can help make 2018 the best year for RMDS yet!

TEAM COMPETITION

July 8, 2017 the Team Competition was held at Table Mountain Ranch in Golden, CO. Michelle, Anclair, Beth and Cassandra had fun organizing it.

This was a fun day with 2 youth teams (8 riders) and 8 adult teams (28 riders). Judges were Simone Windeler and Sharron Sarchet. The costumes were even better and more imaginative this year with everyone using the colored bandana given them.

Awesome prizes were given out thanks to Anclaire Spaulding for getting the donations. Volunteers stepped up and helped out – couldn't do the event without their awesome help!!

We made a profit of \$1,184.01 – Thank you everyone!!

2018 there are plans to hold the event again so plan on coming and have an awesome time decorating your horse and team with the color you are given (or chose). It will be July 8 at Table Mountain Ranch. Western riders are allowed but must be on separate teams since they cannot receive USDF medals and placings.

Junior/Young Rider

Cassandra Dipentino

The 2017 Jr/Yr Summer Intensive was a success!! We ended up with 8 students and 3 wonderful clinicians. I now have a better idea of how to run this program and am excited to build on it for next year!! The proposed dates for the 2018 camp are July 5-7. I would like to run it in conjunction with the Team Competition again. It really encouraged kids to come from longer distances and stay for the camp and the Team competition and brought togetherness to the kids at Championships. We will run an ad for the camp in the omnibus this year. High Plains, are you doing a youth clinic again? Elections on the 14th and planning will occur after that.

Awards

Shannon Lemons

Budget:

1. 2016 - \$5232 (budget \$5500)
2. 2017 – Bills are not in yet, estimating \$6350 – slightly over budget, unless I can get sponsors, hint, hint ☺
3. 2018 – Have asked for an increase in budget to meet increasing costs and because we will have to have a storage facility rental since my location will no longer handle all of the awards.

2017 –

1. All trophies are in – significant damage to 1, 6 not polished
2. Ribbons – found new vendor with only 15% increase in cost, order is in
3. Trophies are at shop for engraving.
4. Still to replace this year:
 - a. Oldenburg – Being replaced by previous donor
 - b. Saddlebred – Not awarded again this year. Do we wish to continue?

- c. Thoroughbred – Need new trophy or someone who knows Shannon Badillo? Heather will sponsor the new award.
 - d. Trakehner – Need to update with new plaque or does someone know who Friends of Pandur is? It was suggested contact Sharon Sarchet.
 - e. Open I1 – No current sponsor, need new trophy. Michelle Stevens will sponsor a new trophy.
 - f. Open PSG – Pregelstrand Memorial donated by Vanda Werner. Should RMDS pay for new plaque or does someone know Vanda to ask her? Kathy donated \$80 last year for the new plaque so that is solved.
5. We now have a trophy for Musical Freestyle Training Level, donated by Lesya Ukrainchuk
 6. Notification letters will go out beginning of next week at the latest. Beth can you please send banquet notice again the following week since people receiving trophies will then know?

2018 –

1. Will need replacements for the following:
 - a. Freestyle I1 – already spoken to current sponsor – Dolly and Whit
 - b. Overall High Median – no current sponsor – glenda was suggested
 - c. Quarter Horse – Barb Goldman
 - d. Jr/YR 2nd Level – RMDS
 - e. Jr/YR 4th Level – Barringer-Richers Family
2. Retired trophies. Can't get silver engraved anymore. Still working towards getting a Hall of Fame on the RMDS website.

RMDS Championships

Andrea Chirich, Didi DeKrey & Heather Petersen

Andrea –

Co-Chair with Una for Championships. Big learning curve. More challenging than expected. Coming at it with fresh eyes and how to secure sponsorships. Our advertising package is fantastic but is overwhelming. Ways to streamline for next year is Andrea's goal and make it easier for folks to secure sponsorship. Lot of discussion on the program, advertising deadlines, etc.

Management Report

People really liked the prizes this year. The coolers and chairs were very well received. 209 horses in the main show, 11 in sport horse and 6 at the X Halt Salute show. Discussion of accidents and follow up. Discussion of the bill from the Horse Park and follow up on profit and loss information. Traded out the sponsorship from the Horse Park for advertising dollars.

Volunteer Coordinator Report

This was an Interesting ride - much like riding a new horse in new surroundings, there were plenty of challenges. One challenge that is unique to myself, or any other not in the locale of the shows, was being unfamiliar with the resources, facilities and people of the area. With hindsight, a trip down to Parker to visit the site and get with some of the local dressage enthusiasts could well have staved off some of the "last minute syndrome".

There were 81 volunteers over the course of six days. A hardy bunch stayed for more than one day.

The High Plains Hostesses are so very appreciated for opening up their homes to tired, dusty people and critters!

A close-out report is included with this final update memo. A copy of the signup.com

2017 pages was created to the web page prior to my turning it back over to the Central Office.

Highlights – there were 50 some 4 hour slots per day, wound up having fewer after combining and tailoring once the schedule was out. 81 total folks helped. Appreciate flexibility in the volunteers who were shifted.

Still think that RMDS looks at the Volunteer Coordinator position – specifically for Championships maybe there are things that RMDS can do to help encourage folks to volunteer. Stress the team effort of this – maybe not an individual except at the competition to act as a turn key. Concessions were definitely an issue and we have addressed with the Horse Park.

Second reading of election roster, nominations from the floor Gwen Ka'awaloa

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Marketing:	Dorothy Kapaun/Una Schade
Professionals:	Kathy Simard/Joan Clay

No nominations were made from the floor.

Resumed Committee Chair Reports after a short lunch break at 12:45 pm.

