

RMDS Executive Board Meeting
July 12th, 2007
Perkins Restaurant

Meeting called to order at 6:38 pm

Present: Jane McBride, Laura Speer, Heather Petersen, Beth Geier, Lisa Wiggins, Alex Curnutte, Julie Barringer-Richers, Barb Goldman, Debbie Wilke, Susan Rudman, Sharon Soos and Veronica Holt.

Proxies: Nicole Bizzarro, Tammy Fagan, Marlene Coonradt, Tiger Adams, Kathy King Johnson, Simone Windeler, Claudia Barkmeier, Catherine Siemiet.

Minutes: May 10th minutes to be revised and presented at Sept. 13th meeting.

Treasurers Report: Lisa Wiggins reporting.

Funds as of June 30th, 2007

WF RMDS Checking	\$29,667.31
WF ADV YR	\$1,973.77
WF Money Market	\$ 43,313.77

Lisa had put together the following documents: Current Yr P&L
Current Yr KEY I&E Report
Prior YR P&L
Prior YR Key I&E Report

Issues for Discussion: Decrease in cash since beginning of yr by \$20,000
Projected Loss on Centaur is \$15K for 2007

RMDS review costs/expenditures for events, need to tighten budget?

Lisa felt that there were 4 areas of concern: Centaur, Omnibus, Championship show and Winter Wake Up show. Discussion on Pros and Cons of these costs and benefits followed. After looking at the reports, board decided to have a special meeting concerning Financial Review for August 9th, 2007 at Perkins Restaurant at 6:30 pm. Any further discussion on Review was tabled until that meeting.

Beth reported that an explanation of the charges for Tax Preparation for each chapter had been sent to PERC. She explained that an amount of \$80 was charged to each chapter, unless the chapter's books were not in order. This was for the preparation of 2006 Taxes.

Office Managers Report: Central Office reporting.

Membership numbers for 2007 to date were 984 members, 16 Centaur only, 21 horses since 9/30/06. Central Office reminded everyone that beginning October 1, 2007, horse registration would be \$40 and any changes would be \$15 per change.

Central Office also reminded board that any By-law changes/Standing Rule changes to be discussed at November 2007 BOG meeting, must be submitted to Central Office by September 15th, 2007.

Omnibus: Nicole unable to attend this meeting. Nicole authorized Beth Geier to give report.

Nicole was currently working on designs for the YR drapes and other items for YR. Nicole was aware of the Omnibus shortfall in income and questioned to the Board whether RMDS take the loss or raise any rates. Board decided to discuss this at the Aug.9th meeting. Board felt that the Omnibus was still the cheapest advertising in area.

TD Reports:

Autumn Hill Show #1- 3 ponies approved, 1 pony denied.

Foothills show – 3 ponies approved

TD reports were presented from Dressage in the Cure, Autumn Hill Sunday Series #1 and High Plains Dressage. No issues to discuss.

Communications:

Centaur: Central office reported that Gavin, Centaur editor, requested that more chapters submit reports.

Website: Heather reported for Michael Petersen. New sponsor page was up and running. Overall, things were going well, no other changes.

Omnibus: Already discussed earlier in meeting.

Central office also presented a list of Rental Items available from RMDS. Included were the USDF Official Pony Measuring Stick and the RMDS Dressage Arena. Charges for use were included in this report and information that payments were to be sent to Central Office.

Old Business: Tabled from the March and April meetings, Barb Goldman reported on the parameters of the Russ Fawcett Memorial award. Parameters include but not limited to the following: Professional or AA, must show commitment to furthering education of Dressage and in some way have given back to the Dressage community as a whole. Janet Brown Foy would be on any selection committee for this award. The board discussed putting together a brief overview to be placed in the Centaur. It was decided that this award would not have to be awarded every year.

Education: Heather Petersen reporting.

07 L program: Working on D2 and Final for this winter and into spring. Details not set yet.

USEF “r” Dressage Judges program: Final approval received. This program will be held at Autumn Hill on Jan 19 and 20th 2008. Applications process will open in August hopefully with applications being considered on a first come first serve basis. RMDS will receive the applications to be considered.

Jane Savoie Clinic: Advertising started in the Centaur. Advertising will also be in show programs, regional newsletters in other areas and other places to be decided still. A hotel has been arranged for Jane Savoie. RaeAnn Curtis is helping with stabling and facility info. USDF will cover outside expenses but RMDS needs to arrange for a caterer for lunches and such.

Upcoming projects (some decided and some not):

2008 Freestyle clinic with Terry Gallo whom is the USDF Freestyle Committee chair and “author” of many freestyles. Possible auditing fee of \$50 for the weekend and if there are over 12 auditors normally, the clinician receives \$35 of each auditing fee. This is something that has been done before in this way.

