

RMDS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Romano's Italian Restaurant – 720-344-9530

July 10, 2012

Attendance: Pamela DeVore, Wendy Cibis, Shannon Lemons, MaryJo Hoepner, Lori Mitchell, Beth Geier, Laura Speer, Sharon Soos, Pete Soos, Simone Windeler, Michael Petersen, Heather Petersen, Jon Haugen, Julie Haugen, Joan Clay, Susan Rudman

Proxies: Inka Spatafora to Beth Geier, Kim Lampert to Beth Geier, Jamee Amundson to Lori Mitchell, Linda Nickerson to Lori Mitchell, Michelle Anderson to Beth Geier

Call to Order by Lori Mitchell at 6:30 pm.

The May 10, 2012 Minutes:

Simone Windeler made a motion to approve the May 10, 2012 minutes, 2nd by Laura Speer. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report by Sharon Soos

Balance in each account as of June 30, 2012:

Checking Account	\$27,252.80
Scholarship Account	\$4,263.33
PayPal Account	\$ 941.14
<u>Money Market</u>	<u>\$44,439.16</u>
Total:	\$76,896.44

An item we need to research - \$850 income on bridle tags – is this correct? Beth confirms yes. Winter Wake Up shows a loss of about \$2050, which was about what Sharon and Heather anticipated.

We did the disbursement for Paragon CDI of \$2000 in sponsorship before the start of the meeting.

Western Dressage Liaison Report by Kelly Hendricks

- This past weekend was the Jec Ballou clinic- I will be in touch with Mary Gunn- WDACO President to hear about how things went and about participation. Also, they had their annual social on Sat Pm- with Cliff Swanson and Frances Carbonnel performing a freestyle. The event was free and I will also follow up on that to see how it went.
- Upcoming events include: Skill Set 2 clinic with Cliff Swanson and Skill Set 3 Clinic also with Cliff Swanson in Castle Rock- the WDACO website has more information on these events and sign up is also available on the website
- Their website also has added info about WD classes offered at the schooling show at Autumn Hill 7/15/2012
- The WDACO website has a great blurb on J.B. Andrews (Andy)- noting a tribute that was done for him at the Extreme Mustang Challenge/Makeover in Ft. Collins at the beginning of the month. Thanks to them for including this on the website. As most of you know he was the first mustang to compete at FEI level dressage.
- WDACO will have a meeting this fall that I will be attending. Thanks and sorry for my absence- I am out of town until the 12th of July.

President's Report by Lori Mitchell

Lori presented the RMDS General Policies and Procedures (Miscellaneous) document for review and approval of the Executive Board. **Beth Geier moved the RMDS General Policies and Procedures (Miscellaneous) document be approved as presented, 2nd by Julie Haugen, motion passed unanimously.**

Lori presented the RMDS Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics policy. **Simone Windeler moved the RMDS Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics policy be approved as presented, 2nd by MaryJo Hoepner, motion passed unanimously.**

There was discussion if we should have extra meetings for reviewing policy and procedures and should we have a retreat for board members? It was suggested we have a working meeting, perhaps in October when interested incoming board members could also come. Lori has asked that the Vice President, MaryJo Hoepner, take this under her wing. A general idea of the plans will be emailed out by August 1st for consideration, discussion and approval by the Executive Board.

Pins – Several options have been researched – 10, 20 30 year pin for consecutive years of membership. Two different bids. One bid about \$1 each, have to order 500 to get price, already has number on it. 2nd bid with tab is \$1.39 each plus the tab. Discussion of building it into the budget for future year.

Beth Geier moves we table the discussion on purchasing membership pins to the October budget meeting October 11th, 2nd by MaryJo Hoepner. Motion passed unanimously.

Arena – rental and sale: Lori had several bids and offers come in – 4 total bids – 1st Heather - \$1650, 2nd Sandy Wood McArthur \$300, 3rd Deborah Skillicorn - \$600, 4th Libby Stokes - \$800. **Lori Mitchell moved to sell the older RMDS dressage arena to Heather Petersen for \$1650, 2nd by Susan Rudman, Motion passed with one abstention by Heather Petersen.**

MaryJo Hoepner moved to amend agenda for the current meeting and move the item of paid positions before the Central Office report, 2nd by Julie Haugen, motion passed unanimously.

