

RMDS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Romano's Italian Restaurant – 720-344-9530

September 13, 2012

Attendance: Joan Clay, Cathy van Berg, Peter Soos, Sharon Soos, Laura Speer, Michelle Anderson, MaryJo Hoepner, Lori Mitchell, Nicole Bizzarro, Beth Geier, Shannon Lemons, Michael Petersen, Heather Petersen, Elaine Haberman, Susan Rudman, Patricia Leech, Rebecca Hutton

Proxies: Inka Spatafora to Beth Geier, Jamee Amundson to Lori Mitchell, Linda Nickerson to Lori Mitchell, Judith Family to Beth Geier, Wendy Cibis to Lori Mitchell, Julie Haugen to Joan Clay, Kim Lampert to Beth Geier, Hana van Campen to Joan Clay

Call to Order by Lori Mitchell at 6:33 pm.

The July 10, 2012 Minutes:

Beth Geier made a motion to approve the July 10, 2012 minutes as corrected, 2nd by Sharon Soos. Motion passed, Patricia Leech abstained.

Treasurers Report by Sharon Soos

Balance in each account as of August 31, 2012:

Checking Account	\$25,408.59
Scholarship Account	\$4,340.33
PayPal Account	\$3965.05
<u>Money Market</u>	<u>\$44,439.16</u>
Total:	\$77,253.13

Good records and updates on Championships financials from Beth and Heather. We definitely need to make some money on Championships. We really did make \$487 on bridle tags which was a point of discussion at the July meeting.

Western Dressage Liaison Report by Kelly Hendricks

- The WDAA has released their all breeds edition of the 2013 Western Dressage Rules- it is now available online.
- Dr. Warson- the author of "The Rider's Pain Free Back" will be doing a clinic in conjunction with Cliff Swanson on 9/23- for details see the WDACO website
- The WDACO is offering an obstacle course clinic on 10/20/2012- there are a few spots open and please contact the WDACO for registration information.
- The popular author Jec Ballou has a new app for the Iphone/tablet/pad- it is 101 Exercises for Western Dressage – pretty neat app
- October 23 and 24 at Douglas county fairgrounds- a Train the Trainer event with Frances Carbonnel and Cliff Swanson will take place. It is \$350 for the two days and is 2/3 full- open to 30 participants. For more info go to info@westerndressageassociation.org. I will be attending this training and will be excited to report back how it goes!

President's Report by Lori Mitchell

Lori presented the new duck timer for the meeting's discussion moments that might require time limits.

Discussion of policy and procedures: Pat Leech was asked to voice her concerns regarding the method the Executive Board is working through the RMDS Policies and Procedures and updating them. Lori addressed the discussion of the approval of the policies and procedures and we will continue with the current process.

Changes to the RMDS Financial Policies and Procedures presented:

- A. 10. "the other one be the Central Office manager" – cross out executive director
- A 12 – Add "Every third audit shall be performed by a different auditing firm.
- A 13 – the RMDS tax preparation firm must be different from the RMDS auditing firm.
- 1.2.a. first bullet – with an detailed accounting of the deposit, and must be clearly marked

Shannon Lemons moved the RMDS Financial Policies and Procedures document be approved as amended, 2nd by Nicole Bizzarro, motion passed, Patricia Leech abstained.

RMDS Executive Board Retreat will be October 20th – Aspen Creek Cellars at the Clifton House in Conifer. The meeting will run 9-5. Lunch can be preordered so we can have a working lunch. It's a bed and breakfast and other places locally are available for lodging. Budget meeting will be held at this retreat instead of the October budget meeting during the week originally scheduled for October 11th. Room has no cost for our use. Lunch will be each person's financial responsibility. MaryJo will check on availability of coffee and tea and the cost. Current and potential board members are encouraged to attend.

USDF basket – Lori asks that everyone bring something to the RMDS BOG that is Colorado related for the basket. RMDS will donate a shirt (large).