Communications

Beverly Swanson

2017 was a productive year for Communications. Following are the 2017 goals and results:

- **Increase membership**
 - Encouraged members to forward e-Centaurs, leave their printed Centaurs at the barn
- **Increase attendance at RMDS and Chapter sponsored events**
 - Aggressively posted events on the e-Centaur, thru MailChimp, and thru coordination with Una Schade, Marketing Chair and Co-Show Liaison Chair.
- **Communicate clearly and often about volunteering and scholarship opportunities**
 - Have printed several block items about volunteering and how that leads to scholarship opportunities
- **Offer increased visibility to our professionals**
 - Ran a "Tips From the Pros" column, assisted Professionals Chair Sarah Dodge with Championships Program ad, encouraged articles from pros
- **Work in concert with marketing to reach out to sponsors**
 - MailChimp communications and several months of promotion of Championship donations
- **Work with chapters to help publicize their events**
 - Regular outreach to chapters for reports has increased participation in Chapter News. Encouraged chapters to post their events for e-Centaur Header Event area
- **Keep website up-to-date with events, forms, etc.**
 - Worked in concert with Marketing to post items and events
- **Schedule a series of 1-2 question surveys on various topics**
 - Survey was taken in March to assess most popular topics for Centaur. Large majority favored educational articles such as Clinic coverage, training tips, equine health and personal experience

All of these goals have been pursued and met with varying degrees of success.

GMO Awards: RMDS received two First Place awards for GMOs with over 500 members:

First Person Experience:

***The Centaur, January 2017: Different Horses, Levels and Breeds: How One Pro Manages and How It May Help You;* by Amber Clark**

General Interest:

***The Centaur, May 2017: Back Pain? Poor Attitude? Or Something Else?;* by Katherine Simard**

The printed Centaur received a mini-facelift, designed to highlight RMDS events and members. This includes a new background photo from a member each month, and to highlight the content. Added "UPCOMING EVENTS" box. So even if members don't have time to read, they still see a snapshot of what is inside and are reminded of events.

The e-Centaur was redesigned a bit to accommodate MailChimp, with a standard format of Upcoming Events at the top - again, to keep members informed and encourage participation. The click-thru ads are slowly gaining acceptance, and this is an area that could be additional ad income for RMDS.

Additional concentration in 2017 was to keep members in the spotlight, encouraging chapters and others to contribute articles, pictures and success stories. Focus will continue throughout 2018 on highlighting individual members and their achievements.

As always, RMDS can use more advertiser income for all its publications: The Centaur, Omnibus, Championship Program, website Marketplace.

As we go forward to 2018, I will work with Una Schade, Marketing, to improve our website presence, ensure ease of use and access to all events/forms/publications/registrations for easy click-thru delivery.

We hope to provide additional advertising income streams to our members and associated equine businesses through the website.

OMNIBUS

Nicole Bizzarro

Building has started for 2018. Need to get advertising and prize lists collected.