Bids for RMDS Central Office Manager:

- 1 bid was received from Beth Geier for \$14.00/hr (minimum) with an outline of job specifics, asking RMDS to provide general office supplies as needed.
- There was some discussion of deposits and timeliness of getting them into the bank. Some additional procedures were discussed, and the goal is to be as practical as we can be but it will also be done as quickly as possible.
- **MaryJo Hoepner moved to accept the bid submitted by Beth Geier for the position of RMDS Central Office manager, 2nd by Wendy Cibis. Motion passed with abstentions by Beth Geier and her proxies.**

Bids for RMDS Website Hosting and Maintenance:

- 1 bid was received from Michael Petersen for \$65 per month for maintaining and hosting the RMDS website with an outline of job specifics and responsibilities by Michael and RMDS.
- **MaryJo Hoepner moved to accept the bid proposed by Michael Petersen for the RMDS Website, 2nd by Julie Haugen. Motion passes with abstention by Heather Petersen.**

Office Manager Report by Beth Geier

D&O Insurance

- Add CSDA Claudette Van Pelt - Secretary

Membership

- Membership is currently at 773, 13 are Centaur only. 114 new horses registered since October 2011.
- Registration – 2011: 845 members, 12 of these were Centaur only.

Shows

- TD Reports: AHIEC Sunday #1 - discussion of the age of ring stewards, warm up, and bit checkers. RMDS will send a letter of concern regarding the age and appropriateness of responsibility. Recommended age of 14. Lori asks we highlight it as a proposed RMDS standing rule change.
- On TD reports – what number are we asking for with numbers? Susan Rudman moves we remove the questions concerning number counts on the RMDS TD report, 2nd Julie, motion unanimous.

- Rental Items – at the time you reserve it, should you pay for it? **Susan moved we require a \$12.50 non refundable deposit for the reservation to rent the RMDS pony measuring stick. If the stick is not used, they will not get their money back. 2nd by Wendy Cibis. Motion passed unanimously. Simone Windeler moved we require a \$25.00 non refundable deposit for the reservation to rent the RMDS dressage arena. 2nd by Julie Haugen. Motion passed unanimously.**

Centaur:

- Covers vote:
 - 1-1B
 - 2-1C
 - 1-4A
 - 6-4B justified
 - The rest did not vote. Looks like 4B is the winner.
 - Results were the July centaur.

General

Both arenas were rented to the Colorado Horse Park for the June Horse Trials - \$100 per arena.

Office:

- GMO Delegate Request – Sarah Martin. Discussion on how GMO votes are split, awarded, etc.
- Tentative meeting schedule for this year...
 - September 13
 - October 11 – Budget planning – now per possible discussion could by October 20th Retreat.
 - Board of Governors Meeting November 10th

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Members:	1162	1177	1151	1019	1036	1008	1030	945	921	868	788
Horses:	274	337	207	234	262	246	166	132	132	123	114

AV	-	-	-	-	-	12	26	15	24	27	24
BV	230	208	199	179	178	172	205	188	200	190	181
CS	134	155	137	130	143	126	127	115	124	115	57
FH	115	103	109	73	74	77	76	75	72	71	60
GV	77	98	93	92	88	102	105	87	83	65	52
HP	278	283	267	251	259	260	265	256	226	208	186
NC	150	151	162	139	137	137	124	107	132	110	90
PP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45
PR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	13
WA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	24	24	27
WC	64	55	44	34	32	25	25	21	22	31	25
No Chapter	24	36	34	21	22	16	14	25	14	15	13

PN	13	14	15	14	13	13	12	inactive	Dissolved		
TS	77	74	91	86	90	68	51	36	Dissolved		
TOTAL	1162	1177	1151	1019	1036	1008	1030	945	921	870	788
Juniors									134	120	108
Amateurs									230	239	205

Adult Amateur Report by Beth Geier

Currently working on:

- July 22, 2012 - USDF Region 5 Youth & Adult Team: entries coming slowly! 16 rides , then another 16 rides today.
- Sarah Martin Part 2- -Not sure when to schedule this. Can we table this to later in the meeting after the education discussion? Discussion on asking her for Fall 2013 or joining her up with the Horse Expo.
- Helping Michelle Anderson with the 2013 clinics.
- No adult camp in 2012.

