

RMDS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 6, 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, Kathy Simard, Joan Clay, Linda Gaber, Ellen Siebert, Michelle Stevens, Jewlee Barber, Tiffany Rutledge, Beth Geier

Proxies: Arlene Rhodes to Heather Petersen; Didi DeKrey to Joan Clay; Ginka Kubelka to Heather Petersen; Una Schade to Heather Petersen; Brenda Haley to Kathy Simard; Stephanie Figgins to Ellen Siebert; Simone Windeler to Heather Petersen; Cassandra Dipentino to Jewlee Barber; Shannon Lemons to Heather Petersen; Sandra Rosewell to Heather Petersen

Call to Order-President

Gwen Ka'awaloa

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Introductions

Secretary - Approval of Minutes - July 2018 meeting

Heather Petersen

Correction from Sharon Soon to Soos

Kathy Simard made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. 2nd by MaryJo Hoepner. Motion passed unanimously.

Paid Positions:

Website Bid – Pat Van Buskirk withdrew her bid. Will move to new business for more discussion.

Treasurers Report

Sharon Soos

Funds as of June 30, 2018

RMDS Checking Account \$46,982.15

RMDS PayPal (as pf 6/19/2018) \$ 3,244.98

RMDS Scholarship \$ 6,051.63

Reserve \$43,823.00

TOTAL \$100,101.76

President Report

Gwen Ka'awaloa

- Last major meeting of Championships so we need to discuss some things.
- Encourage people to serve on committee and co-chair so that there is help for everyone.

Vice President Report

Tiffany Busch

No report

Central Office

Beth Geier

Membership

- Registration – 721 as of 9/1 members for 2018. 124 new horses since October 1, 2017.
- See reports with chapter membership totals.
- Attached sheet showing delegate count for 2018 BOG.

Shows:

- TD Reports: Centaur Rising I & II; On The Bit I & II
- Working on Volunteers for 2018 Championships go to: <http://signup.com/go/OXFZnZx>

Omnibus:

- Prices same for 2019? It will be discussed further by email – a 10% increase was possibly suggested to cover the cost of production for the new tests.

Chapters:

Banquet:

- Last year we charged \$43. The meals are going up \$1 for 2019 banquet. We made a profit last year thanks to the auction. I recommend we keep the price at \$43. Everyone decided to leave it all the same.
- Michelle Stevens will help with the auction organization. She'll get Stephanie Figgins and Anclaire to help her.

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: Oct 11 (Budget)

BOG Nov 3

2018 Championships: September 20-23.

2018 Awards Banquet: January 5, 2019

2019 Championships & Region 5: September 19-22, 2019

2019:

Executive Board Meetings: Jan 10, March 14, May 9, July 9, Sept 5, Oct 10 (budget)

BOG Nov 1 or 8

2020

2019 Banquet: January 4 or 11?

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

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Members:	721	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	161	159	182	168	171	180	182	190	200	188	205	172	178	179	199	208	230
FH	70	57	73	79	76	64	65	71	72	75	76	77	74	73	109	103	115
GV	77	91	95	71	55	71	53	65	83	87	105	102	88	92	93	98	77
HP	162	169	149	156	151	176	190	208	226	256	265	260	259	251	267	283	278
NC	75	69	77	77	89	94	93	110	132	107	124	137	137	139	162	151	150
OB	38	49	43	42	33	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PP	76	89	63	70	63	62	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WC	25	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	721	752	756	779	694	827	797	868	773	945	1030	1008	1036	1019	1151	1177	1162
Juniors	73	80	86	88	95	120	117	120	134								
Amateurs	172	195	163	152	176	209	220	239	230								
Education	18	21	17	16													

2018 - BOARD OF GOVERNORS DELEGATE COUNT NOVEMBER 3, 2018

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Membership</u>	<u>Delegates</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Delegates</u>
AV	36	2		
BV	161	9	0-20	1
FH	70	4	21-40	2
GV	77	4	41-60	3
HP	162	9	61-80	4
NC	75	4	81-100	5
OB	38	2	101-120	6
PP	76	4	121-140	7
WC	25	2	141-160	8
			161-180	9
			181-200	10
			201-220	11
			221-240	12
No Chapter	1		241-260	13
Total	721	40	261-280	14
			281-300	15

Permanent Committee Reports:

1. Adult Amateur

No report.