Website

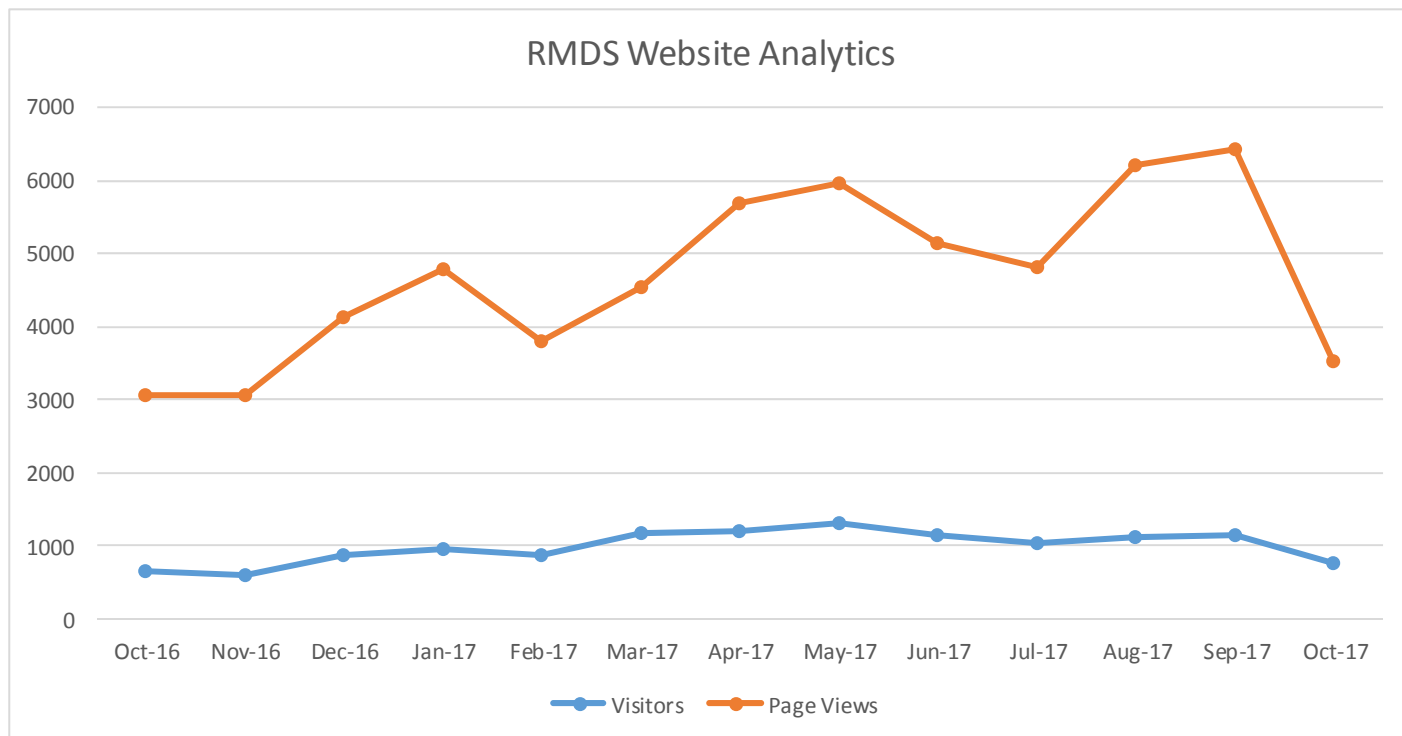
Michael Petersen

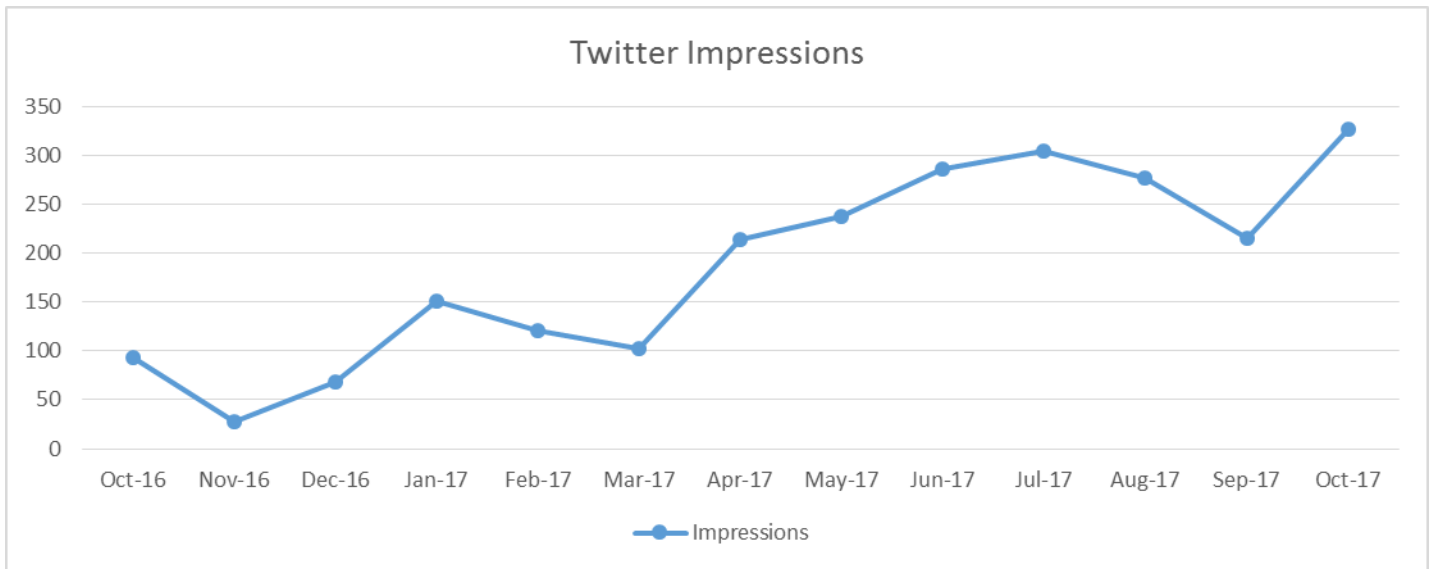
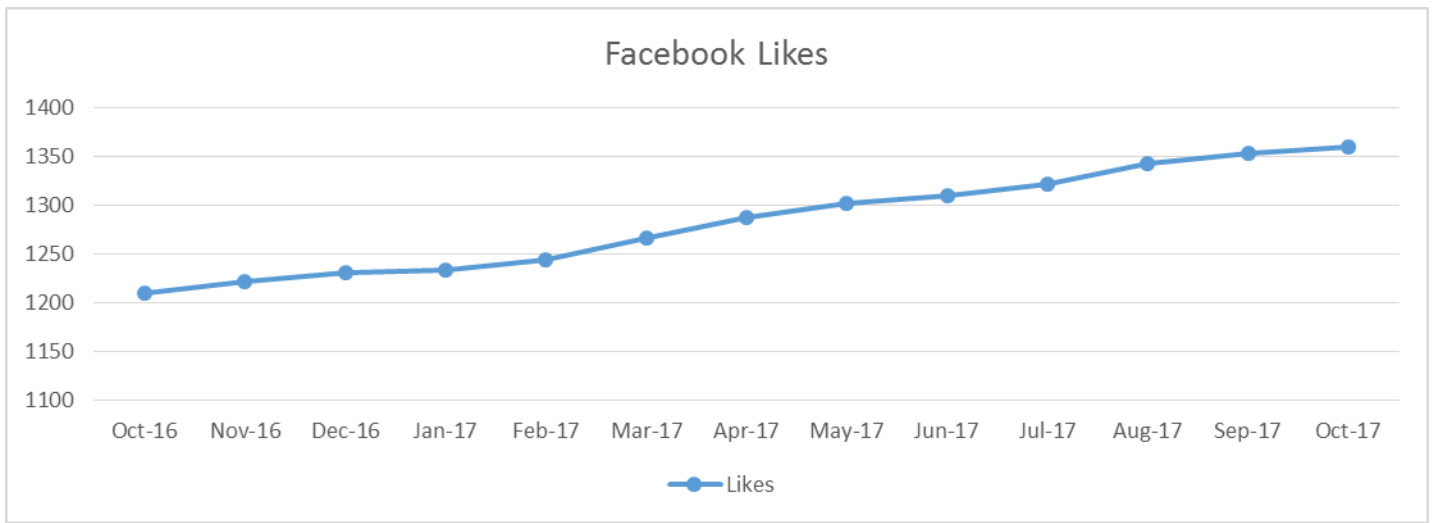
Received honorable mention for the GMO awards. The Website Works.

Marketing

Una Schade

- Championships was successful (and profitable), we had some new sponsors this year. And are looking for new exciting ways to attract sponsors.
- Our website continues to be well used. We continue to trend higher in users over previous year. With visitors focusing on the following pages (Top 5 for 2017 YTD)
 - Calendar
 - Membership
 - Awards
 - Marketplace
 - Championships
- Our Facebook and social media presence continues to grow.
- We are looking for silent auction donors for the year end awards dinner.





Professionals

Sarah Dodge

No report from Sarah. Beth indicates the Lars Petersen clinic was excellent and decently attended. Had a slight profit. 2018 is Lilo Fore – professionals for 2 days and the third day is up in the air. Professionals’ dinner at Championships was well attended and prizes were nice.

Scholarship

MaryJo Hoepner

This year due to number and quality of applications we awarded 2 scholarships at \$600 each. Jennifer Weber and Shannon Lemons.

Deadline for applicants is November 30.

I propose for the future that chapters report numbers of potential candidates they have identified at the June meeting. Interest and participation is best generated at the local level. I have spoken with a few potential candidates and in at least two cases they felt they would not be competitive because they were not well known. I would like input on how to help fix that perception if that perception is wide spread.

Appointed Committee Chairman Reports

Western Dressage

Simone Windeler

WDACO held its June Jubilee show at Douglas County Fairgrounds, Castle Rock on June 24 and 25, 2017. This show was recognized by WDAA but not USEF. They had a great turn out with about 70 rides each day. The show was judged on Saturday by Julie Haugen and on Sunday by Simone Windeler.

