

RMDS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
3-11-10 @ Perkins Restaurant

Attendance: Heather Petersen, Elaine Haberman, Mindy Maguire, William Terry, Linda Gaber, Sally Shaffer, Beth Geier, Nicole Donohue, Anne Schmidt, Lori Mitchell, Cathy Van Berg, Laura Speer, Simone Windeler, Mary Buckley, Sharon K. Soos, Deb Wilke, Heather McEntee, Susan Rudman

Proxies: Lauren Smith delegates to Beth Geier, Deb Wilke delegates to Sharon Soos (2nd half of meeting), Elaine delegates to Mindy Maguire for championship show vote, Janet Hannon delegates to Lori Mitchell, Colleen McFadden delegates to Susan Rudman, Mary Jo Hoepner delegates to Mindy Maguire,

Meeting called to order: by Simone Windeler, President of RMDS @ 6:34pm.

Approval of meeting minutes Corrections: Add Marlene Maseberg in attendance.
Treasurers Report: Info available on website.
Please correct spelling of Heather Petersen's last name on the 2nd half of minutes.
Elaine Haberman motions to accept minutes as corrected. Mindy Maguire seconds.
Approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: \$88740.00 Profit and loss statements are comparable to previous year, being a bit better in 2010.
First two months of 2010 RMDS memberships down which means less in rebates to USDF & Chapters.
USDF payment obligations have been made. Acknowledgement of Capital Campaign payoff has been received from USDF. Requested to have this printed in Centaur as a thank you to our members as it is their membership dues that has made this possible.

Office Manager: 650 members currently which puts us at 40 less than last year with 15 current members being Centaur only. 2010 brings RMDS 58 new horses registrations. Will we allow links on the website? Ads do currently allow a link. \$50.00 fee to do so.
Face book; RMDS has a current face book account that has been maintained in the past by Vanessa Simon but she does not want to continue with maintenance so RMDS will delete this old site and start a new one. Beth Geier will manage the new face book account through the central office.

Insurance for D & O through RMDS so chapters do not have to pay extra.
I will receive chapter email list. Accept after deleting Wasatch Mtn. VP Linda Nickerson.

Young Rider camp fee was accepted @ \$350.00 unanimously via email.
Pyramid Dressage Arena available for purchase from Zeta Zeidtel with an asking price of \$3545.00. This is a 20 X 60 Arena with 12 olympia lattice top flower boxes with snap on letters. RMDS current arenas are no longer made therefore replacement parts an issue. Agreed that RMDS will offer her \$2,000.00 with a tax donation letter for the remainder

of the balance. Motion made by Heather Petersen to purchase with a second by Susan Rudman. Motion to purchase arena passed unanimously.

Rental fee for old arena will be raised and RMDS will not rent out new arena. Storage is needed for new arena and Debbie Wilke will check on Freedom Farm as site for this storage.

Contracts:

Cathy Van Berg presented. Cathy is our current editor. She feels writers should write from their heart and need not be so inclined to formal articles. Cathy Van Berg's bid is \$700.00 per month for editing and producing.

William Terry: Bid for editor only. Mr. Terry wants to correct grammatical errors and insure clarity which he sees as the job of editor not the author. He can do this without obscuring the message of the author. Editor's job is to make the writer look good. "I am the Grammarian about whom your Mother warned you". William Terry's bid, for editor only is \$150.00 per month

Anne Schmid: Anne presented colorful productions that she has done. She believes current Centaur articles are somewhat lengthy and suggest adding brief callout boxes. Anne has experience in layout and art design. Proposes a redesign of the Centaur and would submit templates of such. RMDS would need to print out 1,000 a month to receive a decreased cost per year @ Anne's prices. Currently, in these early months of the year RMDS prints 300 to 600. Additional copies could be distributed at tack stores, etc. Anne would also proof read.

Anne's bid for editing and producing is \$1250. per month.

Linda Cabral: In 1995 was editor of Centaur. Currently a professional editor and producer and horses are her passion. Profession Journalist.

Linda Cabral bids \$2100. per month for Editor and Production.

New Editor would begin in May 2010.

Discussion followed. 2009 cost was \$19,000, and Postage \$3,200 bringing total cost to \$22,200.

Simone Windeler proposes we receive printing offer from Anne Schmid's printer. Will also ask Cathy Van Berg for printing cost from new printer with color front and back pages.