Bids for RMDS Junior Camp 2013:

2013 RMDS Youth Camp Proposal
June 19-22 2013
Tomora Training Center
Julie Haugen Director

I, Julie Haugen, am proposing to organize and run the youth camp again for 2013. I organized it for the first time this year, and it was a great success. I learned quite a bit about the entire event, and have many ideas for next year. Most importantly, I would love to hold the camp earlier. I have spoken to the wonderful people of Tomora training center and they have generously agreed to offer their facility and are on board for an earlier date. I feel it is a great opportunity for the youth of the area to come together and enjoy their love of horses and passion for the art of Dressage. Below are the proposed costs based on this year's expenditures and profits. It is my opinion that if this event can make a profit and it fulfills the needs of its participants it is meeting its required needs. The people that helped in 2012, weather in a "paid" capacity or not, truly did so for the youth and all of our love for horses.

2012 Costs	
Stalls for 10 Campers @75.00	750.00
Food	657.12
Potty	175.00
Parting gifts	20.00
Crafts	127.99
Assistant Director	500.00
Camp Director	500.00
Total Expenses	2730.11
2012 Income	
10 Campers @ 375.00	3750.00
Net Profit	769.89

2013 Proposed costs	
Stalls for up to 12 campers	900.00
Food	750.00
Potty	175.00
Gifts/Crafts	150.00
Assistant Director	500.00
Camp Director	500.00
Total Expenses	2975.00

2013 Proposed Income	
12 Campers @ 375.00	4500.00

Proposed Profit	1525.00
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I hope you all consider my proposal.

Respectfully,
Julie Haugen

- **MaryJo Hoepner moved to accept the bid submitted by Julie Haugen for the position of 2013 RMDS Junior Camp Director, 2nd by Lori Mitchell. Motion passed with Joan Clay abstaining Julie's proxy and Patricia Leech abstained.**

Office Manager Report by Beth Geier

Membership

- Membership is currently at 797, 13 are Centaur only. 130 new horses registered since October 2011. Almost all chapters down (Platte River is not).
- If a person joins RMDS for 2013 and prior to the BOG can they run for office? Per our by-laws, they should be a member in the current year if running for the following year.
- Delegate count might change a little.

Shows

- TD Reports:
 - Centaur Rising #2, AHIEC #2, Centaur Rising #3, CSDA, BVD So Long to Summer

Centaur:

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General

- Chapter membership & delegate count for 2012 on next page

Office:

- Pins for October discussion
- Arena Rental: \$100 per time or \$100 per day????
 - Straw pole of executive board members: \$100 per day – 0; per event – many hands. Decided to leave as currently stated.

Next Executive Board Meetings (2nd Thursday odd months) – Romano's Italian Restaurant – 720-344-9530

Sept 13		Jan 10	March 14	May 9	
Oct 20	Nov 10 = BOG	July 11	Sept 12	Oct?	Nov 9-BOG

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Members:	1162	1177	1151	1019	1036	1008	1030	945	921	868	797

Horses:	274	337	207	234	262	246	166	132	132	123	130
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AV	-	-	-	-	-	12	26	15	24	27	25
BV	230	208	199	179	178	172	205	188	200	190	182
CS	134	155	137	130	143	126	127	115	124	115	63
FH	115	103	109	73	74	77	76	75	72	71	65
GV	77	98	93	92	88	102	105	87	83	65	53
HP	278	283	267	251	259	260	265	256	226	208	190
NC	150	151	162	139	137	137	124	107	132	110	93
PP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44
PR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	14
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	797
Juniors									134	120	117
Amateurs									230	239	220

**2012 - BOARD OF GOVERNORS DELEGATE COUNT
NOVEMBER 10, 2012**

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Membership</u>	<u>Delegates</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Delegates</u>
AV	25	2		
BV	182	10	0-20	1
CS	63	4	21-40	2
FH	65	4	41-60	3
GV	53	3	61-80	4
HP	190	10	81-100	5
NC	93	5	101-120	6
PP	44	3	121-140	7
PR	14	1	141-160	8
WA	28	2	161-180	9
WC	27	2	181-200	10
			201-220	11
No Chapter	13		221-240	12
Total	797	46	241-260	13
			261-280	14
			281-300	15

BE SURE TO NOTIFY THE RMDS SECRETARY OF THE NAMES OF ALL THE DELEGATES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

A Chapter shall annually elect from its membership delegates to the Society's Board of Governors. At a Board of Governors meeting, each Chapter shall be entitled to one (1) vote for every twenty (20) members or fraction there-of. Each Chapter shall notify in writing the Secretary of the Society as to how its voting rights are distributed amongst its delegates.