The first USEF recognized show in the region was held at the Colorado Horse Park on August 5 and 6, 2017. While they did not have the expected turnout, the Horse Park is committed to continue with recognized Western Dressage shows in 2018.

WDACO holds multiple events throughout the year, find out more on their website wdaco.org.

RMDS has extended the same reduced rate to WDACO members for RMDS educational events that RMDS members receive. WDACO is appreciative of that.

I also had the opportunity to attend the WDAA (Western Dressage Association of America) World Show and their annual meeting in Oklahoma at the beginning of October. This show brings together competitors from all over the United States and Canada. The show has grown over the last few years and continues to grow. Western Dressage is still a small group with 2000 members nationwide but there is great interest overall, new chapters are forming in different states. The AQHA has now also adopted Western Dressage. Due to the size of AQHA there should be a significant jump in Western Dressage shows.

Banquet – January 14, 2017

Beth Geier

Renaissance Hotel – 3801 Quebec Street – Denver, CO

A block of rooms have been set aside until December we under Rocky Mountain Dressage Society. This is also a stock show week so reserve as early as possible so you get your rooms. Let Beth know if no rooms are available up to Dec 23. She can have the hotel open up more in the block.

Reservations are a must – no late reservations. Dinner prices went up \$3 this year to \$43 per dinner to help defray the increasing costs of the banquet meals.

Any questions, please contact Beth Geier – 2942 Park Lake Drive – Boulder, CO 720-890-7825
rmds@indra.com

Una Schade is doing the silent auction and are looking for donations.

Raffle for show entries as well this year.

Historical

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We are looking for someone who would like to do this. Lori Keilt is interested.

ByLaw and Standing Rule Changes:

BYLAW:

ARTICLE VII.

OFFICERS

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- 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:
 - 1. 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.
 - 2. The Secretary and Treasurer are elected for terms to begin January 1 of even numbered years.
 - 3. The President shall be elected for a 2-year term to begin January 1 of the ~~even~~ **odd** numbered years.
 - 4. The Vice President shall be elected to a 1-year term to begin January 1, limited to two consecutive terms.

Discussion of proposed change: keeps some continuity. **Beth Hart moved to change the wording to “Odd” numbered years. 2nd by Stephanie Gies. Motion passed unanimously.**

STANDING RULE:

SECTION III. RMDS RECOGNIZED/APPROVED COMPETITIONS *Page E-12*

A dressage competition shall be recognized by the Society if the following requirements are met:

- L. At RMDS only recognized shows; all US Equestrian Federation rules regarding competitions shall be followed with the following exceptions:
5. **Allow Western Dressage classes, exempting USEF rule DR121.1 for those classes only.[DELETE]**

ADD: Allow Western Dressage classes, exempting USEF rule DR121.1 for those classes only and utilizing USEF Western Dressage rules for appointments, except that helmets required i.e., SUBCHAPTER WD-5 APPOINTMENTS; WD119 General; WD120 Tack; WD121 Illegal Equipment; WD122 Attire

Discussion: Do we need to require western dressage rules? There were no western dressage rules with USEF. Now that there are Western Dressage rules, we are asking that competitors follow Western Dressage rules. **Lori Keilt moves to approve the changes, 2nd by Ginka Kubelka. Motion passed with 1 abstention.**

1. SECTION V. AWARDS - YEAR END

- A. Eligibility: **Page E-14 clarification**
 1. Only scores from competitions recognized by the Society may be used in determining Year-End Awards.
 2. 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.

Discussion: Una Schade moves to accept, 2nd by Lori Keilt. Motion pass unanimously.

Riders or their representatives are required to have a minimum of 4 recorded volunteer hours in the current competition year in order to be eligible for year end awards.

Discussion – why require volunteer hours? Cost of the sport, etc. The old volunteer requirement at championships. Rocky Mountain Horse Expo volunteers count, etc. **Lori Keilt moved to accept, 2nd by Stephanie Gies. Motion passed unanimously.** Beth will start blasting the membership ☺

- D. Rider Awards: **Page E-16 in conflict with page B-3**
 1. 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, **DELETE: USDF Championship classes,** etc.) shall count towards RMDS Year-End Awards.

Housekeeping issue – **Tiffany Busch moved, 2nd by Dorothy Kapuan, motion passed unanimously.**

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 recognized USEF Dressage recognized 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.

Discussion: **Anne Schoffstall moved to approve the proposed By Law and Standing Rule changes as noted above. 2nd by Didi DeKrey. Motion passed unanimously.**

Budget	Sharon Soos			
	2018 Budget	Income	Expense	Net Change
Adult Amateur	\$0	\$997		(\$997)
BOG Awards	\$600	\$7500		(\$6900)
BOG Banquet	\$7,500	\$8,000		(\$500)
BOG Meeting		\$1,900		(\$1900)
Centaur	\$5,000	\$12,500		(\$7,500)
Central Office	\$4,700	\$11,350		(\$6,850)
Championship/Breed Show	\$115,000	\$114,000		\$1,000
Clinics/Education	\$5,500	\$5,500		\$0
General / Interest	\$100	\$100		\$0
Jr/Yr Program		\$500		(\$500)
Junior Camp	\$3000	\$2250		\$750
Marketing	\$500	\$1500		(\$1000)
Membership - Dues	\$45,000	\$22,500		\$22,500
Membership - Horses	\$6,500			\$6,500
Misc. / Donation	\$500	\$2785		(\$2,285)
Omnibus	\$13,000	\$15,000		(\$2,000)
Operating (USDF Conv/Treas Exp) Treasurer/USDF Conv.		\$3,000		(\$3,000)
Professional Committee	\$10,000	\$10,500		(\$500)
Scheduling / Insurance	\$2,000	\$1,800		\$200
Scholarship	\$1500	\$2000		(\$500)
Taxes / Legal/ Audit	\$225	\$750		(\$525)
Team Competition	\$2,500	\$2,500		\$0
Website	\$350	\$860		(\$510)
Total	\$223,475	\$227,792		(\$4,317)

- Discussion of how the budgeting sheets work and packet material.
- Adult Amateur – one large income note as the allocation of funds by a chapter that dissolved. Was not used in 2017, so will be carried over as a line item to 2018. \$0 Income, \$997 expense. \$997 loss.
- Allocate \$500 to Juniors, Amateurs and Professionals. \$500 loss for Juniors. \$10,000 Income for Professionals (symposium), \$10,500 Expense = \$500 loss for professionals.

