

RMDS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 13, 2016

Darcy's Bistro & Irish Pub – 303-770-0477

4955 S Ulster St #103

Denver, CO 80237

The room is reserved beginning at 6:00 pm

(See directions at end of agenda)

@ 6:30 PM

Attendance: Gwen Ka'awaloa, Beth Geier, Heather Petersen, Sharon Soos, JoElyn Newcomb, Beverly Swanson, MaryJo Hoepner, Patricia Leech, Una Schade, Linda Gaber, Kris Cooper, Jim Cooper, Joan Clay, Didi DeKrey, Shannon Lemons

Proxies: Jessica Ford to Heather Petersen;

Call to Order-President

Gwen Ka'awaloa

Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm

President Report

Gwen Ka'awaloa

- Only a few things to cover before the budget meeting. Heather will present.

Secretary's Items

Heather Petersen

High Plains Sponsorship Letter – Didn't provide the banner for the sponsorship space they paid for. Discussion of what benefits they did receive, they were sent a reminder to bring banners to the show, how much should be refunded, rewriting of the banner sponsorship in the packet. **MaryJo Hoepner moved that we refund High Plains the complete sponsorship fee of \$150 due to the confused communication. 2nd by Una Schade. 3 Opposed – Heather Petersen, Kris Cooper, Patricia Leach. Didi DeKrey and Joan Clay Abstain.**

MaryJo Hoepner moved to rescind the previous motion. 2nd by Una Schade. Motion passed unanimously.

MaryJo Hoepner moved to credit the \$150 banner space sponsorships to 2017 championships for High Plains Dressage and Kathy Simard. 2nd by Una Schade. Motion passed unanimously.

Russ Fawcet Discussion: Heather Petersen nominated RaeAnn Cook, 2nd by Gwen Ka'awaloa. No other nominations. She passed unanimously.

Junior Sportsmanship Award: Discussion of various options. **Gwen nominated the USDF Region 5 FEI Jr/YR teams – Jackson Gillespie, Gaylen Davis, Katie Scotford, Paige Smith and Lexy Donaldson. 2nd by Joan Clay. Motion passed unanimously.** Shannon will get each of them ribbons and plaques.

Proposed Slate of Officers:

Vice President – Joan Clay

AA – Anclaire Spaulding

Communication – Beverly Swanson

Junior / Young Rider – Cassandra Dipentino

Show Liason – Open

Scholarship – MaryJo Hoepner

Slate will go out to the membership, then nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Awards:

Shannon Lemons

Missing many many many trophies. 25 or so trophies have not been returned. Penalty is \$25.

List of Shame:

Emma Foreman
Jessica Greer
Whitney Haugen
Megan Kelleghan
Jessica Klein
Sarah Martin
Kate Sotiroff
Roberta Stewardson
Jennifer Thompson
Petra Warlimont

All new trophies are sponsored and set.

Budgeting Session

Sharon Soos

- Discussion of how the budgeting sheets work and packet material.
- Adult Amateur – one large income note as the allocation of funds by a chapter that dissolved.
- Allocate \$500 to Juniors, Amateurs and Professionals.
- Awards – discussion of can we decrease postage? Not really. Staying with the policy of if you don't pick it up, we don't mail it. \$500 Income, \$6500 expense.
- BOG Banquet – cost of meals going up \$1. Beth recommends same budget. \$8000 out and \$7500 In. \$500 loss.
- BOG Meeting - \$1500 expense.
- Advertising is quite down. Most of the advertising in the Centaur is combined packages with the omnibus. Costs are considerably less then expected. \$4000 Income, \$12500 expenses.
- Central Office – pretty much right now. \$2500 income, \$11350 expense.
- Education/Clinics – Possible changes to Freestyle clinic in January if USEF doesn't approve. Discussion of L grads paying the full participant price if RMDS members want it to count for L grad continuing education. \$3000 income, \$3000 expense.
- Junior Camp – there is interest in having one this year. \$1500 income, \$1000 expense.
- Marketing/Expo - \$500 Income, \$1250 expense. Una talked about some advertising. Discussion of merchandising items.
- Membership dues – \$43,000 income, \$21,500 expense
- Horse dues - \$7000 income
- Misc/donations – spent what was budgeted plus a little in 2016. \$2785 expense.
- Omnibus – discussion of electronic again.... Decided against. Could we put it in the electronic format behind the login? \$13000 income, \$15000 expense
- Operating - \$3000 expense - \$2000 convention expenses, \$1000 mis and treasurer stuff.
- Scheduling/Insurance – show recognitions, insurance for club and chapters if asked for it. \$2200 income, \$1800 expense.
- Scholarship - \$2000 expense, \$1500 income.
- Taxes/Legal/Audit - \$300 reimbursement from chapters, chapters are down. \$250 income, \$750 expense.

