

RMDS Board Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2010

Called to Order – 6:42 PM by President Simone Windeler

Present: Mary Buckley, Dolly Hannon, Lori Mitchell, MaryJo Hoepner, Sally Shaffer, Beth Geier, Laura Speer, Loni Gaudet, Nicole Donohue, Heather McEntee, Elaine Haberman, Heather Petersen, Simone Windeler, Sharon Soos, Debbie Wilkie, Cathy Van Berg, Mary Rae, Shannon Lemons

Proxies: Arkansas Valley held by Mary Rae

Minutes:

Corrections - Nicole Donohue's last name throughout; Under Treasurer report – letter from USDF did it get printed as stated in the Centaur?; Minutes from March need to be cleaned up and made more clear.; Awards committee did have a report, needs to be corrected. Other minor corrections need to be made also.

Treasurer – Sharon Soos:

There is currently \$89,260.26 in the bank. Paypal funds have been moved into the general RMDS account and are at about \$100 now.

P&L – looks better then last year, but Winter Wake Up is at a different point in time of the year. Balance sheet also looks better then last year.

Pledges spreadsheet – forgot the approved arena expenditure from the last meeting and will update that information for the next meeting.

See attached reports for additional information

Office Manager – Beth Geier: 804 members, 15 centaur only, 109 new horses since September

TD reports attached. There are no major issues with the shows that were reported on. Working on Facebook and having some issues. Beth is looking for someone to come to the office and help. If you know anyone who is very good with facebook setup, please have them contact Beth.

Linked In – do we accept it? Not at this point in time.

Bought new pyramid dressage arena \$2000 – beautiful!

Next meetings July 8, august 12, Sept 9

Moving meeting location... C470 West location?

Resignation Awards Chair: Lauren Smith has resigned as the Awards Chair. Shannon Lemons and Kendra Motsinger have expressed interest. Consider paying some fee for the position was discussed, but not pursued. The awards notebook Barb Goldman put together makes things a lot easier for the awards chair, so it is a no on a fee at this point in time.

Old Business – Contract Approvals:

Email vote was taken on the Centaur and Omnibus contracts. Cathy Van Berg was awarded Centaur contract for 2 more years. Omnibus was awarded to Burke Design for 2 more years. There was a second bid on the

omnibus production that was not presented at the May meeting, but was presented by email that was voted down.

Shows: Debbie has taken a job downtown Denver and has struggled with the RMDS Shows Chair position. See written report attached.

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Debbie Wilke is resigning as the RMDS Shows Chair. **MaryJo moved to accept the resignation. Seconded by Mary Buckley. Unanimous approved. Laura and Heather abstain.** Debbie Wilke is still available to volunteer.

Laura Speer has volunteered to fill the position of the RMDS Show Chair. **Elaine Haberman moved to accept Laura Speers as the show chair. Sharon Soos seconded. Unanimous approved. Laura and Heather abstain.**

Scholarship: Revised requirements emailed to board for review previous to meeting. Need to also add – Chairman must stay through following January’s approval after the elections at the November BOG. Add into #7.

#3 – Applicant must be a current member and current for the year of scholarship.

Volunteer hours should be for that year of application only.

Scholarship year does change a little from previous years.

Loni would rather not continue as scholarship chair – looking for someone to work with during the next scholarship phase so the transfer is smooth.

Information box in Centaur about getting your volunteer hours in now, featuring scholarship recipients, etc, etc, to help promote scholarship program would be good for future Centaurs. For marketing – how can we get this information out outside of RMDS?

Discussion about volunteer hours from outside of the organization, weighting of volunteer hours inside organization versus outside organization, etc. Loni will consider this for future scholarship years.

Discussion of advertising in other magazines to promote the scholarship program. Maybe put in Centaur an article on what we’ve been able to do with our funds and what those funds mean to the organization in order to create more income. Asking folks to give directly to RMDS as a total of the shows they’ve attended rather than or in addition to the \$1 they might put on their entries.

Motion to approve the current year guidelines emailed out by Loni as corrected – moved Laura Speer, seconded by Dolly Hannon – Unanimous.

Adult Amateur – Lori Mitchell:

Pilates for Dressage Clinic went well. Janice donated a book and it was decided to use to raise money at the BOG auction. The clinic was full with 5 people on waitlist. Made approximately \$978.

