

RMDS Executive Board Meeting

March 12th, 2009
Perkins Restaurant

Called to order at: 6:30 pm

Present:

Beth Geier, Laura Speer, Heather Petersen, Alex Curnutte, Simone Windeler, Lori Mitchell, Sharon Soos, Nicole Donohue, Cathy Van Berg, Loni Gaudet, Debbie Wilke, Coleen McFadden, Susan Rudman, Dolly Hannon, Beverly Swanson

Proxies:

Brenda Haley, Arkansas Valley, Darlene Vaughan, Tri State

No proxy:

Grand Valley, Western Colorado

Approval of Minutes from last meeting Jan 2009.

Motion to approve Debbie Wilke, 2nd Susan Rudman. Minutes are approved as changed.

Treasurers Report – Sharon Soos reporting

Money Market Fund made \$990.31 which will go to the capital campaign. Now our balance is down below \$7000. At the BOG a total of \$2,050 was approved to support several pledges (e.g. Region 5, scholar ship etc).

Office Manager Report:

Region 5 GMO representative for Northern Region 5 is now Beth, if we have questions for USDF we can now send them through Beth.

Request to let Kyra symposium count for L continuing education. Discussion ensued, motion by Dolly Hannon to allow 2 hours a day for Sat and Sun to count towards the education requirement, 2nd Laura Speer. We currently have 682 members and have 55 new horses registered. Show recognitions are doing well.

There will be a benefit show for Lynn Klisavage at Sun Prairie on Jun 21, 2009.

Camp is covered with liability insurance and got it for the same price as last year.

Omnibus was mailed out and was received by the membership. Overall production cost was up slightly by \$870. Remember to use the RMDScamp, password: dressage when ordering from Country supply at www.horse.com.

Committees:

Junior/Young Riders – report by Colleen McFadden, Beverly Swanson, Susan Rudman

No written report. No extra volunteers needed since parents will take care of that. Beverly states that last year a lot of parents felt that \$275 was very reasonable, so might consider charging \$300. Maximum amount of campers that could be handled is 12. Heather Petersen will help with getting the word out to eventing community. Dates are now set for June 14-17, 2009. *Motion to raise the cost to \$295 by Beth Geier, 2nd Susan Rudman. Motion passed.*

Susan reports about NAJYRC – there are currently 13 declared riders, 5 young riders and 9 juniors. There was a ride a test event with Janet Foy on Sun, March 8. Good attendance and great learning opportunity for the juniors. Goal is to raise \$26,500 to get the horses transported to the championships, entry fees and team hotel room.

Scholarship – Loni Gaudet reporting

Solid Seat got awarded to: Sarah Haney
Opening Doors got awarded to: Carol von Michaelis
Jr/YR got awarded to: Connor McPeak
Leg-Up got awarded to: Sharon Gilbert
The photo scrapbook goes to Sarah Haney.

Adult Amateur – Lori Mitchell reporting

Clinic is almost full, Susan DeSylvia will offer video, Jr/YR will provide lunch. There will be door prizes for auditors. This event will also be advertised during the Horse Expo.

Awards – no report, Lauren Smith not present

We have a missing plate from the last banquet and it has been difficult to get a hold of our awards chairperson. Beth Geier will take care of this.

Banquet and BOG – report by Simone Windeler

No report.

Communications – report by Susan Rudman

Tagawa Gardens might be interested in supplying greenery for championships. Cathy van Berg is open to receive articles and has set some themes for the upcoming Centaurs. Open for ideas for later issues in the year.

Website – report by Michael Petersen

No report. Website is very up to date. Beth Geier can now access and change the calendar and ads directly.

Education – report by Heather Petersen

Judges Education was well attended and went very well. Thanks again to Freedom Farms for donating their facility. We made a profit of \$177 and we received a \$600 grant from dressage foundation. Heather would like to donate \$750 to capital campaign.

TD / show management clinic was also well attended. This program also made money – about \$350.

Since we have budgeted these two programs to break even at the BOG and they made money, Heather would like to contribute \$1,000 from this to the capital campaign.

Motion by Heather Petersen, 2nd Susan Rudman. Motion passed.

Instructors continuing education with Lendon Gray is planned for this fall.

L program testing is planned for 2010.

Shows – report by Debbie Wilke

Regional championship bids where due Feb 10th for the 2010 season. Norris Penrose is currently the facility we have used for the bid. Winter Wake Up show has already some entries. We still can make no decision on recognition of team championships.

Nominating Committee

Laura Speer will appoint someone that she has in mind to head this committee.

Old Business

Horse Expo – report by Sharon Soos

Everything is set and ready to go, there was a good response for volunteers. Sharon went all out for decoration and every chapter is represented. RMDS will be represented from Friday 8 am until Sunday evening 5 pm, Mar 13-15, 2009. There will be hand-outs, they are running continuous videos. This effort is being spearheaded by Sharon Soos and Alex Curnutte.

New Business

USDF nomination – Janet Foy

Janet would like RMDS to nominate her for USDF Vice president, in case George Williams gets elected to president and the vice president position becomes open.

Dolly Hannon makes a motion that RMDS nominates Janet Foy to be Vice President of USDF in case this position becomes available, 2nd Coleen McFadden. Motion passed.

Chapter reports

Laura Speer makes a motion to accept reports as written, 2nd Alex Curnutte, Motion passed.

Arkansas Valley

No report

Boulder Valley

Had a great meeting with a rolfing demo in Feb. Will have next meeting on Apr 13th at the Tack Collection. Upcoming event a schooling show on Apr 25 and RMDS show on Apr 26.

Colorado Springs

Is getting ready for the Dressage at the Peak for the Cure –Apr 24-26. Sponsors are still needed – check the website www.csdressage.org

Foothills

Held a meeting in Jan about equine emergency preparedness. Next meeting Apr 2nd with a horse and human massage therapist.

High Plains

Alex Curnutte promised me a written report but has not gotten it to me yet.

Northern Colorado

No report.

Tri State

Will have one recognized show in WY which is put on by another club, not Tri State.

Western CO

No report.

Adjourned 8:50 pm. There was no motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by: Simone Windeler, RMDS secretary