By-Laws

2012 BYLAW & STANDING RULE – SUGGESTED CHANGES

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION

A. Membership:

3. Upon joining the Society, members shall select a Chapter to represent their interests in forming Society policies and in managing the Society. **Should a member fail to select a Chapter, he/she shall be assigned to a Chapter at the discretion of the RMDS Central Office.** Members may change Chapter affiliation by notifying the RMDS Central Office in writing of their desire. BOARD
Discussion – allowing at large directors and why yes or no... we're leaving it in. straw pole shows that board supports people not having to have a chapter. 1 – Office assigns 2 people. 2 – Don't have to belong to a chapter 7 people. 3 – I don't care 4 people. Wording to be sent forward for publication in the Centaur: Should a member fail to select a Chapter, he/she shall remain a member at large and will not have Board of Governors representation.

B. Chapters:

3. All members of a Chapter must be members of the Society in good standing.
if a Chapter board member who is elected by the membership is not a member of RMDS in good standing by the January RMDS Board meeting they can not take office and will not be included in the D&O and not recognized as a board member (RMDS or Chapter) and no other board member can take that responsibility unless elected by the membership or EB. BOARD
Discussion – this is a complete addition. Leave it as is and send before the board of governors.

ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS

- A. The elected officers of the Board of Governors being, President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, shall act in their respective capacities as the officers of the Society. All officers shall be members of the Society in good standing and a participating member of the United States Dressage Federation.
- B. Term of Office:
 4. The Vice President shall be elected to a 1-year term to begin January 1. **Limit term if not moving up? Limited to 2 consecutive terms.**
- D. President:
 4. **In the event the president is unable to complete their term, the Office shall normally be filled by the ascension of the Vice President. In the event the office of Vice-President is either vacant or held by an appointee of the Executive Board, the office of President shall be filled within 30 days by an election of the Board of Governors and shall fulfill the remainder of the term.** BOARD

ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES

A. Permanent Committees:

3. The responsibilities of the Permanent Committees relate to coordination of the major activities of the Society.

c. THE SHOW COMMITTEE shall be responsible for RMDS Championship Competition as outlined in the Standing Rules Section XIV. BOARD

Deleted: Championship

ARTICLE IX. EXECUTIVE BOARD

A. The Executive Board shall consist of the four elected Officers, the Chairpersons of the Permanent Committees, the immediate past President of the Society, and the President of each non-suspended Chapter. **Executive Board members shall not hold a chair position for which they receive remuneration for activities related to that committee. Nor shall they hold a proxy for that chair position. The Central Office Manager shall not hold a board position or carry proxies. Laura approves to go before the BOG.**

RMDS Standing Rules

SECTION III. RMDS RECOGNIZED/APPROVED COMPETITIONS

M. RMDS Recognized Competition Approval:

1. Chapter sponsored competitions that are presented and recognized at the RMDS Fall Board of Governors meeting shall have their dates **protected for ONE year.** BOARD

SECTION V. AWARDS - YEAR END

A. Eligibility:

2. Only current members of the Society in good standing shall be eligible to receive Society Year End Awards.
 - a. Members who have failed to return or make restitution for missing/damage perpetual trophies from previous years, **by Oct 20**, shall not be considered in good standing and **will** therefore not **be** eligible for Society Year End Awards.
 - b. **Members must complete 4 hours of documented volunteer hours in order to be eligible for any year-end award. Members should submit proof of volunteer hours to the central office by October 1.**
- 7.
8. **In order to receive a year-end award, you must volunteer 4 hours at an RMDS recognized show or event during the current season. If you are unable to do this, someone may do this for you. A volunteer form must be filled out, signed by the organizer of the event and submitted to the Central Office by October 1 of the same year.**