- Awards – Lost ribbon vendor – so new set up fees, ribbons are more expensive and such. Other issue, Shannon has moved and either needs a short term storage unit or needs to buy some shelving in order to function. \$100 per month for 5 months for storage. **Michelle Anderson moved RMDS pays up to \$100 per month for a storage unit for 5 months per year for Shannon to use for awards storage and sorting near her home. 2nd by Heather Petersen. Motion passed unanimously with Shannon Lemons abstaining.** \$600 Income, \$7500 Expense, \$6900 loss.
- BOG Banquet – see previous discussions and votes regarding meal expenses. \$7500 income, \$8000 expense. \$500 loss.
- BOG Meeting - \$1900 expense. Heather will look at other options that may not be as busy but still centrally located.
- Centaur – numbers fairly similar to budget in 2017. \$5000 Income, \$12,500 expense. \$7500 loss.
- Central Office – Email blasts – should non-members be more? **Heather Petersen moved that we charge non-members \$75 instead of the \$50 for members. 2nd by Una Schade. Motion passed unanimously.** \$2500 income, \$11350 expense. \$8850 loss. Now discussed moving paypal income to central office instead of Misc. So adding \$2200 to income so \$4700 income.
- Championships - Discussion of finding a sponsor host to take care of them at dinners and such. Schedule a time at a March meeting or do a debriefing. Advertising – keep the color show program. 2017 Championships went really well, good sponsorship procurement and good advertising. First time in a long time we are not budgeting for a loss in the future. Hopefully we can follow thru with sponsorships in the future. \$115,000 income, \$114,000 expense. \$1000 profit.
- Education/Clinics –\$5500 income, \$5500 expense. Increased for 2018 due to the Melissa Creswick clinic.
- Junior Camp – Not as much of a profit as previous times we hosted one. \$3000 income, \$2250 expense. \$750 profit.
- Marketing/Expo - get post-it notes for Expo again, hats – dressage with altitude again to sell and have available at shows. \$500 Income, \$1500 expense. \$1000 loss.
- Membership dues – \$45,000 income, \$22,500 expense. \$22,500 profit.
- Horse dues - \$6500 income. \$6500 profit.
- Misc/donations – \$500 income, \$2785 expense. \$2285 loss. Donations – CoHoCo, Dressage Foundation, RMDS Scholarship Fund, Region 5 Jr/YR, USEF Affiliate membership. The board also did make a 2017 donation to the USEF Hurricane Relief fund.
- Omnibus – discussion of electronic again.... Decided against. Could we put it in the electronic format behind the login? \$13000 income, \$15000 expense. \$2000 loss.
- Operating (USDF Convention/Treasurer expenses) - \$3000 expense - \$2000 convention expenses, \$1000 misc and treasurer stuff. \$3000 loss.
- Scheduling/Insurance – show recognitions, insurance for club and chapters if asked for it. \$2000 income, \$1800 expense. \$200 loss.
- Scholarship - \$2000 expense, \$1500 income. \$500 loss.
- Taxes/Legal/Audit - Chapters are down. \$225 income, \$750 expense.
- Team Competition - \$2500 income, \$2500 expense.
- Website - \$860 expense, \$350 income. \$510 loss. Website - Premier trainer sponsorships - \$250 for pro dinner sponsorship, \$30 to the marketplace ad on the website and \$20 to the ¼ page centaur ad featuring our premier trainer sponsors.
- General / Interest - \$100 both – misc stuff.

Motion made to accept the budget as corrected by MaryLou Metcalf. Seconded by Beth Geier. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- USDF Convention Gwen Ka'awaloa
Gwen gave a basic report of the meetings and events of the USDF Convention.

Region 5 Report

Heather Petersen

2017 was a busy and fun packed year! The folks in our region had lots of educational opportunities to choose from all over our region and lots of shows as well.

The USDF/Great American Region 5 Championships were held in Parker, Colorado at the Colorado Horse Park, hosted by the Rocky Mountain Dressage Society. The show went very well and some of the better weather we've had in years, even with a slight rain or lightening delay on Sunday afternoon. There were great competitors parties each day that were very well attended and the USDF Championship classes had great participation. We had a joint party on Saturday night with the Area IX eventers and a wonderful party on Friday evening sponsored by the trainers and professionals of the RMDS organization. I attended as part of the show management and tried to make a few of the awards ceremonies as well. Next year the Regional Championships will be back in Arizona at WestWorld and hosted by the Arizona Dressage Association.

The bid process for the 2019 USDF Region 5 Championships opens very soon. I very much hope we're able to keep as many parts of our Region in the process and hope that the championships will rotate to another great facility and GMO. Diversity is important and since our region is so large, it's very important to host the Regionals in various areas. Here's hoping we can keep the Regional Championships moving throughout our Region to better serve the membership. If you know of a facility we should consider, please let me know.

The North American Junior and Young Rider Championships were held this year in Saugerties, New York at the HITS on the Hudson facility. It was a big show grounds and interesting atmosphere. The show co-existed with a large jumper show and made for a big environment. This year the dressage and jumper kids competed together in New York, while the eventers went to Rebecca Farm in Montana for their championships. It was a bit sad for the kids to not have all 3 disciplines at the same venue.

We fielded only 2 Juniors this year at NAJYRC due to the long travel required to get to the competition and the expense that went with that. Many of our eligible athletes decided to stay home and concentrate on the USEF Championships at Lamplight or other competition goals.

Our Juniors this year were Emma Asher riding Traneenggaards Akondo and Emily Bug Karls riding Neptune NF. Our chef d'Equipe was the ever organized and gracious Joan Clay. The girls worked very hard and had a good competition.

The USDF Adult and Youth Team Championships were held in Region 5 again this year. These were held July 8th at Table Mountain Ranch in Golden, Colorado. The show had a good turnout this year and the team atmosphere was great. Many thanks to the Rocky Mountain Dressage Society for hosting the show and all the volunteers who helped put the show on.