Awards by Shannon Lemons

- 2011 – no further issues
- 2012
 - Replacement Awards – 2nd level freestyle – purchased, complete, new sponsor; jr/yr training level – possibly have a new sponsor. Star Hughes or Kylee Lourie
 - New awards – Westfalen – are 5 competing?
 - Policy updates, projects
 - New trophy agreement, notification letter completed
 - Awards notebook updates in progress
 - Permanent storage/transport boxes – looking for an inexpensive source.
 - Year End awards
 - RFMA, Chapter and RMDS VOYT nominees needed by September meeting – Centaur
 - Trophy return – Paragon (for out of staters, Western Slope), Championships.
 - Centaur notice in for August, repeat in September.
 - Can't technically use new deadlines and penalties this year as we didn't approve new form until 2012.
 - Requirement for prior and/or written notice will be in effect for awards to be picked up by someone other than the winner.
- Discussion on requiring volunteer hours for year end awards. Shannon will look at numbers of awards winners who would have had volunteer hours in 2011.

Communications by Nicole Bizzarro

no report – NO PROXY

There was a suggestion from several board members for RMDS Executive Board business emails that the email list be disclosed to people may email back to the group and that we put RMDS Business in subject line

Education Report by Michelle Anderson

PROXY to Beth Geier

“L” Judge Continuing Education 2013

- Kristi Wysocki has been notified that we have decided to use Gary Rockwell in 2013 since there has been great interest expressed in having an out of state clinician and we can share him with Pikes Peak clinic dates. Dates were also changed due to Gary's schedule. January 12th.
- Location still TBD. Need to keep “L” in south metro or Colorado Springs due to Gary's clinic dates there. Contract sent to Gary July 9.
- Stellar Farm will donate the facility. There is a small room for class type work or we can use another place.
- The Colorado Horse Park has also been contacted or we can use a hotel room.
- Jon Haugen has a projector, etc in case Gary does not want to use “live” horses and we do video only. The location will probably be where he is staying or a place in the Castle Rock area.

Technical Delegate / Show Management Education 2013

- Heather Petersen engaged for show management and Veronica Holt for TD.
- Location TBD but likely Castle Rock or south metro.

Symposium with George Williams 2013, February 23-24 (Instructors February 22)

- Symposium with George Williams Feb 23-24, 2013 with evening of Feb 22 reserved for a discussion with instructors only.
- George's fee is \$1500/day. He can fly out of Florida after 2pm on Friday and would like to return Sunday night.
- Contract sent to George 6/27, again on 7/9.
- DC Fairgrounds is unavailable for the symposium. Beth has been researching some other options for both the symposium and the "L" session.
- We do have a \$1000 donation toward the Symposium and we might get more after January 1st.
- Should we stay North since the other clinics are more South this year?
- We are looking at several options for facility – Beth and Jon Haugen will provide more via email shortly.
- Michelle attached a budget chart and several changes were suggested: price rides at \$160 per ride and increase auditing fees to \$45 per day, \$80 for the weekend or \$50 per day at the door. The instructors' session on Friday evening should be \$25.

Junior/Young Riders by Julie Haugen

Youth Camp

1. Natalie Ellis has agreed to be my assistant Director for this year. Many thanks to her! I had gone through many other possibilities before having her accept.
2. To date there are 10 campers, sent out another email blast, and am hoping for 2 more.
3. Jessica Greer and Nicole Roach-Reinsvold have agreed to be our guest instructors. This is very exciting because all three of these women have participated in past RMDS youth camps! I feel that this will be will add an extra special touch to the camp, as they have been in these kids shoes and offer a great perspective.
4. Pinnacle Horseware is giving us a discounted rate for some shirts to give to our campers.
5. We are planning a practice show for Saturday that Amy Jablonovsky has kindly donated her time to judge.
6. We are going to stream the Jr/ Yr Championships for the campers to watch at some point during the week.
7. Nichole is going to give a demonstration ride to the campers to show them the upper level movements.
8. We are planning on hacks and games on horseback to make their experience one to remember!

Team Competition

1. Entries are coming in, and there is quite a bit of interest in it.
2. 2 White feet has given us bags to make competitor bags.
3. Pinnacle Horseware has given us a discounted rate on socks to add to our bags.
4. I am looking to get more goodies for our bags, and am contacting businesses near by.

Other

1. Have been contacted by Carol Kounanis from Utah who has asked for information about youth activities. Have sent her the flyers for the camp and the Team competition.