SHANNON LEMONS & HEATHER PETERSEN

E. Perpetual Trophies:

1. Perpetual trophies are the property of RMDS and are loaned to the recipient contingent upon the signing of a contract specifying penalties for late return, damage or loss of the trophy. Trophies must be returned **by Oct. 20** to the RMDS Awards Chairperson. A keeper ribbon will be provided by RMDS.
2. **If the trophy is not returned by October 1, a fine of \$25 will be assessed. If the trophy is not returned by October 20, it will be considered lost and the recipient will be required to pay for a replacement trophy.**

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SECTION VI. RMDS TECHNICAL DELEGATES PROGRAM

B. RMDS Technical Delegates Continuing Recognition Requirements RMDS Technical Delegates who meet the following conditions shall be approved to continue to officiate at competitions recognized only by RMDS.

6. An RMDS Technical Delegate must take a technical delegate's exam once every two (2) years and must receive a mark of 85% or better before their certificate is renewed. **The test is to be administered in October of the odd numbered years.**
7. **If test is not passed, must do whole program again: as stated in Section VI, A. above.** BOARD

SECTION XIV.

RMDS CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

A. General:

6. Horse and rider combinations, which are champions from previous years and received an RMDS qualifying score in that championship class for Training Level through Fourth Level & Training through Fourth Level Freestyle, are not eligible to compete again in Championship Classes at the same level at which they were champions.

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7. Except for Musical Freestyle Classes, the Annual Level Champions for Adult Amateur, JR/YR, and Open divisions will be determined by riding the highest test at the level that shall be judged by at least two (2) judges. The horse and rider combination with the highest average for each division at each level shall be the champions.

8. Musical Freestyle Level Champions shall be determined by riding a single freestyle test at the qualified level that shall be judged by at least two (2) judges. The horse/rider combination with the highest average score for the test at each level shall be the champion.

9. Only the rider that has qualified on a specific horse may ride that horse during the Championship Show (Only 1 rider per horse for the show) (groom with a loose rein excepted).

10. The championship awards shall be presented at the Championship Show in a formal awards ceremony. Failure of the horse and rider recipients to appear in costume and full tack for the ceremony (unless excused for cause by the show management) shall result in immediate disqualification. In event of disqualification, each affected award shall be presented to the next lower average score.

11. No whip may be carried by a rider in an RMDS Championship Class. (Exception: Riders riding sidesaddle may carry a whip in RMDS Championships.)

12. Championship tests must be ridden from memory.

13. Rider must submit a copy of their current US Equestrian Federation Adult Amateur card to be eligible to ride as an Adult Amateur.

14. In the event of a tie for Champion or Reserve Champion, the collective marks will determine 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Otherwise a tie will remain unbroken.

B. Qualification for Dressage Championship Classes:

Championship Classes shall be open to all Society members in good standing who meet the qualifying criteria specified below:

5. Horse/rider combinations may qualify for Championship Classes by submitting scores meeting the following criteria:

b. The horse/rider combination must receive two (2) qualifying scores from RMDS recognized competitions at the level of the Championship Class that they wish to qualify to ride in the current RMDS show year; one of the tests must be the highest test at that level. The scores must be from two (2) different judges at two (2) different shows. The minimum qualifying score for each level for RMDS Championships ONLY shall be: Not to exceed USDF requirements) BOARD

Level	Open	Adult Amateur	JR/YR
i. Training	62%	60%	60%
ii. First	62%	60%	60%
iii. Second	60%	58%	58%
iv. Third	60%	58%	58%
v. Fourth	60%	58%	58%
vii. PSG	58%	56%	56%
viii. INT I	58%	56%	56%
ix. INT II	57%		
x. GP	56%		

Adult Amateur Report by Beth Geier

Currently working on:

- Sarah Martin Part 2- -Not sure when to schedule this. Discussion on asking her for Fall 2013... Yes or no? Board discussed and said no for the time being.
- Helping Michelle Anderson and Julie Haugen with the 2013 clinics.
- Adult camp in 2013 or is the Team Competition enough? When to hold the team competition? October or staying with June.... Board leans towards October.

Awards by Shannon Lemons

Form for RMDS booth to check in trophies.

