

RMDS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 10, 2018

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

4955 S Ulster St #103

Denver, CO 80237

The room is reserved beginning at 6pm

Meeting @ 6:30 PM

Attendance: Sharron Soos, Heather Petersen, Gwen Ka’awaloa, MaryJo Hoepner, Pam Phillips, Sandra Rosewell, Cassandra Dipentino, Kathy Simard, Joan Clay, Ginka Kubelka, Linda Gaber, Julie Burt

Proxies: Stephanie Figgins to Lori Keilt or Julie Burt; Simone Windeler to Heather Petersen if she doesn’t attend; Una Schade to Heather Petersen; Denise DeKrey to Joan Clay; Arlene Rhodes to Heather Petersen; Anclaira Spaulding to Kathy Simard; Tiffany Rutledge to Heather Petersen; Lesley Hill to Heather Petersen; Beverly Swanson to Linda Gaber;

Members: Beth Geier, Andrea Osmond, Jewlee Barber

Call to Order-President

Gwen Ka’awaloa

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm

Introductions

Secretary - Approval of Minutes - May 2018 meeting

Heather Petersen

Sharon Soon made a motion to approve the minutes. 2nd by Kathy Simard. Motion passed unanimously.

Paid Positions:

Website Bid – Tabled to later in the meeting due to questions for Pat and she didn’t answer her phones. Pat did call back and talk to MaryJo for quite a bit discussing our concerns. We have decided to table the decision until the September meeting when we hope that Pat can be with us.

Central Office: Beth Geier submitted a bid. The numbers are the same as last year - \$15 per hour. **MaryJo Hoepner moved to accept, 2nd by Cassandra Dipentino. Motion passed unanimously.**

Treasurers Report

Sharon Soos

Funds as of June 30, 2018	
RMDS Checking Account	\$35,162.91
RMDS PayPal (as pf 6/19/2018)	\$19,651.19
RMDS Scholarship	\$ 5,044.63
<u>Reserve</u>	<u>\$43,823.00</u>
TOTAL	\$103,681.73

Donation checks for 2018 will go out this week. Cleaning out checks that were never cash back to 2012. NCD A \$50, PPDS \$40, OTB \$40, Foothills \$90.

President Report

Gwen Ka’awaloa

- Thanks to everyone for making the trip to the meeting.
- This is the time of year we start focusing on the Championship show. Everything has to be done by the September meeting. We will be talking about helping getting sponsors, especially since we don’t have Una currently. We need to keep in mind that the database expense is coming to the tune of \$30-\$35 K.
- We need someone to run the nominating committee for next year’s officers. Beth and Gwen are going to work on it.
- Sponsorship packets on website – need to make sure the updated packet with the removal of the vendor spaces.

Vice President Report

Tiffany Busch

No report

Membership

- Registration – 686 as of 7/4 members for 2018. 124 new horses since October 1, 2017.
- See reports with chapter membership totals.
- Accepting dues for 2018: \$70.00

Shows:

- TD Report: Foothills Spring Show

Discussion of the multiple show infractions regarding scheduling, handing out of tests, multiple horses in the same class with either the same or different riders, sufficient time between riders on the same horse, missing signatures.

Cassandra Dipentino moved to make the following motion:

- 1. Ride times for the August 26, 2018 Foothills Chapter RMDS Show must be reviewed by a panel prior to being sent out to the competitors. All suggested changes must be made by the competition management.**
- 2. The Panel will be made up of the judge for the show (Gwen Ka'awaloa), the TD of the show (MaryJo Hoepner), and an appointed member of the RMDS Board (Heather Petersen) who is not part of the running of the competition.**
- 3. A 2nd person will also be named prior to the show to review all signatures during the competition by the completion of lunch for thoroughness and to make sure all signatures have been collected.**

2nd to the motion by Pam Phillips. Motion passed. Abstain for Joan Clay's proxy for Didi DeKrey. Heather and Beth will work on a letter to the management.

- Working on Volunteers for 2018 Championships go to: <http://signup.com/go/OXFZnZx>

Omnibus:

- Please include Omnibus when trying to get advertising from vendors. And Centaur.