- Team Competition - \$3000 income, \$2000 expense.
- Website - \$860 expense, \$150 income.
- General / Interest - \$100 both – misc stuff.
- Championships – Gwen and Heather discussed their meeting with the Colorado Horse Park yesterday. \$125000 Income, \$127000 Expense with the anticipation that we would go back to the horse park.
- Total Income \$214,700; Total Expense \$223, 395; Total Difference \$-8695

Need chapter officers and delegates. Need chapter volunteers of the year.

MaryJo Hoepner moved to adjourn at 8:42pm, 2nd by Shannon Lemons. Motion passed unanimously.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Appointed Committee Reports:

1. Western Dressage Liaison

No report

Frances Carbonnel

2. Nominating Committee – Chapter Presidents

Need nominees for 2 years: Vice-President (1 year), President, Treasurer, Secretary, Awards, Education, Marketing, Professional

No report

Sandra Rosewell

3. Historical Committee-Archives

Asked board members to check with their membership in their chapters to see if they have old RMDS information or documentation they would be willing to share with us.

Pat Leech

4. BOG – November 5, 2016

Contract in hand, waiting for deposit amount from the facility.

Heather Petersen

5. Banquet – January 14, 2017-Renaissance Denver Hotel

Rooms available in a block.

Beth Geier

Region 5 Report

Heather Petersen

Congratulations to all of our Young Riders and Juniors who competed at NAJYRC in Colorado this year! Everyone did very well and we are so proud of you.

Young Rider:

Lexy Donaldson & Power Play

Juniors:

Jackson Gillespie & Westpoint

Gaylen Davis & Mojito RH

Katherine Scotford & Dean Martin

Paige Smith & Welkin

GOOD JOB EVERYONE! Many thanks to our Region 5 FEI Junior/Young Rider coordinator, Joan Clay, who also was Chef d'Equipe for our teams. We could not have done it without you. Joan also received the Patsy Albers Award – awarded to the dressage chef d'equipe who best demonstrates the same level of dedication, enthusiasm, and team spirit shown by Patsy throughout the years. The award is open to all of the dressage chefs d'equipe, and any competitor or chef d'equipe can nominate a candidate by submitting a written explanation as to why that chef deserves to win the Albers Award.

The kids faced a lot of adversity this year and were amazing! Many thanks to the team members, their parents, trainers and grooms for all their hard work and wonderful attitudes the entire week. The 2nd annual miniature golf team dinner with the USEF Youth Coaches was a great highlight again this year and helped with team bonding and making our Region as a whole feel a little closer to each other.

The USDF convention is coming up quickly and it's time to book your hotel rooms, airfare and register for the convention and symposium. We are in St. Louis this year November 30th - December 3rd. Information and registration forms for the Convention and Symposium are available at www.usdf.org/Convention/. All Group Member Organization's (GMO) were asked to designate their delegates for the USDF convention Board of Governors meeting by August 31st and if not determined by that date, the GMO president would become the delegate. If the GMO delegate/president is not able to attend the convention, a proxy for that delegate can be submitted at any time up until the night before the BOG meeting at the convention. The advantage for the GMO is that the delegate will be known and can receive communication from the USDF office earlier. GMO Delegates are included on a list of USDF delegates to receive e-mail communications containing pertinent information on issues that will come before the 2016 BOG meeting at convention. If GMO's have not yet sent in their delegate information, please do so as soon as possible.

Don't forget, the Great American/USDF Region 5 Championships is coming up September 15-18 in Estes Park, Colorado. Entries have already closed, but we hope to see everyone there to cheer each other on! We will be having a brief Regional meeting on Saturday, September 17th.

Old Business:

- Freestyle competition – October 2017, National Western. What can we do now to bring people / sponsors / celebrities? Start promoting it now. Thinking Debbie and Dolly for judges since they also do western dressage. Bev has a public relations person she works with that is interested in helping us as well.