Anclaire Spaulding/Michelle Stevens

2. Awards

We sent out notices out to return trophies and I will email folks next week when I get back from my conference in Canada.

Shannon Lemons

3. Communications

Centaurs: Aug-Sep Centaurs

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our call for more content. Much appreciated. I would like to thank Martha Brown, I have had several compliments on her fun and informative article. Also, I'd like to call attention to the reprint of Mark Bellissimo's article on how to attract sponsors. Good info for us all to continue to advance dressage in our region.

Oct-Nov Centaurs

Please send any pics and or stories for Oct e-Centaur early, I am going on a week's vacation after championships and would like to have everything in early. I am planning on including an article from Frances Carbonnel on travel to Portugal, she has written a comprehensive description on how to go and have fun. Will include a slideshow.

Beverly Swanson

Championships Show Liaison and Marketing

I have done my best to step in and assist Una with this position while she is recovering. Have received new sponsorships as well as previous donors, and will be pushing for class sponsorships thru beginning of show. As I have done previously, I offered free ad design for RMDS members, and have had a few people take advantage of this. If you need help, please contact me.

Any chapters that have not yet donated, please consider at least a regular class for \$50 - we want to include everyone!

T-Shirts and Prizes

We will have 20 Black coolers embroidered with silver metallic thread, and 20 Navy Blue Hanging Bridle Bags embroidered in white.

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Omnibus

Opens for advertising on October 10th.

Nicole Bizzarro

Website

No report.

Michael Petersen

4. Education

MaryJo Hoepner/Pam Phillips

Michelle Anderson did a scribe clinic at the Foothills Show August 26

Becky Schoof advised in advance she would not make it.

Janeen Cochi, who had also paid, was a no show, as were Petra Wright and Janet Finley (not yet paid).

One of Cassandra's students, Cande Copeland, did come and check is in the mail.

Didi did not ask for reimbursement for test copies and Michelle did not charge for mileage, so RMDS makes \$45.

Appears that scribe interest is exhausted in that area for the time being. We need to poll for interest for the next scheduled scribe clinic.

Calendar for next year, January 12th and 13th continuing education for L and Instructors, Td/show management for February 6th.

5. Junior/Young Riders

Cassandra Dipentino

No report. Beth asked about next years' camp.

Raissa is working on an activity for Championships.

6. Marketing

Una Schade

No report.

7. Professionals

Kathy Simard / Joan Clay

The 2018 Trainer's party at RMDS Championships will be Friday, September 21, 2018. As of my writing this, we have only seven trainers who have donated. I have done everything I can think of to encourage people to donate. From personally handing out flyers, to threats of no party, to polite emails requesting that last years donors consider a donation this year. This leaves the total collected at \$1750. Eighty percent of that can be used for the party. That leaves a budget of \$1400.

I have hired a DJ for \$200 to play from 5:30-7:30PM. This does not include any type of tip.

I looked into Chipolte providing a Build Your Own bar. The basic bar is \$8.50/person. We go over budget if we have 150 people. (\$1275) If we have 125 people, we stay within budget. (\$1062.50) But have little money left over for beverages and decorations. (\$137.50)

We will use the Colorado Horse Park's bar service and be unable to pick up any of the tab to lower the cost of drinks for the attendees. I cannot remember if RMDS provided any soda or water at the previous events. But that would be over budget as well.

The DJ will need a 6-8 foot table for his set up. Once I know about food, I will know how many tables we will need for it.

Our current sponsors are:

Katherine Simard Dressage	Sue Traylor
Joan Clay	Gigi Brittain
Gwen Ka'awaloa	Michelle Lauber and Legacy Hill Farms
Simone Ahern	

Looking for prizes for some fun games. Littleton Equine and Dr. Tisher donated 25 lb. platinum bucket. Happy Horse said they would donate some items. Darcy's donated \$20.