Chapters:

- Western Colorado Chapter – President: Lesley Hill; Vice-president: Lisa Haisfield

Banquet:

- No report

General:

- Hats – Beverly is doing
- Chapters receive free email blasts for educational purposes.
- RMDS Executive Board members get ½ price admission to RMDS events.

Next Executive Board Meetings (2nd Thursday odd months-exceptions noted) –

2018:

Executive Board Meetings: Sept 6 (1st Thursday)

Oct 11th - Budget

BOG Nov 3

2018 Championships: September 20-23.

2018 Awards Banquet: January 5, 2019

**RMDS MEMBERSHIP -
YEAR-TO-DATE**

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Members:	686	752	756	779	694	827	797	868	773	945	1030	1008	1036	1019	1151	1177	1162
Horses:	124	91	93	59	63	59	135	123	132	132	166	246	262	234	207	337	274
AV	36	39	25	29	26	27	25	27	24	15	26	12	-	-	-	-	-
BV	157	159	182	168	171	180	182	190	200	188	205	172	178	179	199	208	230
FH	64	57	73	79	76	64	65	71	72	75	76	77	74	73	109	103	115
GV	73	91	95	71	55	71	53	65	83	87	105	102	88	92	93	98	77
HP	148	169	149	156	151	176	190	208	226	256	265	260	259	251	267	283	278
NC	73	69	77	77	89	94	93	110	132	107	124	137	137	139	162	151	150
OB	38	49	43	42	33	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PP	72	89	63	70	63	62	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WC	24	29	22	18	19	23	27	31	22	21	25	25	32	34	44	55	64
No Chapter	1	1	3	5	11	12	13	15	14	25	14	16	22	21	34	36	24
CS	-	7/1/17	24	35	47	52	63	115	124	115	127	126	143	130	137	155	134
PN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Dissolved	inactive	12	13	13	14	15	14	13
PR	-	-	6/30/16	10	11	18	14	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Dissolved	36	51	68	90	86	91	74	77
WA	-	-	Dissolved	19	21	26	28	24	24	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	686	752	756	779	694	827	797	868	773	945	1030	1008	1036	1019	1151	1177	1162
Juniors	70	80	86	88	95	120	117	120	134								
Amateurs	172	195	163	152	176	209	220	239	230								
Education	18	21	17	16													

Permanent Committee Reports:

1. Adult Amateur

Anclaire Spaulding/Michelle Stevens

The Team Competition was great today. We had 7 adult teams and 3 kid teams. We had the following sponsors: Two White Feet, SmartPak, Dover, Platinum and Heritage Equine. WDAA made a great show with more than 2 or 3 teams. Scores were high and deserving. Kathy Simard and Michelle Anderson were the judges. We had amazing costumes - My Little Pony theme, French Cabaret, Hawaii hula, just to name a few.

Beth kept track of the money and will let you know if we made money.

From Beth:

There were a total of 82 rides – 12 were unable to go down center line & their fees will be refunded.

All entries came in the last day or two before closing which makes it hard to plan and decide if the event is a go or not.

Income:

\$2100.00 35 @ \$60

Expenses:

150.00	Judges fees
100.25	Ribbons
250.00	Facility
150.00	Facility-Oscar
42.23	Bandannas
180.00	Refunds
20.00	Postage
<u>25.04</u>	Lunch for judges & mgr.
767.52	Total Expenses

NET: 1357.48

Cassandra did a great job getting the facility ready. Anclaire took care of volunteers - all of whom were awesome! As well as getting wonderful prizes. The riders made away with "good loot"!

Submitted by: Beth Geier, secretary for team competition

2. Awards

No report.

Shannon Lemons

3. Communications

Centaurs: Jun - Jul Centaurs

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our call for more content. Much appreciated

August - Sept Centaurs

Have plenty for August, need push on sponsorships for Champs. Please let me know if your chapter has anything happening, we want to give you some marketing!