The USDF Junior / Young Rider clinic was October 7-8 at the Colorado Horse Park in Parker, Colorado. Many many thanks to the Colorado Horse Park for donating this beautiful facility for our use. There were many more applicants than spots and the final 8 riders that were selected did a wonderful job and worked hard. The clinician was George Williams and we were once again impressed with the help he provided the riders and horses. We had a nice dinner on Saturday evening with everyone and daily lunch lectures as well. We look forward to hosting another Junior /Young Rider clinic again next year.

This year Region 5 was allocated 5 Participating Member delegates to the USDF Board of Governors meeting. Eva-Maria Adolphi, our Nominating Committee member for this year, rounded up a nice diverse roster of 5 individuals to fill those spots. Your delegates are Eva-Maria Adolphi, Rosemary Balfour, Rusty Cook, Cynthia Ganem and Dorie Vlaten-Schmitz.. These 5 members are a nice representation of the different states/areas in Region 5. Eva-Maria also worked hard to get representation for all our eligible GMOs in the Region or proxies to cover their votes.

Congratulations to our GMO Award Winners from Region 5!!!

- USDF Region 5 GMO Volunteer of the Year – Beth Geier of the Rocky Mountain Dressage Society

- GMO Photography Award (Best Amateur Photograph) – GMO with 75-174 members – Utah Dressage Society, UDS Newsletter, November 2016 – Madeline Mortensen
- GMO Newsletter Award - General Interest Article – GMO with 500 or more members – 1st place – Rocky Mountain Dressage Society, The Centaur, May 2017 – Amber Clark’s article “Different Horses, Levels, and Breeds: How One Pro Manages and How It May Help You”
- GMO Newsletter Award - First Person Experience Article – GMO with 500 or more members – 1st place – Rocky Mountain Dressage Society, The Centaur, January 2017 – Katherine Simard’s article “Back Pain? Poor Attitude? Or Something Else?”
- GMO Website Award – GMO with 500 or more members – Honorable Mention – Rocky Mountain Dressage Society

Our regional GMOs and other organizations within our Region have been very busy hosting lots of educational programs. Here are some updates from our Group Organizations. Please realize how much your GMOs have to offer and support them with your membership!

The Rocky Mountain Dressage Society has had a very busy year providing education and fun for their members. In January we held the 2016 Awards Banquet at Renaissance Denver Hotel which was attended by 150 people with a fun silent auction occurring on the side. Una Schade and Anclaire Spaulding did a magnificent job getting the auction items organized, arrayed and collecting the monies afterwards. Two weeks later, we held the Judges Continuing Education at La Quinta Inn with Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez and Dolly Hannon explaining all about freestyles which was very informational with a large attendance.

In February, we provided education for show managers and technical delegates.

May was exceptional with a Professionals Symposium with Lars Petersen held at the Colorado Horse Park. The trainers were able to have great discussions and learned about the training of horse and rider. This was followed by 2 days of clinic for the adults with Lars Petersen. This coincided with the Colorado Horse Park Symposium. RMDS helped with CHP to have an awesome inaugural event.

June brought a fun day for youth and adults with the USDF Region 5 Team Competition. There were 2 youth teams and 8 adult teams. The costumes and use of the color was awesome. So much fun!! RMDS also hosted our Junior camp the 3 days previous to the Team Competition and it was well received and well attended. Table Mountain Ranch was a gracious host for both events.

In September RMDS hosted the Regionals for Region 5. Over 150 volunteers were needed to run this event which, for the most part, was run under ideal conditions. One day of cold and rain did interfere but everyone prevailed!

2018 looks to be as busy or busier with a full schedule planned:

Nov 4 Board Of Governors’ Meeting
 Jan 13 Year End Awards Banquet
 Jan 27 Judges CE with Melissa Creswick
 Jan 28-29 Clinic with Melissa Creswick
 Feb 10 Show Management & TD Clinic
 May 15-16 Professional Symposium with Lilo Fore-Colorado Horse Park-Parker, CO
 May 17 Open Clinic with Lilo Fore-Colorado Horse Park-Parker, CO
 Sept 20-23 RMDS Championships

The Santa Fe Dressage Association is pleased to host the third annual Dressage at Santa Fe I & II July 14th and 15th, 2018 and HIPICO Santa Fe. The 2018 show will be the exclusive event at HIPICO for this weekend, allowing the warm-up and competition arenas to be in the open and in close proximity. The show is also RMDS approved!

In addition to the recognized show, SFDA will host 2 schooling shows at Santa Fe HIPICO, the dates of which will be announced shortly.

We look forward to see everyone again this summer.

The Tucson Dressage Club has enjoyed a great year so far. Our big focus has been planning an exceptional educational symposium for all by bringing Olympian Debbie McDonald to our Southern Arizona community this October.

Our Dressage University series held topics concerning trailer safety, lameness and the latest in diagnostics and treatments, as well as a 'conformation and what to look for in the dressage horse' session conducted by Dorie Vlaten Schmitz which also served as a continuing ed opportunity for 'L' judges.

In addition, we hosted three USEF/USDF recognized shows including our Arizona State Championships. Several recognized schooling shows were offered in the area for riders to practice their skills. Both types of showing opportunities gave riders the chance to earn scores towards year-end awards which are given at our grand Awards Gala!

Another busy, action packed year for TDC.

The Utah Dressage Society completed the short Tour series and Championship show. We also held our two-day annual show. We had a scribing certification clinic and we also taught a clinic for bit and Tack checking and how to be a ring Stewart. We held the musical freestyle Clinic along with a Cavaletti clinic and a ride a test Clinic. We had our winter educational symposium and this fall we are going to be having a yoga for the ride or clinic.

Other business – need chapter volunteers by November 20th.

New Business

- **2018 Show Schedule** **Beth Geier**
Schedule can be found on the RMDS website www.rmids.org. Team competition Moved to July 8th. Championships is September 20-23. Junior camp July 5-7.
- **Kathy Simard moved that we discontinue the X Halt Salute Show held the day before Sport Horse Championships. 2nd by Michelle Anderson. Motion passed. Didi DeKrey voted Nay.**
- Keep July meeting on the 12th. Keep BOG on November 3rd. September meeting moved a week earlier to Sept 6th.
- Discussion of the database redesign. MaryJo, Michelle and Una were doing the parameters for the database.