RMDS Co Sponsorship of the 2008 USDF Symposium: Education would like to discuss this and see if it’s feasible for RMDS.

2008 Judges Continuing Education: Upcoming on Jan. 26th, 2008 with Kristi Wysoki and maybe Gary Rockwell. Dolly Hannon has asked that this program be expanded to the ‘S’ judge for next year which would be 2009.

2008 TD/Show Managers Education: Will be February 9th, 2008 but there is no location set at this time. Suggestions from board included asking Camille Griffin if she would be part of it and Julie B-R thought that maybe it could be held at Autumn Hill.

2008 Instructors Education: Heather is working with Lilo Fore on a date that she might be available.

Other items: Heather had some suggestions for educating Membership on Sportsmanship behaviors. It has come to Heathers attention that various show staff was not treated well. The Centaur was going to run a series of articles about sportsmanship in place of the advertorials. It was hoped that a sponsor for a sportsmanship prize could be found for the Championship Show in 07.

Championship show 07: Debbie Wilke was handling the Silent Auction to be held at the show this year.

MOTION: 20% of money raised at the Silent Auction would be donated to the Douglas County Women’s Crisis Center. Debbie, Julie 2nd.

MOTION PASSED

At this time Championship show committee has arranged for lots of great prizes. Some of the sponsors include but are not limited to Campbell Soup, Kyra and Eurofit line of products, the Aud Family will sponsor the Judges Dinner. The committee is still looking for a sponsor for the Competitors party and class sponsorship money. The show committee would like to see RMDS sponsor a championship class.

Capital Campaign Committee:

\$2500 donated so far this year. 80% of money raised at the Championship show Silent Auction will go to toward the Capital Campaign fund.

YR Report: Susan Rudman reporting. Susan reported on the National YR Championships that took place in KY. She presented two letters written by two different local YR whom had attended the YR Championships. They are looking for financial support from RMDS. These letters express the YR’s appreciation of RMDS’s continued support of the Young Riders.

MOTION: The YR account of \$1900 will be split equally between the 3 riders Danielle, Greta and Christina, and the account will be closed. Lisa, Debbie 2nd

PASSED

Lisa Wiggins requested that qualified young riders mentor the other juniors and young riders to help foster the program in the future.

Scholarship: Kathy Johnson has resigned but will help with the raffle. She asked what the timeline was for the raffle. The board discussed starting the raffle at the BOG meeting in November of 07. Further discussion was postponed until the next Executive board meeting in Sept.

Awards Committee: Barb Goldman reported that there is now a 1st level award for the Pony division.

Nominating Committee: Laura Speer reported that she was still working on filling slots vacant. She would be contacting the various chapter Presidents to enlist their help. She does have a possible VP candidate if no other person steps forward.

Awards Banquet: Laura Speer reported that every thing was set for the Greeley Country Club on November 10th, 2007. Price will be \$38 per person and dinner will feature steak and salmon and a veggie choice. The Country Club will also be the host of the BOG meeting. Laura was looking for info concerning what was needed for that meeting room.

New Business: Jane McBride discussed RMDS supplying a GMO basket to the USDF Convention. Some discussion followed on what to include and that what ever was decided had to be transported via airplane. Jane also brought up the GMO volunteer of the year award for USDF. It was discussed and decided that Kristi Wysoki would be our nomination for this year.

Chapter Reports:

Arkansas Valley: No report

Boulder Valley:

Colorado Springs: Heather Petersen reported that they had 2 rings and had to enlist another judge. She also informed the board that she would not be the Show Secretary for the Aspen Ridge show.

Foothills: Kathy King Johnson reported on her resignation. The chapter is looking for new president and secretary for next year at this time. Upcoming events include Dressage in Europe Presentation by Jasmine Becker and the Last Chance Show on September 16th, 2007. Heather Petersen will be the show secretary. Prize list is on foothills website.

Grand Valley: No report

High Plains: Alex Curnutte reported that the High Plains Dressage show made about \$1000. She also said that the chapter is still struggling to get more members involved and they were still discussing plans for future events.

Northern Colo: Laura Speer reported that the NCDA show at Ft. Collins Equestrian Center was a big success. They decided that they would keep the show there instead of returning to Cheyenne next year.

Penrose: No report

Tri State: Tammy Fagan submitted report. They have completed 3 of 5 shows already in their show series. The shows have been full and very helpful to the beginner riders. They are having a Youth and Beginner Adult clinic before the May 20th show. They have had a large number of youth participating in the shows.

Western Colo: Barbara McElnea submitted report: The chapter has decided to resume our Summer Schooling show series. The first show will be July 15th and the other two to be decided still. Several chapter members attended the Tina Konyot Clinic that was held at Anita Williams's barn in June.

Next Executive Board Meeting to be held on Sept. 13th, 07 Perkins Restaurant

Meeting adjourned at 830pm