New Business:

- Bylaws and Standing Rule change proposals?
 - Discussion of RMDS membership and shows requiring proof and such.
 - Letter being sent to show management who ask for RMDS recognition regarding their responsibilities to RMDS on checking memberships and such.
 - Do we charge a non-member fee? How do we patrol competitions making sure people are current and correct?

Chapter Presidents:

MaryJo Hoepner Moved to approve all chapter reports as submitted. 2nd by Heather Petersen. Motion passes unanimously.

1. Arkansas Valley

Beth Hart

Arkansas Valley is having a clinic on "how to prepare and ride in a show" before our last schooling show on October 1. The clinic will include dressage test prep and discussion.

1. How to Visualize your Test.
2. Strategies to Pick Up Easy Points.
3. What to do if you Make a Mistake.

And Practice Test with your horse or without, individualized session. Ride the test of your choice. Or, do live visualization in the dressage arena with specific attention to your issues. Work with you or your horse and walk you through an actual visualization in the arena. If interested in signing up, call 719-429-1244.

October 1st is our final schooling show of the year. The schooling show will be judged by Beth Geier. We are excited to have Beth come down from Boulder again! There will be High point prizes and “That Truck” food truck will be on site for lunch. Registration is open and deadline is Sept. 27th. Entry forms and more information are on our website and Facebook page.

<http://www.arkansasvalleydressage.org/entry-forms--shows--clinics.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/Arkansas-Valley-Dressage-Association-292505197521873/>

Our ride-a-test with Julie Burt was a fun full day! The B-bar-B ranch in Westcliffe had a clinic with Sabrina Bablitz. Both clinic and ride-a-test were well attended and events we will likely do again next year.

Our volunteers have been fabulous at all our events. All of us who ride and manage shows & events appreciate the time and dedication volunteers give at each event, many thanks to all of you!

As always, feel free to contact me if you are interested in any of our events and the upcoming schooling show. Auditors are always welcome!

2. Boulder Valley

No report

Sandra Rosewell

3. Colorado Springs

No Report -

Pat Leech

4. Foothills

Kris Cooper

Our Foothills Chapter is proud home of the North American Junior and Young Rider bronze medal champion, Lexy Donaldson and her horse Power Play, who competed July 26-31 at the Colorado Horse Park.

Congratulations also to Foothills member, Petra Warlimont, who rode Highschool MCF to third place at the Developing Grand Prix Division of the Markel/USEF Young and Developing Horse Dressage National Championships at Lamplight Equestrian Center in Wayne, IL August 24-28.

Back to local news ... our second Foothills show of the season, our RMDS-sanctioned “Last Chance” show, was held at Table Mountain Ranch on August 27. Jan Danis was our show manager, Wendy Fryke our judge and Didi DeKrey our technical delegate. Julia Peacock of ShowSecretary.com was our show secretary. She provided timely on-line updates of entries and then results at the conclusion of the show. High-point awards included: Rachel Henley - western dressage, Alexis Hersh - junior/ young rider, Jerry C Burk - amateur and Cassandra DiPentino – open. A big thank you to our volunteers: ring stewards - Mike Lacey, Laura Quakenbush & Gina Budny, scorers - Linda Gaber and friend Heather; scribe - Kris Cooper; runners - Shelby & Shaylee McMillan, Shelby Popp, Julia’s friend Forrest from Oklahoma.

Upcoming plans for the chapter include a western dressage clinic with Frances Carbonnel, planned for October 23 at Table Mountain Ranch. We are also excited about our end-of-the year awards banquet, currently set for Saturday, December 3. Thank you to all of our exhibitors, volunteers, parents, trainers and helpers of all kinds!

Our next chapter meeting will be Monday, October 17, at Mimi’s Café in Golden.

2016 Foothills Officers

Kris Cooper President 303-847-9862 kris@anchoragefarm.com

Jan Danis Vice President
Nicole Riffe Secretary
Laura Quakenbush Treasurer
Maylou Metcalf Scholarship
Cassandra DiPentino Education
Jan Danis & Linda Gaber Shows
CC Ross & Linda Gaber Communications

5. Grand Valley

Arlene Rhodes

As of this writing our fall recognized and schooling show combo weekend with judge Janet Foy is set to begin! We have about 30 rides each Friday and Saturday for the recognized show and nearly a full day for the schooling show on Sunday. Our club members have been great to jump in and volunteer. A three day show takes a lot of people to make it work! We are very excited about our schooling show as one of our members Alice Hoffner will be completing her Century ride, The ages of Alice and her horse, Bo, add up to over 100. This is her first and our first as a club. We are having fun planning how to celebrate her accomplishment! We will have a picture with the next Centaur issue.