Arkansas Valley

Beth Hart

Once again AVDA had a great year with our two schooling shows, clinics, having a very nice article in the Centaur, enjoying our camaraderie and time with our horses together.

In reviewing the year, it is a time of many thanks and blessings. Thank you to our judges, clinicians, and all our fabulous volunteers. Thank you to all of our riders, trainers and chapter members who support our club. We couldn't have so much fun without all of you!

Congratulations to all AVDA and supporters of AVDA, especially the young riders, in your competition rides this year. Whether you placed or not, your participation and commitment to your education and devotion to your horse is commended!

AVDA is very blessed for all the donations from CSDA. We are very sad of the dissolution of CSDA this year. They graciously donated their equipment, funds and member support to AVDA.

As my time of President of AVDA comes to a close, I want to thank the board members and committee chairs for all of their time and hard work. They bring cohesiveness to AVDA, committed to education and the love of the schooling shows. Riders and their horses are the heartbeat of these dedicated folks.

We look forward to 2018, with more clinics, schooling shows, community ride days, and education and training. We invite anyone to come down and join us in our Club activities.

It has been a pleasure to work with you and serve as President of AVDA these past 3 years. I will be the show chair with Sandy Vernon for 2018 and hope you will come down and ride or audit at our events!

Boulder Valley

Sandra Rosewell

We started the year with our Boulder Valley Dressage Awards Banquet 2017. We had a great time celebrating with good friends, having a successful silent auction and listening to cool jazz from Dave Camp!

We had our first meeting of the year at Lookout Ridge Farm and hosted our first Trunk Sale!

We also held a very full Ride-a-Test at Lookout Ridge Farm with Julie Haugen judging. Thank you to Julie Smith for hosting!

Our next meeting was at Blue Roof Equestrian Center where Vanessa Chavez and Paige Smith did a demonstration on recognizing correct and incorrect movements. Thank you to Kristi Cooper-Camp for hosting. Our So Long to Summer Show was held at Mira Vista Farm and was very successful event! Thank you to Victor Vargas for hosting this event.

Our last meeting was held at Plane View Farm, where Lauren Gueswel demonstrated how cross training your dressage horse using Working Equitation can be beneficial for you and your horse.

We look forward to 2018! Sandra Rosewell - BVD President, Kristi-Cooper Camp - Vice President, Beth Geier - Treasurer and Stan Adamson – Secretary

Foothills

Kris Cooper

Colorado's Foothills Chapter members enjoyed a rewarding year. They earned USDF medals, ran two successful dressage shows, donated funds to RMDS and another nonprofit, socialized at a year-end celebration and continued their Western and classical dressage education through activities they organized for all riders.

Numerous chapter members spent up to three days at the spring Dressage Symposium. All our members who met their volunteer hours' requirement could earn a \$100-chapter Educational Grant toward their expenses. The chapter also donated to the USEF Equine (Hurricane) Disaster Relief Fund, and placed ads in the RMDS Omnibus and Championship program.

Our primary event site at Table Mountain Ranch in Golden hosted a chapter-sponsored Ride-A-Test warmup before our June show. FH Education Chair and RMDS Junior/Young Riders Committee Chair Cassandra DiPentino led the society's youth summer camp there. In July, the USDF Region 5 Adult & Youth Team Competition was a relaxing practice show.

Again, this year, the chapter's two RMDS dressage shows were popular, keeping volunteers, judges, secretary and TDs busy facilitating more than 100 Western and classical dressage rides from 8 a.m. to nearly 6 p.m. Many thanks to judges Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez 'S' and Julie Haugen 'r' for scoring at the Spring Into Summer Show in June and Last Chance Show in August, respectively. TDs DiDi DeKrey and Marylou Hoepner also were hardy and worked overtime. Watch for 2018 prizelists on Sundays June 10 and August 26.

A new membership survey organized by Secretary Nicole Riffe offered ideas for upcoming activities.

In October, members celebrated at a meeting and dinner, recognizing the chapter's USDF medal winners with a Dover gift certificate: Nancy Harrison, Silver; Lexy Donaldson, Silver; and Cassandra DiPentino, Bronze. Linda Gaber again earned the Foothills Chapter Volunteer of the Year Award for putting together both chapter dressage shows.

Many thanks to our officers and many volunteers this year: President Kris Cooper, Vice President CC Ross, Secretary Nicole Riffe, Treasurer Laura Quakenbush, Education Cassandra DiPentino, Scholarship Marilou Metcalf and Show Linda Gaber.

Newly elected 2018 officers are President Linda Gaber, Vice President Cassandra DiPentino, Secretary Nicole Riffe, Treasurer Laura Quakenbush, Education Co-Chairs Corey Holtman and Jewlee Barber, and Scholarship Marilou Metcalf. Show Chair is open.

Join us to start 2018 on Jan. 22, 6:30 p.m. at Table Mountain Ranch, with a new tradition of providing a light dinner for attendees. Check chapter news at www.cofoothillsdressage.org/.

Grand Valley

Arlene Rhodes

We ended our show season with a fun and full schooling show in October. We decided to let members come in costume if they wanted, no prizes or competition. We were awed at how many riders went to very great lengths with their costumes. We had a pair ride a Pas de Deux for a musical freestyle each day and they had a different costume each day. Another rider rode in four classes and had four different costumes - all in medieval European themes. An assisted ride had a young girl in a lady bug costume following a lead rider (picture below). Next year we may offer prizes to reward the amount energy poured into these efforts.

All our shows were very full this year, with waiting lists for some of the schooling shows. Our show manager Pat White, Volunteer Coordinator Anne Shofstall and show secretary Dee Closson made each show a success and enjoyable! We will be exploring on-line entries for next year to help with organizing all the entries. We moved our USEF/USDF show date so it will be completed in time to allow qualification for regional championships. We felt a mid-August show will work for us as the misted covered warm up arena and covered competition arena make it pretty comfortable for the riders.