It was decided to do 125 people and move the \$500 from the Instructor's budget over so that Kathy has \$2250.

Certification – 3 day format, 6 active participants, Kathie Robertson was going to reach out to her group.

2020 Lilo – it is suggest we move it to April if Lilo has dates available.

8. Scholarship

MaryJo Hoepner

Chapters please encourage and assist potential scholarship applicants to put together good applications.

Also, chapters please encourage members to go to <http://www.dressagefoundation.org/grants-and-programs/apply/> for the lists of potential scholarships.

Currently, for Adult Amateurs the Gifted Scholarship application is due into the Dressage Foundation Office by September 15.

9. Shows – Championships

Una Schade/Heather Petersen

Beverly:

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Entries are ok. Show closes today.

Tiffany is in charge of Sunday brunch, Thursday chicken and Saturday Pizza.

Beth will send an email to the L graduates for scribing. More volunteers needed.

Junior event at Championships – Raissa is doing at the party on Saturday night – a bonding experience, entertaining for the other people, and try to raise some money for the FEI Jr/YRs. Relay races, 3 teams of 5 or 6 kids – hay bales, carrying water, etc. People watching will get a color to cheer. \$5 donation will get you a ticket for a drawing of prizes.

Appointed Committee Reports:

1. Western Dressage

Simone Windeler

No report for this meeting.

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.

Current suggested slate:

President: Gwen Ka’awloa

VP: Tiffany Rutledge

AA: Michelle Stevens / Anclaire vs Natalie DeFee Mendik

Jr/YR: Cassandra Dipentino

Scholarship: MaryJo Hoepner

Carrie Washburn – shows interest in the following: AA, communications and show chair

3. BOG - November 3, 2018

Heather Petersen

Hanging out at the Stock Show again this year.

Region 5 Report

Heather Petersen

Congratulations to everyone from Region 5 who qualified and competed at the USEF Festival of Champions at the end of August at Lamplight in Illinois!

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 Salt Lake City, Utah this year November 28th - December 1st. 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 2018 BOG meeting at convention. If GMO’s have not yet sent in their delegate information, please do so as soon as possible.

The Board of Governors will be considering a dues increase from the Group Members Organizations and there will also be some other significant and very important discussions that will be announced soon so I encourage all of you to attend since this is in our Region and a very critical year.

If you are going to Salt Lake City for the Convention or the Awards Dinner, make sure you set aside some time to explore the unique downtown, the Mormon Tabernacle, do some genealogy research, or you could get a group of friends together and take the free bus out to Park City and the old Olympics venue and quaint downtown area there. It’s a beautiful time of year in Utah.

We are still looking for sponsors for the USDF Convention as well – it’s a great opportunity to showcase our USDF Region 5! You can sponsor anything from the coffee breaks in the mornings to the Board of Governors breaks. Please contact Melissa Schoedlbauer (mschoedlbauer@usdf.org) or myself (slush@drwgw.net) if you have any interest or potential sponsors we should talk to.

Don't forget, the Great American/USDF Region 5 Championships is coming up October 5-7 in Scottsdale, Arizona. Entries close September 10th, and we hope to see everyone there to cheer each other on or to help volunteer!

Old Business:

- Competition manager education. Send to all RMDS managers, secretaries and TDs.

New Business:

- WDACO Shared booth at Horse Expo? Sharon Soos moves we do not share a booth. 2nd by Beverly Swanson. Motion passed unanimously.
- Give aways for USDF Welcome Party. Think up a game or something. Need to take an RMDS Banner and a 2 White Feet banner.
- RMDS Website. We need to start really pushing to find a solution soon.

MaryJo Hoepner moved, 2nd by Joan Clay to accept all chapter reports as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Chapter Presidents:

1. Arkansas Valley

Brenda Haley

No report.