Moxie Partnership has generated two checks of \$28 and \$20. Question of where does money go now that we have the income...discussion by board to put Moxie checks into scholarship fund. **Dolly moved to put checks from moxie into scholarship. Sally seconded. Unanimous.**

Deleted: Loni owes Dolly one.... Make serious note! ☹️

Budgetary line item discussion for each group/chair/committees – AA, education, etc, and the feasibility of allowing carry over and such. Not feasible since it would open up overspending problems possibly or limiting spending on needed projects due to line item limitations. Stay away from the Us versus Them mentality with the budgeting and money flow.

See AA report attached for more information.

Awards: Gift for 2009 Chapter Volunteer awards recipients was not given, only plaque. Laura would like to get those gifts and get them to the recipients. She is not filling the chair position, only this job. Laura will get a job description for the awards coordinator.

Dolly – need to look at retiring some awards for next year and finding replacements. Advertise in Centaur the ones that need to be replaced and see if folks would like to donate the replacement. Keep tracking the history of the awards in our awards notebook and the omnibus.

Sally brought up the need for a historian for the organization. She has volunteered to fill this position/sub-committee. [Simone approved the formation of a sub-committee for the Historian.](#)

Banquet and BOG – Mary Buckley:

Make a proposal that the budget for the BOG meetings comes from the RMDS main budget, not from the banquet fees.

Much discussion on shortening the awards, eliminating some presented, cutting time and such. It was decided it is not really an option, but it was decided to move the horse of the Year awards to the very end so that more people would stay.

[Dolly moves that the cost of the RMDS BOG meeting be paid for from the RMDS General Fund. Lori Mitchell seconds. Unanimous.](#)

Communications – Cathy Van Berg:

Discussion of creating a business identity for the organization - a Branding of RMDS.
See attached documents.

Centaur ideas will be discussed after the committee puts together ideas. Same with printer quotes. Cathy needs help getting printer bids and such and more ideas. The committee will work on the decision – offer Spradlin a chance to meet other bids.

Omnibus – switching over to new software.

Website- it's been redone.

Education – Heather Petersen: Judges' Continuing education is working on a location and instructor for 2011. TD/show management 2011 will be at Comfort Suites and will have the same instructors as 2010. Looking at adding a separate day or ½ day of Foxvillage.

L program D2 went well – thanks to Sally for helping out with it. Sally will return to Colorado in July to help with the Finals. See attached report for more information.

Jr/YR – no report

Marketing – Heather McEntee: Still receiving some survey responses. The most responses came from AA, and there are no Junior responses. Debbie still is working on results. Possible articles suggestions were made on the surveys. Send email blast requesting more articles?? Century rides and such would be good articles and member spotlights. Survey with help with identity branding

Nominating committee – Laura Speer: Still no candidates for the following:

AA opening, Education opening, Marketing maybe?

Shows – Heather Petersen: - Second announcer needed for championships due to the limitations of the CHP sound system. Nicho Meredith has offered us a discounted rate. [Laura motioned to approve the expense of a second announcer, Sally seconded. Unanimous – Heather and Simone abstained.](#)

Entries for wake up are coming along well. Show should be a decent size.

Old business:

Elizabeth Stokes has called Dolly Hannon and asked her to bring forth at this meeting that she feels she is being shut out as a Technical Delegate and it's affecting her business. There was a lot of discussion on how to respond to Libby. She was asked to put it in writing but won't, so the board feels that no action or further discussion can take place.

New business:

Shannon Lemons has offered to step in as awards chair for 2010. [Sally motions, MaryJo seconds, Elaine thirds. Unanimous.](#)

Chapter Reports:

Arkansas Valley – had 1st schooling show and it was quite successful. Had a Century ride. Doing regular clinics with Taffy Plastid.

Boulder valley – Written report attached.

Colorado Springs – July show moving to Fountain Valley school – beautiful indoor. Cure show smaller than last year but did well. Good evening event to fundraise.

Foothills – as reported

Grand valley – no report

High plains – see banquet report

Northern Colorado – June 12-13 show. Entries are coming in. Sue Kolstad is the judge – a new S judge. Leslie O'Neal Olsen clinic July 31st/August 1st. Lost valuable member of community Liz Schump and husband David. There will be a Memorial section in Centaur about them. ½ page obit from local paper that Laura will condense and put in Centaur.

Wasatch – Hosted a February/march TD/Show management clinic which was open to UDS members also at the same price as RMDS members. May 22nd sport horse selection and breeding seminar with Faith, a KWPN keuring judge, event association breeding shows, hunter/jumper breeding shows and in USDF breed judge program. Breed registry associations will have handouts and packets available.

Western Colorado – no report

[Sharon moves to adjourn, Maryjo seconded, unanimously.](#)

Meeting Adjourned at 9:11pm.