Marketing by Sharon Soos

- RMDS Polo Shirts
 - The first set of shirts has been delivered. The vendor was willing to supply a consignment order which consists of the 12 shirts and would be willing to take shirts back into inventory.
 - Because of concern for "underselling" RMDS if the shirts were returned to inventory, Sharon Soos will front the money for the shirts. This also provides some shirts for immediate sale.
 - There was discussion on looking for other embroidery options for more cost effectiveness.
- Winter Wake Up:
 - Advertising information was made available during the Winter Wake-Up using postcards with Omnibus and Centaur advertising rates.
 - We should consider doing this at other competitions and events.
- 2013 Advertising Rates:

- Any change in rates for 2013?
- We need to look at rates for Omnibus and Centaur
- Heather mentioned program advertising rates for Championships will go up in 2013 due to Regional Championships.
- Calendar:
 - July – Initiate 2013 Campaign
 - August – “get the word out”
 - September – Focus on Opening Date – October 1st??
 - October – Push for ads
 - November – Focus on closing date November 15th??

Scholarship by MaryJo and Heather

We have been getting reports from scholarship recipients. I will send out an email confirming their volunteer hours for this year. And to assure all Centaur reports are addressed. Discussion of who makes up committee for evaluating applications – whichever board members are interested and available when the time comes. Board members like the new grid.

Current evaluation grid for scholarship applicants

<u>Applicant #</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Financial need</u>	<u>Challenges</u>	<u>Use of scholarship</u>	<u>Other</u>

Board suggested having a column for # of volunteer hours so, proposed grid

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Shows by Susan Rudman

Wake Up: loss of about \$2050. Facility constraints force some extra expenses and the other activities in the town during the weekend create very expensive hotel rooms.

Championships:

- State team challenge for 2013? Shannon will work with Heather on expanding this.
- Sponsor update:
 - Zumba instructor set – set for Friday 7am.
 - Still looking at DJs.
 - Yoga on the berm on Saturday morning?
 - How do you feel about vitamin cottage will donate water bottles – refillable plastic water bottle. Competitor bags from them also??
 - \$500 from foothills, high plains \$500, Littleton large animal \$500, parker trailer and potestio meeting soon.
 - Items for silent auction. Looking for donations.
 - Heather has secured a Friday evening party sponsor.

Appointed Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee by Laura Speer

- Need nominees for Chairmen for 2 years: Vice-President (1 year), Adult Amateur, Awards, Championship Show Committee, Communication, Education, Junior/YR, Marketing, Scholarship
- No one currently nominated but some people interested in the positions. Laura will be speaking to current chairs to see if they would like to be re-nominated for their positions.
- Adult Amateur – Beth Geier ok to continue if no one else
- Awards – Shannon Lemons yes will run again
- Show Committee – need someone
- Communications – need someone but Nicole would like to do if she had more time
- Education – Jon Haugen
- Jr/YR – Julie Haugen
- Marketing – Sharon Soos
- Scholarship – maybe from MaryJo Hoepner(probably)
- Vice President – Pete Soos

Banquet & BOG– November 12, 2012 from Laura Speer

- Everything still the same – September and October will run the reservation form.
- Laura will send an email to chapters to get baskets together for the silent auction.
- We have put the deposit down and signed the contract with the hotel.
- Show entry drawings, silent auction and live auction again this year but no art show.

USDF Region 5 Update by Heather Petersen

Congratulations to our 2012 NAJYRC teams! There was some very tough competition this year in the Young Riders Division and the riders worked hard to make the teams. Good luck in Kentucky!!

Region 5 Young Riders – Chef d' Equipe, Heather Petersen
Madeleine Birch / Uoeri
Victoria Fernald / Amazing
Brandi Roenick / Weltino's Magic
Devon Wycoff / Power Play

Region 5 Junior – Chef d'Equipe, Joan Clay
Bethany Roof / Welkin

Congratulations to members of our Region who may also qualify for the USEF Championships – Young Horse, Developing Horse, etc. Unfortunately we don't know those finalists as we go to print!

Another reminder of several important **DEADLINES** that are coming up:

- USDF National and Regional GMO volunteer nominations, as well as GMO award nominations, are due to the USDF office by August 31.
- New award categories are being offered to GMOs in 2012! GMOs can now submit nominations for [Newsletter Awards](#), [Website Awards](#), and [Photography Awards](#). Don't forget that all nominations are due to the USDF office by **August 31**. Please note that the nomination process is also new for 2012. No more submitting hard-copy nominations! See the nomination forms for detailed information.