We did need to change the published weekend and judge for our October schooling show. In October we will be having our last schooling show for the season on October 15th and 16th and Julie McDermott, "L" with distinction will be our judge. The show will still be at the Mesa County Fairgrounds with the two large covered arenas as our venue.

In the next two months we will be finishing up our 2017 show schedule. Our other more fun goal is to find an evening to have everyone over to member's home to watch the Olympic freestyles!

6. High Plains

Katherine Simard

High Plains hosted SRS Chief Rider Andreas Hausberger in July. It was once again well attended. We made a decent profit. The exchange rate between the Euro and the dollar was in our favor! We hope to continue to offer this clinic. We realize that Stellar's limited parking area limits the number of auditors we can accept. Also the week day dates are difficult for those who work and need more advanced notice. We have no control over the dates, but we are always working on the appropriate venue. Any venue needs to meet the requirements for this level of clinician. HPD already has verbal confirmations for our 2017 Youth Clinic! Julie Burt and Kathy Simard have agreed verbally to be our clinicians. Westmanton Stables is kindly offering Iron Horse Farms. The date will be February 26, 2017. This is a change from my July report! We want to avoid President's weekend.

7. Northern Colorado

Didi Dekrey

NCCA 2016 Board: President – Didi DeKrey, Vice President – Rose Balfour, Treasurer - Karla Lauritsen, Secretary – Kathleen Kilkelly, Delegates – Renee Martig and Julie Haugen

This summer, our Board decided to continue having monthly business meetings. This was in part due to a June Ride A Test that required our attention. We also discussed a number of different topics for informational sessions at our upcoming general meetings, and arranged for a new meeting place.

Members have been busy with their summer activities; trail riding, clinics, vacations, showing, volunteering and winning awards!

NCDA was given the opportunity to have a fund raising at the Autumn Hill shows held at Colorado State University's Pickett Arena. We provided morning snackies and drinks on both Saturday and Sunday. Saturday lunch was Pizza and salads from Black Jack, Sunday was subs and salads from Subway.

Our Board also voted to pick up a Group rate of auditor tickets for the upcoming USDF Adult clinic in October – members jumped on it!

8. On The Bit

Jessica Ford

2016 has been busy with On The Bit activities. We've hosted two clinics and our second schooling show.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

We are exploring suggestions for a fall clinic. There has been interest in bring Stephanie Soule back for a 3-4 day clinic. We asked members to bring clinic suggestions to our September meeting. We are also trying to get a group together to attend the Adult Clinic Series in Loveland in October.

SCHOOLING SHOW

We are working on determining our show goals for 2017. We are getting information on the costs of a recognized show, but are concerned that we don't seem to get a lot of interest from the region. We aren't sure we can draw enough entries to make it work. We will spend the fall trying to get a plan together.

FALL ACTIVITIES

We are working on a Kentucky Derby event as a fundraiser. We hope to offer it as an event to the community and make it an annual party on Derby Day.

We are ordering long sleeve t-shirts and sweatshirts with our logo. If anyone is interested in purchasing a t-shirt (\$25) or sweatshirt (\$35), please contact Stephanie at info@onthebitdressage.com for sizing information.

9. Pikes Peak

Michelle Anderson

The summer has been a busy one for PPDS members. We named a new education chair, Judy Carnick, at our Aug. 9 meeting and hosted a successful clinic with Sharon Schneidman on August 13.

We also still hope to organize a Pilates or Yoga session in October or November and Judy has many other ideas for future activities as well as a special event for either our holiday party or annual awards dinner.

Our annual RMDS show has been rescheduled at Shiloh Ranch for October 15, taking the date of one of their planned schooling shows. Watch for a prizelist soon!

Additional club meetings this year are scheduled for October 4 & November 15 starting at 6:30 pm. Locations are TBD but we will be moving them around the Colorado Springs area.

For the most current information on our chapter activities visit our website at <http://pikespeakdressage.org/Main/Home>.

10. Western Colorado

Barbara Terry

No report

Kathy Simard moved to adjourn, 2nd by Cassandra Dipentino. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 8:57 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Petersen
Secretary