USDF Team competition

Ok, so after volunteering for the first time at this competition last year, I sweet-talked France Carbonnel into doing a team, the Carbonnel Cabaret. We had a blast, TMR is a great place for this event, Beth Geier does such an excellent job of organizing and accommodating everyone, and our judges Katherine Simard and Michelle Anderson were GREAT! I'll do a little write up, but if anyone has pics to send, please do so ASAP.

Championships Show Liaison and Marketing

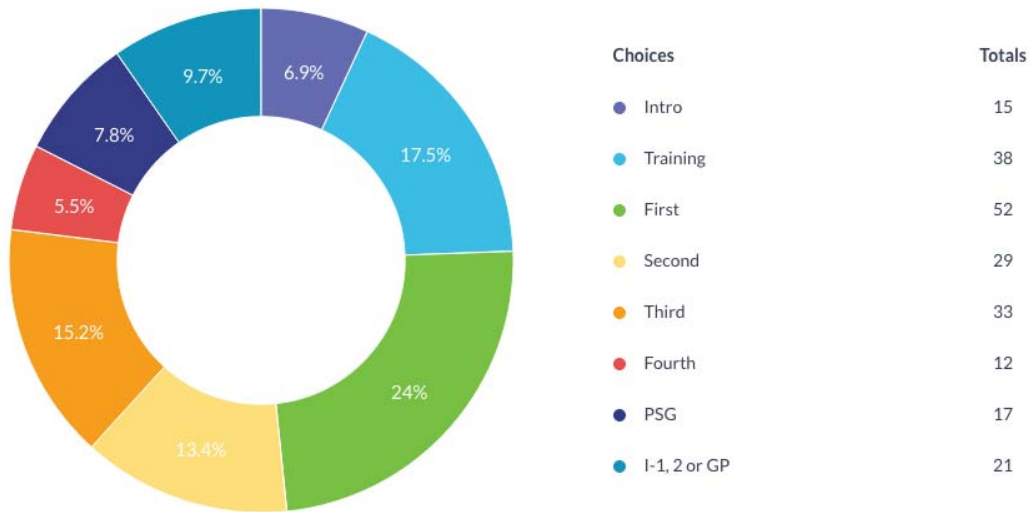
I will do what I can to follow up on the spectacular job Una and Andrea did of setting up our packet, etc. I will be happy to call and make the pitch to anyone who has a possible sponsor or advertiser. Just shoot the contact info to me and I will follow up. Don't forget to think outside the box: The numbers of RMDS may be small, but the demographics are so specifically targeted, that is an advertiser's dream come true.

Survey follow up

Got a great response to this, making it two easy questions. Here are the results which I will put in Aug e-Centaur. Very interesting to understand where the majority of members are.

Q2

What level are you showing (if you show)? If you work with more than one horse, please check highest level.
Multiple Choice



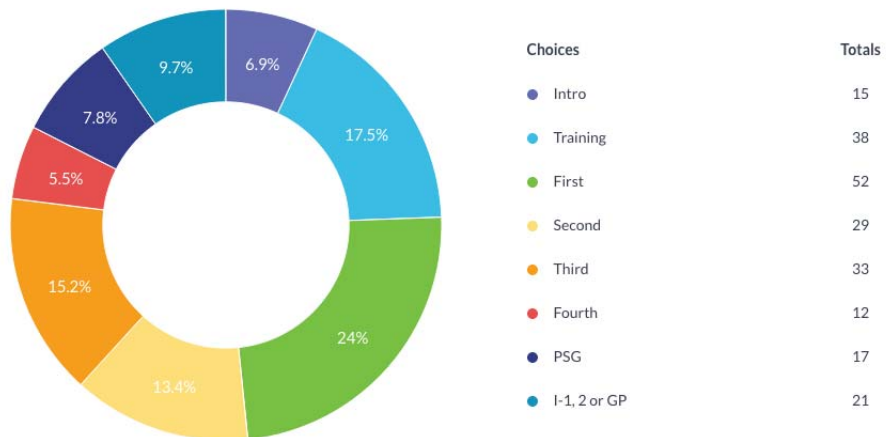
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Omnibus

No report.