- Regional GMO Volunteer of the Year nominations can be submitted by any participating member, group member or the Region Director.
- Volunteer of the Year and Youth Volunteer of the Year nominations can also be submitted by any participating member, group member or the Regional Director.
- One deserving group member will receive the [Ruth Arvanette Memorial Fund Grant](#) to attend the 2012 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention in New Orleans, LA. The grant includes full convention registration and partial reimbursement for travel expenses. Applications due by **August 31**
- GMOs must return their GMO Delegate/Proxy Authorization form to the USDF office to appoint representation to the Board of Governors meeting at the USDF Annual Convention December 5-8, 2012 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Please mark your calendars for our Region 5 sponsored events and plan to join us:

- USDF Region 5 Jr/YR Clinic with George Williams – September 15-16, 2012. Parker, Colorado.
- USDF/Great American Region 5 Championships – October 5-7, 2012. Heber, Utah.
- USDF/Great American Region 5 Championships – September 19-22, 2013. Parker, Colorado.

Old business:

None

New Business:

None

Chapter Reports: MaryJo Hoepner made the motion that all chapter reports be accepted as written, 2nd by Sharon Soos, Motion Passed unanimously.

Arkansas Valley

Jamee Amundson – PROXY to Lori Mitchell

May 19, 2012 – Ride-A-Test Clinic and Show. This was a HUGE success. We originally had to postpone to the 19th due to weather (the LAST time I think it rained in Fremont County) and didn't lose many riders for the new date. We had 21 horse/rider combinations and a full schedule for clinician/judge Ellene Kloefer, ranging from Intro – 2nd level for traditional dressage and Basic and Primary for Western Dressage. Everyone was VERY happy with their rides and said they can't wait to do it again.

June 2 & 3, 2012 – Dancing with your horse Musical Freestyle. This was another clinic that was well attended by 8 horse and rider combinations. Riders rode through musical freestyle choreography, quadrilles and got instruction on how to match music tempo to the horse's footfalls. Simone Windeler was a fun and positive instructor. The club really had a great time.

A HUGE thank you to Marcy Wadlington for the generous donation of her beautiful facility for both of these events.

Up next for the AVDA is a regular business meeting in which we will be finalizing the changes to the Bylaws. We are planning an educational meeting on Microchipping horses with the Colorado Department of Agriculture as the next educational meeting.

Boulder Valley

Kim Lampert – PROXY to Beth Geier

Summer is flying by at a scorching pace! BVD has been busily working on a new website. We hope to be up and running by the time you read this. Our new Web address will be BoulderValleyDressage.org. Also on the media front Gwen Dordick is publishing an electronic newsletter for the club. It shares local information, highlights local riders and honors our invaluable volunteers. Please add the following Url to your mail so you can recognize and receive our newsletter: bvdsvp@gmail.com.

Upcoming shows include Rocky Mountain Dressage III and IV at Somerset Farms July 7th and 8th, The Rocky Mountain Horse Trials at Somerset Farms August 4th and 5th and So Long Summer Dressage Show at Sextant Farms August 26th, all in Longmont Colorado. If you have time to volunteer for any of these shows please check your Omnibus for volunteer contact information. It's been a tough summer for getting enough volunteers for the shows. Please help if you can. They cannot run without you!
Stay Cool...

Colorado Springs

Patricia Leech

The CSDA board is looking forward to the August RMDS recognized competition. To make this a show one that competitors will want to come back to every year, we need the help of the membership. Volunteers are needed to help set up and take down the arena as well as to score, ring stewards, runners, and various other positions. If you can help, please contact the CSDA Volunteer Chair Anita Johnson at (719) 488-2928. If you would like to sponsor a class, make a tax-deductible donation, or advertise your business, please contact the CSDA Show Chair Jennifer Glass at (719) 749-2293.

Please check the CSDA www.csdressage.org and RMDS www.rmids.org online calendars for the current prize list.

CSDA general membership meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month and all CSDA members and their guests are welcome to attend. The agenda, meeting time, location, and directions are posted on the website at www.csdressage.org.

Foothills

Lori Mitchell

Foothills Chapter met last night, July 9th at Tuscan Tavern in Evergreen, CO. We had 11 members attend the meeting. Highlights of the past meeting and chapter events –