1. **New/Replacement Trophies:**
 - a. Junior/Young Rider Training Level – New sponsor obtained, working on actual trophy and details with them.
 - b. Freestyle Second Level – New sponsor obtained, trophy finished and ready to go. (Beth – check?)
 - c. Freestyle Grand Prix –
 - i. Lost in Fort Collins wildfire
 - ii. Friend of the winner would like to replace it
 - iii. RMDS - cover cost of a plaque to go with the new trophy listing all previous winners?
 - iv. Need contact information for Sue Halasz to inform her of what happened to the previous award – she had expressed interest in getting it back if/when retired.
 - d. Westfalen Horse of the Year
 - i. Proposed new award, potential donor already has a trophy they would like to donate
 - ii. Have adequate number of horses competing
 - iii. Need board approval
 - iv. **MaryJo Hoepner moved to approve a new RMDS Westfalen Horse of the Year award, 2nd by Michelle Anderson. Motions passed unanimously. Patricia Leech abstained.**
 - e. Miscellaneous – started purchasing permanent storage/transport boxes for trophies. Will wait to purchase the rest when all the awards are returned so that I have correct sizes.
2. **Russ Fawcett Award:**
 - a. Sharon Schneidman
 - b. Karen Perkins
 - c. Any others? None brought to the floor. A closed ballot vote took place and results will be announced at the awards banquet in November.
3. **VOTY:**
 - a. RMDS Nominees
 - i. Jon Haugen
 - ii. Bill Chunko
 - iii. Lori Mitchell
 - iv. Shannon Lemons
 - b. Any others? None brought to the floor. A closed ballot vote took place and results will be announced at the awards banquet in November.
 - c. Chapter Nominees
 - i. Only have one nominee so far
 - ii. Will send out a reminder email blast regarding Chapter volunteers of the Year.
4. **Look Ahead – BOG, 2013:**
 - a. BOG
 - i. What about a portion of auction proceeds to benefit those members who suffered losses in the wildfires this summer? USEF disaster aide fund designated for Colorado Wildfire victims – big jug for donations will instead be put out on the auction tables.
 - ii. By Law Change – suggested 4 hour volunteer requirement submitted
 - b. 2013
 - i. Budget request will be lower as only one trophy (Morgan Horse of the Year) will be retired this year
 - ii. Suggestion regarding lower membership numbers – email, postcard or letter with a check of for why they are not renewing – i.e., not showing, moved away, no longer riding – to see what we can do to improve membership value
 - c. The old President's Award was brought up by Patricia Leech – It was discussed that it morphed into the RMDS volunteer of the year award so that the entire board could vote on the honor.

Communications by Nicole Bizzarro

So much going on! We have a lot of things to review:

Centaur—Advertising is down! Lori has offered a lot of suggestions for changes to the regular sections such as, a Book Review, Spotlight on the Board, Ask a Professional, Trainer Spotlight...etc. But there seems to be a good amount of articles and content in each issue...just not enough ads. Cathy states: "The last thing I'd like to mention is that the Centaur needs more advertisers, not necessarily more articles. People like to scan the Centaur, but they don't necessarily read every article. I've looked at a ton of newsletters in the last few years...there are maybe 2-3 short articles per issue, and the rest is the groups' business notifications and ads. RMDS is in dire need of a group of dedicated marketers who are willing to get out there and find some good advertisers...they could also do double duty for the Omnibus. I'm sure RMDS could use the money to offset the production costs of the Centaur and Omnibus."

Lori discussed that indeed she feels we need more content and advertising... pay some college kids who would get a commission on ads sold.

Several members discussed that the content of the Centaur is marginal at best – what can be done outside of getting advertisers to increase the content and educational value of the Centaur to make it valuable to our members? Elaine Haberman suggested adding show results, similar to the California Dressage Society. It was also suggested we offer dirt cheap or free classifieds to our members.

Several board members supported a proposal to go to every other month. Lori tabled this discussion for the meeting in October when we could look at budgetary figures.