Applicants returned to meeting without a decision being made. We will seek out the answers to our questions and will communicate and vote per email. If need be, Cathy will continue editing and producing the Centaur till information gathering has been completed and the board makes a decision.

Omnibus Production: One bid from Burke Design.

Debbie Wilke motion to accept Burke Design for publication of Omnibus.

Sharon Soos 2nd.

Motion carried.

RMDS Championships and Winter Wake-Up: Two White Feet was the only bid submitted for both the RMDS Championships and Winter Wake-Up.

Laura Speer motioned to accept both bids for RMDS Championships and Winter Wake-UP. 2nd by Heather McEntee.

Abstain: Heather Petersen, Nicole Donohue, Elaine Haberman, and Simone Windeler.
Motion carried. Mary Jo Hoepner, VP will sign these contracts.

Scholarship: Not present.

Adult Amateur: Lori Mitchell presents.

Pilates clinic has lowered price to \$2400. Patty Taylor will house both the clinicians so RMDS will incur no hotel cost. Sarah has lowered her travel cost from \$200. to \$100.00. With these positive financial changes the Pilates Clinic will be held. Currently more participants are needed.

Awards: Lauren Smith not present.

Banquet & BOG: Mary Buckley's suggestion of the Sheraton on Arapahoe and I-25 is a convenient location. Cost of \$30.00 per plate for sit down dinner offered from the Sheraton. Breakfast and Lunch cost from the Sheraton is \$30.00 per person. For 120 dinners, the total cost would be \$3600 or \$43.00 per dinner plate. The board feels this cost is too high to ask of attendees.

Laura Speer suggests the Renaissance located @ I-70 and Quebec. Dinner cost for prev. event was \$15. per person. Majority of attendees are from Parker, Boulder and Colo. Springs.

2009 banquet cost was a wash.

Communications: Cathy VanBerg. Will check out printer costs we have requested. Heather McEntee, Marketing, will work together on content.

Website: New site under construction.

Education: Judges cont. education a success. Did not receive USDF grant but still had a profit of \$1100. Will rotate through our S judges for upcoming educational sessions.

TD/Instructors seminar was a success so would like to repeat Laurie MacTavish for 2010. Ask for Show Management suggestions for instructors.

Discussed a Foxvillage seminar with a Castle Rock location. Heather will put together for no fee. Participants pay \$30. for a half day. Possible date of April 11th, Sunday.

Instructors Cont. Ed.

L Program Testing for 2010 Needs Scribes on May 15th, 16th. Sally Schaffer will help.

Marketing: 3 fees of \$50. has been paid to distribute handouts at the Horse Expo. Committee working on professional articles for Centaur and are asking for article suggestions. Please email flier suggestions to Heather.

Jr/YR : Colleen McFadden not present

NAJYRC : Susan Rudman.

Currently 6 Young riders and 9 Juniors. Intentions open till March 22nd. Fundraisers are set. AZ is also holding fund raisers and am working to get Utah on board.

TPFC would like to have a booth at Dressage for the cure. Board asks for horse or dog treats as a favor.

Nominating Committee: Laura Speer. Email her with positions you are interested in or not.

Championships: Need local freebies to load 300 bags. Prizes of coolers? Regional prizes will be jackets and coolers. Discussed possibility of saddle pads and vests or halters but decided to stay with coolers as winners have shifted over the years.

Photographers needed! First place prizes needed. Heather will continue to shop.

Awards location: 20 X 40 court required. 4 – 5 groups per award ceremony. Need bleachers.

Night stable watch. Want to hire a person for night watch. This individual would charge and make the \$\$\$. Night stall watch is required by USEF.

May need a second announcer for awards esp. Sat and Sun.

Castle Rock Comfort Suites is offering rooms @ \$88.00 per night for the Championship participants.

Winter Wake-Up. BizTek International was a generous \$3,000. sponsor.

Autumn Hill is working to meet new USDF requirements.

Will we hold a Winter Wake-Up for 2011 and 2012? Facility? Need?

Fort Collins Equestrian Center is a possibility.

Old Business: Championships.

New Business: Could Centaur receivers also receive email? Beth will do this.

Discussed a non-competing membership, but is not a good idea as we would have to pay funds to USDF with this title.

Publish in the Centaur recognition to those that have brought in numerous new memberships.

Chapter Reports: Laura Speer motions to accept chapter reports as written.

Elaine Haberman 2nd

Motion carried.

Adjournment: Sharon Shoos motion to dismiss.

2nd Nicole Donahue.

Meeting adjourned @ 10:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Rudman