Nicole Bizzarro**Website**

No report.

Michael Petersen**4. Education****MaryJo Hoepner/Pam Phillips**

Pam Phillips is on board with the Education team

We had a COE for L Program graduates with Debbie Riehl Rodriguez at CHP Dressage at High Prairie. Excellent training for all. MaryJo will check with Michelle on whether it made money or not.

Location being finalized for COE in January. Douglas County will be used for Saturday (heart saver and safe sport). Waiting for a facility for Sunday (biomechanics). January 12-13th. And for TD / Show Management in February. Douglas County will also be used for this. February 9th.

Any interest in a Freestyle Clinic? MaryJo and Pam are going to pursue getting some quotes and putting together a budget.

5. Junior/Young Riders**Cassandra Dipentino**

The 2018 Jr/Yr Summer Intensive was a success!! I was just about to cancel as I only had 5 students signed up by the last week in June but as of the 1st of July I received 5 more entries. We ended up with Dolly Hannon, Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez and Susi Primgard as the clinicians. Friday afternoon Raissa Chunko, Paige Smith and Lexi Donaldson came to TMR to do demonstrations for the campers. Raissa performed her 3rd Level Freestyle, Paige performed 4-2 and Lexi performed I-1. The campers were so excited to see what they are possibly headed for. These ladies were absolutely gracious and poised. I was so impressed with them and how encouraging they were to this next generation. I want to give a huge "thank you" to my assistant Jewlee Barber for helping me make this camp a success.

We also ended up making \$204.27 and that is without the \$500 I was given to work with.

We are already getting ideas for next year to make it even better!!

They will plan a social event with the \$500 budget for championships.

6. Marketing**Una Schade**

No report

7. Professionals**Kathy Simard / Joan Clay**

The 2018 Professionals' Symposium was a success! Lots of positive feedback and the symposium made money. We are still waiting on an invoice from the horse park for our portion of Lilo's room. As of right now we are showing a profit of \$3,197.46. This amount includes the anonymous donation of \$2000 as well as \$500 from the RMDS professionals' budget. Subtract this amount and we are still in the black while estimating Lilo's room at \$360.00.

The 2019 Professionals symposium format was approved by the board at the March meeting. It will be a great opportunity for the Trainers and "L" Graduates to get up to date on the "paperwork" side of the business. The date will be January 12-13, 2019. Debbie Riehl Rodriguez has agreed to present a biomechanics lecture along with Kathy Simard's input from a USDF Certification point of view. Gwen will get us all up to date on our CPR and First Aid certifications. If time allows we will also offer the SafeSport video for all attendees. Still working on logistics of venue and schedule.

The 2020 Professionals symposium has a date and a clinician!! Lilo Fore will be returning at the same fee as 2018! Just \$1200/day! The date is May 16 and 17, 2020. Yes that is a weekend!! We will need a host facility that may need to accommodate more people than in years past!

The 2018 Trainer's party at RMDS Championships will be Friday, September 21, 2018. An initial email blast was sent a couple of weeks ago. Current amount collected is \$500. Will send another blast soon! Question....can we put some money towards lowering the cost of the cash bar? I don't want anyone drunk but it seemed expensive for a tiny glass of wine last year? Heather suggested using the \$500 professionals' budget to subsidize the cost

of the wine and beer. Also need to work on food, giveaways, and entertainment. Ideas? It was discussed to get a DJ instead of a band as folks don't stick around.

I also have updated the Pro chairs job description and will continue to do so as I learn more!

Possible can of worms to open....as Joan and I have a vested interest in the USDF Certification program, we are contemplating the idea of a 2019 workshop. I would run it along with Joan's input, but it would be a workshop to get people ready for Second Level testing. So we would need to hire the workshop leader as well as a facility etc. USDF wants to run a special workshop to help people move from the training/1st certification to thru 2nd certification. Joan and Kathy want to pursue the precertification workshop or what usdf needs us to run. They will research and come back with a budget and set up hopefully at the next meeting.