2. Boulder Valley

Sandra Rosewell

We will be holding another two day show at the Boulder County Fairgrounds this weekend (September 8 & 9th.) This show will be a RMDS show and our judges will be Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez and William McMullin. We have been recognized by WDAA (Western Dressage) and are looking forward to welcoming western dressage riders.

There will be a clinic with William McMullin on Monday, September 10th at Blue Roof Equestrian Center.

3. Foothills

Linda Gaber

A total of 40 riders went down centerline at the chapter's Last Chance Show Aug. 26. Many thanks to judge Gwen Ka'awaloa 'R', TD Mary Jo Hoepner, secretary DiDi DeKrey, scribe Koba Skelton and managers Nic Sigler and Kelsey Jacobsen for another relaxed, on time and successful show.

Congratulations to our high point winners:

Training Level

Lauren Barela and The Professor – Adult Amateur with 65.769%

Emily Novak and The Last Slow Dance – Jr/YR with 67.045%

Sara Storch and Drizelle – Open with 70.455%

First Level

Karin Hiltunen and I Love Lucy – Adult Amateur with 63.125%

Emily Schmid and Victor DG – Jr/YR with 69.412%

Sara Storch and Happy Paddington – Open with 69.074%

Equitation

Rachel Dunbar and Big Bear's Ashleigh – Introductory Jr/YR with 61.563%

Western Dressage

Julie King and Lena B Hickory – Introductory Adult Amateur with 69.000%

Britnee DeWitt and Mister Finella Zipper – Introductory Youth with 56.944%

Sally Higgins and Mr. Maxwell Smart – Level 1 Open with 68.333%

Andrea Osmond and Thunder – Basic Open with 66.400%

Our next chapter meeting includes a casual meal, conversation and 2019 planning session on Monday, Oct. 22, at 6:30 p.m., Table Mountain Ranch, 19000 W. 58th Ave., Golden, CO 80404.

4. Grand Valley

Arlene Rhodes

In August, our recognized and schooling shows ended mid-afternoon so we we planned some last minute activities with our judge - lessons for those riders not showing under her, an educational talk and a pizza party at the show's end. Our judge Louise Koch was so willing to offer her expertise in these different formats. Several out of area exhibitors encouraged us to advertise our show more by making sure everyone knows about our low cost stabling,

show fees and shaded warm-up and show ring. | nbsp; Something to work on next year!

We've started some preliminary planning for our year end Awards/Christmas party in December and the membership all agreed to keep our tack donation tables going for this year as well. | nbsp; We have moved our location for the party to a bigger room as more and more members have been coming to the year end party - so we needed to find a space big enough to accommodate us all.

5. High Plains

Stephanie Figgins

No report.

6. Northern Colorado

Didi DeKrey

Our first Fall General Meeting is Wednesday, September 12. We will be meeting the second Wednesday of the month from September through May. Our meetings will be held at our new location: Mimi's Café, 1450 Fall River Drive, Loveland, CO, 6:30 PM.

The new location was selected after conducting a survey last Spring with our members and identifying changes that might help increase participation. A new location, where members can buy food and drink during the meeting was suggested, and Mimi's was selected. We are really excited to kick off our fall meeting in our new location in response to our members' comments.

Our first guest speaker is Ms. Serene Calkins, P.T. Ms. Calkins was a guest speaker last year and wowed us with body awareness/mechanics knowledge and practices.

The Fall Festival, scheduled for October 14th, is a Ride A Test with Ms. Kathleen Simard as judge. This is the final event for points towards NCDA's year end awards!

Follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/myNCDA>

7. On The Bit

Ginka Kubelka

We had our first RMDS recognized show in Laramie, WY in August. It was a great success! We had 33 rides on Saturday with Ulf Wadeborn ('S', CA) as the judge, and 27 rides on Sunday judged by Kathy Simard ('L', CO). Everyone enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere and fair and friendly judges. A big THANK YOU to all the great volunteers and sponsors! We couldn't have done it without you! We are hoping to turn this show into a fully recognized annual competition, so make sure you plan on coming to Laramie next August!