Cathy suggested running free classified listings (or dirt cheap, or free for OND) as a way to get people to flip through from the cover to the calendar to the classified section. From Cathy: "If I can make a suggestion as a marketer...start with the classifieds. Some of the GMOs offer almost free classifieds as a membership perk. Get those going and people will start looking at the calendar first and the classifieds next. When the classifieds are rolling (nearly a full page), then people will start buying spendier ads again. It's one of the best and easiest ways to make the Centaur the "go-to" publication for dressage resources. Might take half a year or more, but it'll happen. Just my two cents..."

In other Centaur News, Beth submitted two articles of Cathy's choosing to the annual USDF Newsletter Awards!

Facebook—384 members. Let's try and decide what we will allow other to post on the RMDS FB wall, we have been removing advertising, but this is a tricky judgment call for me most of the time...could we come up with some parameters? Leave all posts up was the feeling of the board.

Omnibus—we expect advertising to be low in the 2013 Edition, and have kept the pricing structure unchanged. We did sell every tab last year but not every tab was sold as a color ad...do we want to make any changes in price or add color ads in section C next year? Or make all tabs color, and therefore more spendy?

Last thoughts—I feel it is EVERY board members duty to help push all advertising for RMDS...we really need to bring up the ad sales to offset the costs of the publications we all value. I would love to see all advertising opportunities given emphasis and have created (and re-created) an RMDS advertising information PDF that has the whole enchilada, from the Web Marketplace to the Championship Program to the Omnibus and Centaur, plus the discounts available...if you are out there pitching one venue, please at least leave information about all the advertising opportunities.

Education Report by Michelle Anderson

PROXY to Beth Geier

"L" Judge Continuing Education 2013 – Saturday January 12

- Stellar Stables in Parker has agreed to host this session (thank you to Beth for arrangements!)
- Gary has returned signed contract.
- USDF funding grant will be submitted once signatures are obtained from Lori & Heather at this meeting.
- "Save the Dates" notice placed in next Centaur.

Technical Delegate / Show Management Education 2013 – Saturday February 9

- Heather Petersen engaged for show management and Veronica Holt for TD.
- Location is the Comfort Suites in Castle Rock. Contract pending.
- “Save the Dates” notice placed in next Centaur.

Symposium with George Williams 2013, Feb 23-24 (Feb 22 w/instructors only)

- Symposium location will be Tomora Training Center in Greeley (thanks to Jon & Julie Haugen/Lori/Beth for arrangements and Nicole & Natalie for hosting!)
- George has returned signed contract and likes theme of The Training Scale.
- Grant request submitted to Region V.
- Flyer has been provided to Cathy for next Centaur.

Junior/Young Riders by Julie Haugen

July 18- 21 2012 RMDS Junior Camp

The camp this year was very successful and well attended. We had 10 campers and with the help of many wonderful people, we all had a wonderful time. Below are the costs and profits.

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PROXY TO JOAN CLAY

July 22, 2012 USDF Team competition organized with the Amateur director, Beth Geier.

The Team competition was a great success. Everyone that participated had a wonderful time and all that volunteered made sure everything went well. We held it directly following the camp, and it was the largest attendance to date. We are looking into the idea of doing the same for 2013. Beth has the specifics about the costs and profits of the show.

Marketing by Sharon Soos

- Championships RMDS Booth:
 - RMDS Shirts Inventory – 10-12 shirts available in various sizes.
 - 2013 Media Kit
 - Advertising Rate Post Cards (Omnibus and Centaur)
 - Clinic Fliers (rest of 2012 & 2013 scheduled)
 - Membership forms (checks will not be process until end of October)
 - Others?? Time limited discussion and other items were not brought forward.
- 2013 Ad Campaign for Centaur – Proposal
Earn money for your Chapter:
 - \$100 – New Advertiser* for Centaur full page, 1 year (annual ad \$1800)
 - \$50 – New Advertiser* for Centaur ½ page, 1 year (annual ad \$1080)
 - \$25 – New Advertiser* for Centaur ¼ page, 1 year (annual ad \$660)
 - ????
 - New Advertiser is defined as having not advertised in the Centaur for 2 or more years.
 - Lori asked we consider this option in our discussions at the October meeting.