Our awards and Christmas party will be December 2nd. A long time horsewoman in the valley, Pat Card, donated a very large and beautiful horse-themed quilt that we will use as fund-raiser at the party. Plans for the winter include checking out the possibility of lunging clinic where riders learn to lunge each other to help with improving their seat.

This year we were so fortunate to have Judi DeVore start monthly newsletters with lots of pictures and articles by members. She has done an extremely professional job and it has helped our club be a more supportive community as we learn about a member each month.

High Plains

Kathy Simard

High Plains is very proud to be the largest chapter of RMDS this year! We have 169 members. This is the most members we have had since 2013.

In February of this year, HPD held our second Youth Dressage Clinic. Our clinicians were Julie Burt and Kathy Simard. It was held at Westmanton/Ironhorse Farms in Elizabeth. Once again, this clinic was very well received and the group of young ladies who participated were wonderful!

In May, HPD held its first Adult Amateur Clinic. Julie and Kathy were selected as the clinicians due to the positive feedback from the Youth Clinic. The event was held at Julie's farm in Parker. A group of lovely women participated, and the feedback was positive. HPD hopes to continue both clinics in 2018.

HPD also completed an update to the by-laws. This update includes wording regarding social media, the internet, and passwords. We are also in the final stages of our website update. Thank you Una Schade for your hard work on the website!

Our slate for 2018 is as follows. Our elections will be November 14th.

President – Stephanie Figgins

VP – Julie Burt

Treasurer – Ellen Siebert

Secretary – Lori Keilt

Education –

On a personal note, it has been a pleasure to serve as HPD President the past two years. I am very proud of what the board was able to accomplish!

Northern Colorado

Didi DeKrey

NCDA 2017 Board: President – Didi DeKrey, Vice President – Rose Balfour, Treasurer – Karla Lauritsen, Secretary – Jacki Rosellen

Our monthly meetings have re-started in September. We meet the second Wednesday of the month at our new location: McKee Building at The Ranch in Loveland, CO. Our October 11th meeting is filled with new business and getting ready for our Fall Schooling Show and, yes, the Holidays!

We are having Dr. Dora Ferris, DVM be our Presenter; with "Wrapping, the Why, How, When and Where" along with hands-on wrapping!

Upcoming presentations will include; Human Physical Therapy, Virtual Horse Ride through the Horse's Eye (presented by the CSU Equine staff), alternative therapies for our horses.

Everyone is welcome!

On the Bit

Ginka Kubelka

2017 was a great and busy year for On The Bit Dressage! We currently have 49 members in Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho. Since our members are located so far apart, most activities are limited to a small, but very active group in Laramie, WY, where our monthly meetings are held.

In the spring we hosted our first Kentucky Derby Party, where we had good attendance at a great location. It was so much fun! We were hoping to make this a yearly event, but are currently struggling to find an alternative location, since the Wildcatter will not be available in 2018. We might have to postpone this to 2019.

We offered several educational events this year. Unfortunately, our movie night, where we wanted to watch the On the Levels DVD in order to prepare for the upcoming show season had to be canceled due to a snowstorm. In June, we were able to get Irina Weese, DVM, to present on the digestive system of the horse, which was a very interesting and well attended evening. We also have a full day seminar planned with Steve Foxworth on December 10th. Steve is the president of the ELPO and a great farrier, so we will learn everything about how correct hooves will keep our horses sound and happy. If you are interested in attending, please contact us at info@onthebitdressage.com. Spots are limited!

Another big event this year was our schooling show, held at the Spur Ridge Equestrian Center in Laramie. Julie Haugen was a wonderful judge, and she stayed for an additional clinic day after the show, which was very beneficial. Everything went smoothly and the riders were happy, so we decided it is time for us to offer a RMDS recognized show in 2018, which is scheduled for August 11 & 12. Mark your calendars and come to Laramie! It is not as far as it seems, and the weather is beautiful here in August!

We are looking forward to a new year filled with educational events, our first recognized show, and a lot of fun with our horses!

Pikes Peak

Tiffany Busch

PPDS had a wonderful educational clinic from Judge Dolly Hannon in October and we hope to have her again in the spring offered to our club and then to other members in RMDS.

Next year we are planning and hoping to have many other training and educational opportunities for the club that even outside members can participate in.

We hosted an RMDS show in April at Latigo Trails Equestrian Center and we plan to host the show again in 2018. It was very well attended.

In the month of November we will finalize the PPDS board for 2018.

Keep an eye out for further information.

For the most current information on our chapter activities visit our website at <http://pikespeakdressage.org/Main/Home> and follow the Facebook page!

Western Colorado

Barbara Terry

2018 Slate of Officers

President: Heather Lafferty hlafferty84@hotmail.com 970-379-5459

Vice President: Rosemary Strong rstrong@sopris.net 970-925-6412

Secretary: Barbara McElnea mcelneaby@gmail.com 970-948-3877

Treasurer: Justina Potter pottage@sopris.net 970-948-8275

Western Colorado Chapter maintains a bank account at Vectra Bank of Colorado, El Jebel Branch. We currently have \$12,366.39 in our account.

Our chapter has had summer schooling shows:

Schooling Show I – Wednesday, June 28, start time 9 AM

Schooling show II – Wednesday, July 26, start time 9 AM

Schooling Show III, Awards Luncheon and Pool Party Saturday, August 19

We thank our chapter officers for serving throughout 2017.

Thank you to Barbara Terry for serving as president.

A special thanks to volunteers and staff: Sandra Smith, Sue Pietrzak, Sally Shaffer, Heather Lafferty, Barbara McElnea, Justina Potter, Ted Potter, Rosemary Strong, and to all who helped throughout the year for their contribution to the success of our show season.

Final Reading of candidates,

Gwen Ka'awaloa

nominations from the floor for executive office

The slate for 2018:

President (1 year possibly):	Gwen Ka'awaloa
Vice President (1 year):	Tiffany Busch
Secretary:	Heather Petersen
Treasurer:	Sharon Soos
Awards:	Shannon Lemons
Education:	Michelle Anderson/MaryJo Hoepner
Marketing:	Dorothy Kapaun/Una Schade
Professionals:	Kathy Simard/Joan Clay

Everyone elected by acclamation.

At 3:36 pm **Beth Geier made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Sharon Soos. Passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Petersen