8. Scholarship

MaryJo Hoepner

Volunteer hours are available for those wishing to apply. The new volunteer requirement for year-end awards is helping this visibility

Local chapters: who are your scholarship contacts?

9. Shows – Championships

Una Schade/Heather Petersen

We need sponsors. Things are rolling along!

Appointed Committee Reports:

1. Western Dressage

Simone Windeler

No report for this meeting. Andrea discussed involvement in the Western Dressage.

2. Nominating Committee – Chapter Presidents

Need nominees for 2 years: President, Vice President, Scholarship, AA, Communications, Jr/YR, Show Chair
Tiffany Busch will contact the chapter presidents for someone to head up the committee.

3. BOG - November 3, 2018

Heather Petersen

Looking into another site otherwise it will be at the Stock Show complex. It was discussed and decided to stay at the stock show as long as they would have us for this year.

Region 5 Report

Heather Petersen

Hope everyone is doing well and enjoying their summer with your families and your horses. They are truly a blessing in most of our lives and even a quick snuggle or scratch with the equines or a hug and snuggle with the humans helps bring us happiness and peace.

The USDF Executive Board Spring Meeting took place in April at the USDF offices in Lexington, Kentucky and we had a productive day. This year once again I was able to enjoy a wonderful walk in the Horse Park with Margaret Freeman, Lisa Gorretta and my mom, Anne in the morning before the meetings started and we explored the Landrover cross country course. It made it a little easier to work through the meetings.

We had a very ambitious schedule and sadly, though we covered a lot of the items, we didn't quite make it through the entire agenda and several things have had to be dealt with on conference calls, but we're almost caught up! George Williams and Stephan Hienzsch opened the meeting with a status update on the organization since we had last gathered in person at the USDF convention in December, 2017. We discussed many different programs, our strategic plan, and the overall budget and approved the Regional Championship locations for 2019. We will be in Parker, Colorado for Region 5 in 2019. It's great to have the competition rotate throughout our large region! There are several new programs in effect for 2019 including the 3 year old prospect award and the new Adult Equitation program that progresses to the Regional Championship level. The board has begun to look at an assessment of all USDF programs in the next few years and if you have any input please don't hesitate to share. The 2018 USDF Convention will be November 28-December 1 in Salt Lake City! Coming to Region 5! If any GMOs or barns are interested in sponsoring a coffee break or snack break, please let me know, we'd love to have you on board. We will also be looking for volunteers to help with check in and several other things during the convention.

We have no riders attending NAYC, but many Region 5 folks will be attending the US Festival of Champions though at Lamplight in Illinois.

Old Business:

- No new business.

New Business:

- Competition manager education? Information to go out to our managers and secretaries and such. Heather will snag the USEF information from the competition management forum all USEF managers are now required to attend.

Chapter Presidents:

1. Arkansas Valley

Brenda Haley

AVDA had a successful schooling show in June followed by a clinic with the judge Simone Windeler the next day. Our clinic with Dolly Hannon June 30 and July 1st at Latigo was of course educational and fun. Latigo has had a bad reputation in the past for its footing but there have been many improvements and the staff go out of their way to make everything perfect. We had very few auditors and could have taken another 2 riders.

Our next meeting mid-July will be focused on what we want to do between now and our next show in October.

2. Boulder Valley

Sandra Rosewell

BVD had a great show weekend on June 30 & July 1. We had over 200 rides over the two days! We held the shows at the Boulder County Fairgrounds and were very pleased by the venue. The shows were USEF shows and our judges were Gwen Ka'awaloa and Melissa Creswick.

We also sponsored a clinic the following Monday with Melissa Creswick, with two clinic riders going twice because they enjoyed working with her so much!

I want to thank the BVD board (Beth Geier, Stan Adamson, Kristi Coor Camp and myself) for so much hard work with this venture! I also want to express a sincere thank you to Heather Petersen. We would not have been so successful without her support and hard work.

We will be holding another two day show at the fairgrounds on September 8 & 9th. This show will be a RMDS show and our judges will be Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez and William McMullin.

There will be a clinic with William McMullin on September 10th.

