

RMDS Board Meeting
9-9-2010
At Dewey's American Grill

Attendance: Shannon Lemons, Loni Gaudette, Beth Geier, Lori Mitchell, Susan Rudman, Heather Petersen, Simone Windeler, Mary Jo Hoepner, Cindy O'Shea, Elaine Haberman, Laura Speer, Sharon Soos, Mary Rae

Simone Windeler called meeting to order @ 6:36 pm

Simone thanks everyone for helping with Championships. Will email all members a 'Thank You!'. She has received positive feedback.

Meeting minutes: Motion to accept minutes as approved by Mary Jo Hoepner. 2nd.
Motion carried.
Discussed format of minutes.

Treasurer's Report by Sharon Soos:

Funds @ \$149,375. Not all of Championship expense and income has been reported. Profit and Loss is higher than last year. Winter Wake-Up income is up. L program lost money. Membership as of August is down from last year but close. Quick books utilized for our budget, will need to purchase updated program. Non-profit version is less expensive.

Office Manager Report by Beth Geier:

Total membership 922. BOG: No one has a vote unless you are a delegate appointed by your chapter. Notify Beth Geier or Susan Rudman of those delegates by Nov. 1st.

Delegates must be on submitted list for the BOG.

If you join RMDS before Jan. 1st you will pay \$55.00.

RMDS may no longer qualify for media mail because we have advertising.

TD Reports: All reports were positive for Centaur Rising 3, Autumn Hill 3, and BVD So Long to Summer.

Michael Petersen helped Beth Geier with programming and indicated we may need to update programming. Checking to see if Fox Village works into RMDS program.

Dates for next year submitted.

Shannon Lemons agreed to learn the programs.

Nicolle Bizzarro not present but has sent a report. See attached.

Requesting a list of those that have the logo digitized.

Onmibus ads accepted beginning Sept 15th.

Website by Heather Petersen. Michael Petersen enhanced our reporting of ride times, scores, etc. Has had requests from other regions for this enhancement but will not do so. Also USDF George Williams FEI Jr/YR Clinic info is on website with links.

Discussed prize lists posting on the website.

Centaur: Cathy Van Berg absent.

Discussed printer issues of the Centaur. Great to have Centaur printed in a timely manner to have extras @ Championships. Top of pages could be better utilized. Could print be larger?

AA Chair: Lori Mitchell:

AA/Youth Championships went well. Discussed teams being more together. Teams were put together by management to keep playing field more level. Discussed team building. 27 competitors. Not a recognized show. Could we do freestyles? Could we allow competitors to do their own teams. Equitation class was required this year. Thank you Lori for a great show.

Awards Chair Shannon Lemons: See attached list

Met with Todd from Rocky Mtn Awards. Ribbons and plaques both \$1800 (total \$3,600). Perpetual trophy engraving discussed, ie can RMDS engrave all the names on the awards prior to the Awards Banquet?

Banquet and BOG by Cindi O'Shea: Signed contract and check going to Sheraton tomorrow. Flier is being finalized. We are charging between \$33. and \$35. Concern voiced over cost. Chapter takes on the responsibility of organizing the Banquet.

Education Chair: Heather Petersen:

Sandy Hotz confirmed for Jan 2011 Judges Cont. Ed.

Feb. 12th Show Management @ Comfort Suites. Laura McTavish, TD, may teach the TD portion.

2011, Sarah Martin and Heather Petersen working towards general RMDS symposium.

Looking for info opposite to USDF convention.

Instructor Certification: Associate Instructor is being terminated by USDF. USDF is looking towards an educational approach. Looking for a permanent testing site within the US. USDF attempting a grandfather clause for instructors. Examiners must also become certified instructors.

Discussion regarding USDF rewards program revamp. May eliminate score standings off the website. Be aware of possible changes with USDF award standings.

Jr/YR Report Colleen McFadden not present but submitted report:

Discussed Boulder Valley Youth Connection. Need receipts to be able to reimburse someone personally.

Motion for Boulder Valley to receive \$200. to cover expenses for the Boulder Valley Youth expenses by Heather Petersen. 2nd. Shannon Lemons.

Marketing chair not present. (Heather McEntee)

Nominating Committee by Laura Speer:

Contact Laura with individuals for open positions for the RMDS board.

Scholarship by Loni Gaudet: Still need article for Centaur from one scholarship recipient. Comprehensive report needed from all individuals. Knowledge is encouraged

to be shared and not sure this has been done. Scholarship fund at \$4805.83. More money has been coming into the fund this year.

Motion by Shannon Lemons to make the scholarship awards @ \$500.00. 2nd by Susan Rudman. Motion carried.

Centaur needs info for October Centaur.

Loni Gaudet and Elaine Haberman will work together this next year as Elaine takes over the chair position.

If volunteer hours are not fulfilled what recourse will this board take. Requires 8 hours prior to and 8 hours following acceptance of scholarship. Discussion followed.

Shows: by chairs Laura Speer and Heather Petersen

Championships went well. Good to have RMDS chair members present @ the show. Looked to improvements for next year, ie sponsorship letters mailed early, etc. Ellie Hardesty was night security watch and did a fabulous job. Championship program excellent. Laurie Hostetler and Kylie Lorie have already signed on for next year, 2011. Bringing in Nikko as an announcer was an excellent decision and he is on board as announcer for next year.

140 horses entered before closing date and 120 horses entered after closing. Our season was shortened due to WEG with not many competitors from Utah, Arizona and Texas as in the past. Largest championship show ever for breed show.

Old business:

The Pet Food Courier: Discussed the closing and will not take \$\$ from the individual that has offered.

Region 5 qualifiers, discussed moving the Winter Wake Up from 6-06/07 to 6-11/12th in conjunction with the NCDA Show.

By-Laws:

Motion to approve tagline for the Mission Statement with suggested change of deleting the last two lines _in Performance by Shannon Lemons. 2nd by Elaine Haberman.

Motion carried.

Discussed Article IV change A. Membership: Sharon Soos. Discussion followed.

Discussion on year end awards changes submitted by Kristi Wysocki.

Made board members aware of by-law changes.

Russ Fawcett nominees: Sharon Schneidman and Dolly Hannon.

Beth Geier read qualifications for each nominee. Discussion followed.

Closed vote: Dolly Hannon wins vote.

Motion made by Heather Petersen to carry over Sharon Schneidman's nomination to 2011.

Motion made to accept chapter reports by Simone Windeler. 2nd by Shannon Lemons.

Motion carries.

Next meeting @ Dewey's in January 2011.

Meeting adjourned by Simone Windeler, president @ 9:58.

