

# **RMDS Executive Board Meeting**

Jul 9th, 2009

Perkins Restaurant

**Called to order at: 6:30 pm**

## **Present:**

Beth Geier, Laura Speer, Simone Windeler, Lori Mitchell, Nicole Donohue, Debbie Wilke, Sharon Soos, Elaine Haberman, Lauren Smith, Pat Roark, Coleen McFadden, Dolly Hannon

## **Proxies:**

Heather Petersen, Education Chair; Darlene Vaughn, Tristate; Alex Curnutte, High Plains;

## **No proxy:**

Loni Gaudet, Scholarship chair; Brenda Haley, Arkansas Valley; Judith Family, Western Colorado; Lisa Binse, Grand Valley

## **Approval of Minutes from last meeting May 2009.**

*Motion to approve Sharon Soos, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lori Mitchell. Minutes are approved as changed.*

## **Treasurers Report**

There is a balance of \$80,500 in our accounts. Year over year we are about \$10,000 below our income of last year. Capital campaign – we still owe about \$6,000 – due by the end 2010.

## **Office Manager Report:**

Delegates for our GMO due by Oct 15. Need to have parameters for the various jobs that we advertise for bid. We might need to consider a rule change at the BOG for certain classes that were offered at the Dressage for Rockies. Our newsletter was sent to USDF for consideration for the newsletter award. Membership is currently at 885. We registered 123 new horses since Sep 2008. Three new shows: Sep 5 Pendragon RMDS only, Aug 27 and 28 Walk in the Park both RMDS and USEF, USDF. If you order from horse.com we get a little kick-back for the kids camp if you use RMDScamp password: dressage.

## **New Business**

Beth got an e-mail about the Colorado Horse Care Food Bank. Request to link our website to theirs. Beth to find out the technical details.

Nicole suggesting that the entry forms have more space to enter e-mail and phone numbers. Laura to look into it.

## **Committees:**

### **Shows – report by Debbie Wilke**

Winter-Wake up committee did not meet. Deb asked several Adult amateurs if they would ride in it and most of them are not interested. Colleen McFadden states that the junior riders and young horses like this show for the qualifying opportunity.

***Sharon Soos moves to discontinue the Winter-Wake-up show. Second Dolly Hannon. Motion passed.*** We need sponsors for the 2009 championships – everyone should try to get someone if possible.

### **Adult Amateur – report by Lori Mitchell**

Still some good feedback from the Leslie clinic and question to possibly do another one.

### **Awards – report by Lauren Smith**

Ann Edelman would like to donate an award for an FEI A/A. Since we have awards for year end in place, Lauren suggests we use it as a Championship perpetual trophy. ***Motion to accept the donation of a PSG AA trophy. Dolly Hannon, second Debbie Wilke. Passed.***

### **Banquet – report by Simone Windeler**

Still in talks with the Academy hotel. Heather and I have not had a chance to see the location yet.

### **Communications – no report**

Nicole Bizzarro is going to get quotes but we need to decide if we have to raise rates to cover increased printing costs.

### **Education**

Cont Education for judges will be done by Dolly Hannon. Dolly suggests to have tapes to watch for the training. TD/ show management education will be in Castle Rock.

Instructor cont education with Lendon Gray in Oct 10-11, 2009. Some suggestions on how to change the advertising for this were discussed and Laura will talk to Heather about this. There will be an L program testing in 2010. 2010 major symposium possibly in Oct. Conflict with WEG?

### **Junior/Young Riders – report by Colleen McFadden**

We have a junior team, Morgan Heinrichs, Jackson Freismuth, Catherine Chamberlain. Enough money raised to send the team this year and also some left for next year since there are less kids going. Colleen has also found out that many major equestrian colleges offer dressage scholarships, more information forthcoming.

### **Scholarship – no report**

### **Nominating Committee – report by Nicole Donahue**

No report.

## **Old Business**

## **Chapter reports**

### **Arkansas Valley**

No report.

### **Boulder Valley**

At the last meeting at Blue Roof Equestrian Center, Dawn Fisher demonstrated long lining. New volunteer perk so either get money towards the Lendon Gray clinic this fall or the Janet Foy/ Steffen Peters symposium next year. Next meeting Aug 10<sup>th</sup> at Willowtree Farm, topic: retirement care.

### **Colorado Springs**

Getting ready for our summer show Jul 17-19. We cancelled one judge since USEF changed the deadline for the young horse qualifiers to Jul 15. Considering a more central location for next year for this show.

### **Foothills**

About 70 members. Will be hosting sport psychology seminar on July 19th. Chapter might cover half of the audit fee for chapter members. Website foothillsdressage.org

### **High Plains**

No written report.

### **Northern Colorado**

Show in Wyoming was great. 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of Aug Jan Ebeling at the Ft Collins Equestrian Center, NCDA members get to audit for free. Coors might sponsor a beer garden.

### **Tri State**

### **Western CO**

No written report.

*Adjourned 7:50 pm. Debbie Wilke, 2<sup>nd</sup> Coleen McFadden. Passed.*

Respectfully submitted by: Simone Windeler, RMDS secretary