- 2013 Omnibus Advertising
 - "Getting the Word Out" from the office
 - Thank you Beth for staying on top of this.
 - Several board members stated they had not received any omnibus advertising information even though it was reportedly open for "booking" and the board members were continuous advertisers over the years.

Scholarship by MaryJo and Heather

Report tabled to October due to time limitations during this meeting.

Shows by Susan Rudman

RMDS Championships

- I should have started a year ago!
- When I look at previous years' dollars brought in from sponsorships, donations, etc. I see that we are ahead of previous years. I was hoping to bring in more and make this Championship a real profit winner for us as our balances are low. I do believe we ALL need to look at Championships as a fundraiser. Membership and ads are our only other sources of income.
- Last number of competitor entries I knew, the numbers were still down (141) hope that number has increased.
- Other ways we can bring in money or decrease our cost:
 - Class Sponsorship: Half the classes are still open. Let's fill them!
 - Silent Auction possible income can be increased by increased number of items. Could each board member donate an item?
- Tagawa gardens' has donated more than \$300 worth to the silent auction, can they put up a banner?
- Other ideas?
- Championship Events Line Up:
 - Thursday midday Silent Auction begins.
 - Friday 7am Free Zumba Class in Pavilion
 - Friday evening Kristi Wysocki's equine retirement. Main Ring before awards ceremony.
 - Friday night Fashion Show. Time and place determined by Kristi's.
 - Sat. 7am still working on Pilates instructor on the Burm.
 - Sat. evening DJ and dinner. Pavilion. Time?
 - Sat. 7pm Silent Auction ends.
- Boot shine on the grounds Friday and Saturday.
- RMDS Booth?
- Parker Trailer on grounds Thursday thru Sunday for Silent Auction items.
- Menu's for Thursday, Friday and Saturday night dinner?

Report from Heather Petersen, contracted show management for RMDS Championships:

- Sport Horse entries to date – 19 but closes today, so hopefully we'll get more.
- Main show entries to date –
 - 170 competing horses
 - 7 non-competing horses
- 10 main show entries pending that we know of at this point.
- Over \$6500 in sponsorship currently
- \$640 in advertising for the show program
- 7 confirmed vendors, 3 pending/possible additional vendors
- Several high points donated by vendors and others Susan Rudman has contacted.
- Competitor bags have arrived, volunteer gifts have arrived.
- Volunteers still needed

- Projected arenas at this point:
 - Thursday – 1 Ring – using Arena 2
 - Friday – 3 rings (139 rides, 19 hours)
 - Saturday – 4 rings (171 rides, 23 hours)
 - Sunday – 3 rings (135, 18 hours)
- We will be moving into the show office on Wednesday morning if anyone is available to help out. We will also be stuffing competitor bags and we will need help.
- Ride times for the under saddle show will go out this weekend, most likely Sunday. Sport horse times will go out on Monday.
- Arrangements need to be made to bring the RMDS arena to the Colorado Horse Park.

Lori Mitchell brought forth the consideration to sponsor a hospitality table at the USDF Region 5 Championships in Utah October 5-7, 2012. **MaryJo Hoepner moved that RMDS sponsor a hospitality table for \$250 at the USDF Region 5 Championships in Utah October 5-7, 2012. 2nd by Simone Windeler. Motion passed with Heather Petersen, Simone Windeler, Sharon Soos and Nicole Bizzarro abstaining.**

Appointed Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee by Laura Speer

Report tabled to October due to time limitations during this meeting.

Banquet & BOG– November 12, 2012 from Laura Speer

Report tabled to October due to time limitations during this meeting.

USDF Region 5 Update by Heather Petersen

The USDF convention is just around the corner and it's going to be a wonderful year. We are in revitalized New Orleans this year December 5th-8th. Information and registration forms for the Convention and Symposium are available at www.usdf.org/Convention/.