After recovering from all the work we put into the show we will start having presentations again at our monthly meetings, where one of us will discuss a topic of general interest to our members. If you would like to know what we will talk about at the next meeting, contact us through Facebook or just join us at our meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at Altitude Chophouse in Laramie, WY!

8. Pikes Peak

Tiffany Busch

The club has some exciting winter activities planned with one of them including a clinic on October 27th with Sharon Schneidman. First slots will be going to our Pikes Peak members and then if there are open slots it will go out to the whole RMDS members. Auditing will be available for the clinic in October. We are looking at organizing a RMDS Show in the spring and details will follow. We are continuing to plan other clinics with judges and instructors in 2019. Keep an eye out for further information.

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

Have a great Month!

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9. Western Colorado

Lesley Hill

No report

Proposed Bylaw & Standing Rule Changes:

BYLAW:

None

STANDING RULE:

SECTION VI. RMDS TECHNICAL DELEGATES PROGRAM

RMDS has established a Technical Delegate Program to provide members with the necessary experience and training to officiate as Technical Delegates at RMDS only recognized shows. The program is administered by the RMDS Central Office.

- 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.
1. Is a member in good standing with RMDS.
 2. Is an individual member in good standing with US Equestrian Federation and is 21 years of age or older.
 3. Has successfully completed the RMDS Technical Delegate Training Program.
Must attend either a RMDS or a US Equestrian Federation technical delegate-training program at least once every two (2) years since becoming a recognized RMDS Technical Delegate.
 4. Must officiate as the TD for a RMDS recognized show at least once every two (2) years.
 5. 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 years.
 6. An RMDS Technical Delegate must apprentice for a minimum of one competition day with a USEF recognized TD at least once every two years and pass with a score of 70% or better.
 7. If the test or the apprenticeship is not passed, the individual must do the whole program again: as stated in Section VI, A. above.

SECTION VII. USDF "L" Graduate Program for RMDS

In an effort to provide quality judging RMDS has established a certification program that will allow USDF "L" Graduate to officiate at RMDS only recognized competitions. May judge through 2nd Level. The requirements are as follows:

- A. Must be certified by the USDF as having successfully passed the USDF "L" judges program.
- B. Must be a RMDS member in good standing and over 21 years of age.
- C. Must be a current member of US Equestrian Federation.
- D. Must officiate at a RMDS recognized competition, dressage schooling show or Eventing unrecognized event, which cumulatively includes a minimum of 30 dressage rides (USDF Intro-USEF 2nd Level or equivalents) once every two (2) years.
- E. Must attend a RMDS, US Equestrian Federation, or USDF recognized continuing education for judges program every two (2) years. ~~DELETE~~
- F. "L" graduates must undertake 24 hours every 2 years of continuing education as approved by the RMDS Executive Board; 8 hours of which must include scribing with a "R" judge or higher, ~~DELETE~~ add: to be composed of:
 1. Classroom Continuing Education (CE)- 8 hours in a RMDS or USDF recognized CE session
 2. Sit Time – 8 hours with an "R" judge or higher at a show of RMDS or USDF show recognition.
 3. Scribing - 8 hours with an "R" judge or higher at a show of RMDS or USDF show recognition.
 Alternative CE to the above (USDF eTrak, other judges' education programs, etc.) must be approved in advance by the RMDS Executive Board.
- G. and 8 hours of sitting at a competition every 2 years which must be with an "L" faculty member or one of the approved apprentice judges from the USEF "r" program. ~~DELETE~~

SECTION VIII. DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

- A. Membership classes are defined in the RMDS By-Laws. The membership application and dues should be sent to the RMDS Central Office. The Society's membership fees shall be as follows:

Individual	60.00
Additional Family member	45.00
Life	750.00
Education	45.00
Business-1 year	100.00
Business-Life	1,000.00
Transfer Ownership-Business Life	100.00

8:37 pm Tiffany Rutledge made the motion to adjourn. 2nd by Sharon Soos. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Heather Petersen