- **Heather Robertson Clinic for August** may be canceled. Airfare has gone up and the clinic is not yet full. The chapter has decided to send out one last email blast.
- **Ride A Test with Dolly Hannon** was a huge success. The chapter made a bit of money on the event and everyone was very pleased by the way it was conducted at Roberts Ranch. It was truly an educational experience for riders and spectators. We encourage everyone to conduct future RAT events like this. There were many participants who were not RMDS members, which now may be?
- **Ride A Test with Debbie Reihl-Rodriguez**, September 1 at A Rising Star, Arvada will be organized by Debbie. There will only be 17 rides available. Ellen Storeim is working on the new flyer and will be posted to the Foothills website in the next couple of weeks.
- **Last Chance Show**, September 2 at A Rising Star, Arvada will be managed by Debbie Reihl-Rodriguez, and the show committee (Dolly Hannon, Sally Robertson). The chapter will have a special show meeting, August 20 at 6:30pm, A Rising Star Equestrian Center, Arvada. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, contact Dolly Hannon or Debbie R.
- Foothills chapter will begin this year to recognize those members who receive their Bronze, Silver and Gold **USDF Medals**. Year end, the chapter will send those members a card and a gift card (\$10, \$20, \$30).
- The chapter will begin to think of nominations for the **2013 Foothills Executive Board**. We will be voting at the October 8, 2012 meeting. Nominations should be sent to Lori Mitchell, bandwdressage@aol.com

Grand Junction

Inka Spatafora – PROXY to Beth Geier

- The GVDS chapter did not hold a general meeting in June. We have a general meeting this Thursday.
- We will finalize the show schedule for the 2013-year. We'll have 5 shows. All shows will be schooling shows with clinics.
- Our September recognized show will be finalized.
- Over the last several months there were several western dressage clinics, which were well attended.
- There is not much to report as this time.

High Plains

Wendy Cibis

HP has been a little fractured so far this year. We are going to be having our next meeting in August. We have a large chapter both in terms of membership (180+) and geography and we're having a bit of a challenge finding what resonates with the membership.

That said, with the meeting announcement, a brief survey: "What 2 things make you renew your membership?" and "What chapter sponsored education opportunity would make you use up one of your

Saturdays?” will be included. We know members that show are reasonably “sticky”, but we also know a good portion of the membership doesn’t show. We need to appeal to as many of our members as possible.

We will also be looking at whether, in a chapter of approximately 180 members, it makes sense to break some things into smaller bites. Things like education and chapter level awards might benefit from more focused attention by a specific chair or committee. We have a healthy balance sheet, we just need to do our homework so we commit it in a way that the chapter members will feel is responsible.

Stay tuned for next time when we will hope to have more concrete news to report.

Northern Colorado

Hana van Campen

1. The following NCDCA activities were accomplished in June 2012:
 - i. NCDCA sponsored a trail ride for charity on Saturday, June 16 which was hosted by the Rocky Mountain Lazy J Bar S Ranch in Loveland. The 5 NCDCA members who attended donated \$150.00 to the “Colorado Unwanted Horse Alliance” with a special request to cover any situations that arise from the forest fires this summer.
2. RMDS member, Donna Baxter, has volunteered to give a presentation and demonstration on “Western Dressage” with her QH gelding, Haint this coming Saturday July 14th at the Rocky Mountain Lazy J Bar S Ranch. A flyer for this activity was distributed to the RMDS membership via an “email blast”.
3. Plans for the rest of 2012 include:
 - i. Christa Elaine Wood has volunteered to give an introduction to musical rides. The first installment would be an introduction to musical rides and how to get started. The second potential installment would be a clinic where interested riders could try out their music and routines.
 - ii. We are still planning to offer a schooling show in the fall in a partnership with Mimi White of Stone Gate Farm.

Pikes Peak –

Simone Windeler

Membership is growing

Pikes Peak Dressage Society keeps continue to grow. We are excited to have several new members. You can find more information about events, our officers and how to join our group at www.pikespeakdressage.org or like us on Facebook.

Fire in Colorado Springs

Fortunately the fire did not impact too many members. However a few did have to evacuate their horses and it was heartwarming to feel the out-pour of support from the local horse community. Several private people opened their barns, donated feed and hay or had their trailers on stand-by to move horses as needed

Planned events

BBQ at Simone’s house – date TBA

Freestyle clinic for our members – most likely in Sep / Oct

Platte River

Laura Speer

The chapter did the concession stand at the RMDS winter wake up and did well. Thank you to Cindy Deviny for manning it both days.

Wasatch Mountains

Linda Nickerson – PROXY to Lori Mitchell

Western Colorado

Judith Family – NO PROXY

We have a very successful Summer Schooling Show Series in progress.

Our first show was June 13; our second is July 11, third August 15 and fourth September 8.

We will have a year-end Schooling Show awards banquet on September 9.

Our shows are well attended and truly a schooling experience.

Laura Speer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 pm. 2nd by Sharon Soos. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Petersen, secretary