Your Participating Member Delegates to the USDF Convention for 2012 are Eva-Maria Adolphi, Rusty Cook, Kay Lorenzen and Laura Speer. These ladies will be representing our Region during the voting portions of the Board of Governors meetings, in addition to representatives from each GMO. Please feel free to contact them regarding your viewpoints – their contact information can be found at <http://www.usdf.org/about/about-usdf/governance/nominating/DelegatesResults.asp?regionpass=5>. We will be looking to approve the budget for the first National Championships in 2013, along with several other important financial issues. Several committees within USDF are adding new programs for the coming years and there will be lots of great informational sessions presented by presenters such as Hilary Clayton and Hilda Gurney.

For the northern part of our region, the show season is wrapping up and for the southern portion, it's just beginning. By next month, we'll be able to report on the USDF Region 5 Championships for 2012 that was held for the first time in Utah. As I write this, entries are coming in, and we'll know the results of the show when I next write. Hopefully I'll have seen you there!

Old business:

None

New Business:

2013 Paragon CDI Sponsorship - Tabled to the October Meeting.

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

Arkansas Valley

The club has been really inactive the last couple months. Everyone is just riding and doing their own thing. We will have another Ride-A-Test Show/Clinic with Jenny Baldwin on Oct. 13 in Canon City, but that's about it. The new Bylaws were approved at the last business meeting in July

Jamee Amundson – PROXY to Lori Mitchell

Boulder Valley

Kim Lampert – PROXY to Beth Geier

Colorado Springs No Report

Patricia Leech

Foothills

Lori Mitchell

The chapter will be having our last chapter meeting of the year on October 8th at El Senor Sol at the Arvada location at 6380 McIntyre. The chapter will be discussing our plans for 2013 and electing our new 2013 Foothills Chapter board members.

Foothills Last Chance show was held over Labor Day weekend along with a Ride a Test, both at A Rising Star Equestrian Center. The Ride a Test filled quickly as the previous one did, therefore we will be looking to hold more of them in 2013. The Last Chance Show was well attended, but we hope to make a few changes for next year.

The Foothills Chapter hopes to continue our growth in 2013 and continue to push education.

Grand Junction No Report

Inka Spatafora – PROXY to Beth Geier

High Plains No Report

Wendy Cibis – PROXY to Lori Mitchell

Northern Colorado No Report

Hana van Campen – PROXY to Joan Clay

Pikes Peak –

Simone Windeler

The Pikes Peak Dressage Society will start regular meetings again in October. We will meet the 2nd Tue of each month - place to be announced. Check our website www.pikespeakdressage.org/ or our Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Pikes-Peak-Dressage-Society/173869702713427> for the location.

Our plans for the fall include - Riding to Music, a trail ride, Shop 'til you drop at Bingo's on Nov 13th, Holiday Party at Simone's house on Dec 11th.

For the New Year - we will start of with a bang with our Gary Rockwell clinic Jan 11 and Jan 13. Look for details on the clinic as we get closer.

Platte River No Report

Laura Speer

Many of our members are showing and doing quite well! A special note of congratulations to Peter Soos for riding in his very first dressage show at the Foothills Last Chance Show!

We are getting together this month for a barn warming party at PRD members Elaine Haberman and her mother's new barn. It will be a fun day and the northern members are looking forward to having an outing.

Not much else happening with our club over the summer. We hope to see everyone at Championships!

Wasatch Mountains - No Report

Linda Nickerson – PROXY to Lori Mitchell

Western Colorado

Judith Family – PROXY to Beth Geier

Western Colorado Chapter maintains a bank account at Vectra Bank of Colorado, El Jebel Branch. Our treasurer is Barbara McEInea and our assitant treasurer is Justina Potter, 6059 County Road 100, Carbondale, CO 81623-8815. We currently have \$10,261 in our account.

Our chapter has had four well-attended summer schooling shows, drawing riders from the entire Roaring Fork Valley as well as many from Vail Valley. We had mothers and daughters and even a grandmother and grandson competing in the same shows..

Our Chapter maintains a website www.aspendressage.com as an electronic Newsletter. We are linked to the RMDS website.

We invite members and other interested parties to access ongoing up-dates concerning chapter business, calendar of events, electronic entry forms, membership applications, show prize lists, show results, Roster of Chapter Officers, and current Bylaws.

Joan Clay made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 pm. 2nd by Susan Rudman. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Petersen, secretary