3. Foothills

Linda Gaber

The chapter donated to Board member Una Schade's Go-Fund-Me effort to assist her following her auto accident this summer.

Entries are accepted now through closing Aug. 16 for the chapter's second classic and Western dressage show this year on Sunday, Aug. 26. Riders can test through Fourth Level with our 'R' Judge Gwen Ka'awaloa. Thank her when you see her for her service as RMDS president for several terms. A new president will be elected in November.

Check the RMDS online calendar or the Foothills website www.cofoothillsdressage.org for the new prize list with updates made after the Omnibus was printed, immunization requirements and more details for this RMDS and Western Dressage Association of Colorado-recognized show.

To reach members who want to learn to scribe in our area, RMDS Education Co-chair Michelle Anderson is leading a scribing clinic at this show. Watch for registration details in *Centaur* newsletter or contact her at education@rmds.org.

Join us for a casual meal, conversation and planning session at our next meeting on Monday, Aug. 6, at 6:30 p.m., Table Mountain Ranch, 19000 W. 58th Ave., Golden, CO 80404.

4. Grand Valley

Arlene Rhodes

No report

5. High Plains

Stephanie Figgins

The High Plains Dressage Society hosted their second annual Adult Clinic in June with USDF certified instructor Joan Clay. We had riders participate from Western Dressage to all the way through the FEI levels. The 8 adult participating riders worked on dressage foundations and applications including position, straightness, and suppleness to assist the horse and rider pair in their continued educational journey. Thanks to Joan for her wonderful knowledge and teaching abilities! And thank you to Pat VanBuskirk and VB Farms for their table sponsorship.

Lastly, a huge thanks to all the RMDS members, friends and family for your loving support to one of our members, Una Shade, who was involved in a head-on car collision on her way home from volunteering at the Fountain Valley Show. Una is a huge part of High Plains and Rocky Mountain Dressage's success and we hope and pray for a speedy and full recovery. To donate, please visit gofundme.com/una-schade

6. Northern Colorado

Didi DeKrey

Our Board continues to meet over the "Summer Break". Members are showing and riding or auditing clinics, and all the other activities we can enjoy!

General meetings are the second Wednesday evening September through May. In response to our Survey, meetings will be held at Mimi's Café in Loveland.

Follow us on Facebook or see our new web page, www.Noco-dressage.org and check out all the new features!

7. On The Bit

Ginka Kubelka

Kathy Simard came to Laramie for a weekend clinic in June. 18 rides and a few auditors kept Kathy busy and everyone was having a great time! Look for an article in the Centaur for more details on this clinic.

Now we are very excited, because entries are open for our first RMDS recognized show on August 11 & 12 (two shows, two judges). On Saturday, Ulf Wadeborn ('S', CA) will be our judge, so we can offer all levels. Kathy Simard ('L' graduate, CO) will be the judge on Sunday. If you still need scores to qualify for championships or to get a year-end award, then this show is the perfect opportunity! We would like to turn this into a fully recognized show in the future, if it goes well this year. Feel free to contact us for further information or check our website

(www.onthebitdressage.com) for the prize list.

We are always happy to see new faces, so connect with us through Facebook or join us at our meetings every first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at Altitude Chophouse in Laramie, WY!

8. Pikes Peak

Tiffany Busch

The Club is working on a fall clinic with Dolly Hannon and a spring or summer 2019 show at Latigo Trails in Elbert.

9. Western Colorado

Lesley Hill

We have had a crazy time of it this last week in our chapter with the Lake Christine fire. Lots of horses being evacuated and the many logistics that go along with that. We have canceled our July 11 schooling due to the fire and consequent poor air quality. We hope to reschedule, but if not, our August show is still on. We had a great turnout at our June schooling show~ almost 50 entries and a wonderful location at the Strang Ranch in Missouri Heights.

We have had almost a complete change to the board, with Justina Potter kindly agreeing to stay on as Treasurer to help us with the transition.

We are in the process of updating our website and hope to have it up and running within the next two weeks.

8:44 pm

MaryJo Hoepner made the motion to adjourn. 2nd by Kathy Simard. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Heather Petersen