

**RMDS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

January 10, 2019

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

4955 S Ulster St #103

Denver, CO 80237

The room is reserved beginning at 5:30pm

**Meeting @ 6:00 PM**

**Attendance:** Sharron Soos, Heather Petersen, Gwen Ka’awaloa, MaryJo Hoepner, Pam Phillips, Kathy Simard, Joan Clay, Tiffany Rutledge, Beth Geier, Una Schade, Stephanie Figgins, Anclaire Spaulding, Stan Adamson, Aline Brandau, Natalie DeFee-Mendik, Michelle Stevens, Cassandra Dipentino, Shannon Lemons

**Proxies:** Arlene Rhodes to Heather Petersen; Ginka Kubelka to Heather Petersen; Lesley Hill to Heather Petersen; Didi DeKrey to Joan Clay; Simone Windeler to Heather Petersen; Beverly Swanson to MaryJo Hoepner; Linda Gaber to Cassandra Dipentino;

**Call to Order-President**

**Gwen Ka’awaloa**

**Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm**

**Introductions**

**Secretary** - Approval of Minutes - October 2018 meeting

**Heather Petersen**

*Tiffany Rutledge made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. 2nd by MaryJo Hoepner. Motion passed unanimously.*

**Treasurers Report**

**Sharon Soos**

Funds as of December 31, 2018

RMDS Checking Account	\$39,551.43
RMDS PayPal (as of 12/19/2018)	\$ 23,095.12
RMDS Scholarship	\$ 6,697.29
Reserve	\$43,823.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$113,166.84</b>

Copy of budget enclosed, notice the negative figure, but cash flow should help us be ok. Dispersements have been made for 2019 donation funds.

**President Report**

**Gwen Ka’awaloa**

- Gwen read a couple of quotes.
- Moving scholarship up to the beginning then cover committees with budget items, then database/website then other committee reports.
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**Vice President Report**

**Tiffany Busch**

Utah was fun!

**Scholarship**

**Natalie/MaryJo**

Recommendation to approve #1 for Open Door, #4 for Leg Up and #7 and #9 for Solid Seat. **Tiffany Rutledge moved we accept as recommended, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephanie Figgins. Motion passed. Abstention by Anclaire Spaulding, Pam Phillips, Stan Adamson**

**Professionals**

**Kathy Simard / Joan Clay**

The 2019 Education Programs will be flooding the beginning of this calendar year. We will begin with the Biomechanics Seminar on Sunday January 13<sup>th</sup> with Debbie Reihl-Rodriguez and Kathy Simard. Currently we are looking to break even. Right now auditors outnumber the participants. We are looking forward to a full room. Kathy and Joan presented a budget for this weekend's upcoming Biomechanics of Horse & Rider on January 13, 2019. Discussion of Kathy's fee, she was going to cut it in half, but everyone feels its how board members burn out. It was decided to leave it at \$500. **Heather Petersen moved we approve the budget, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stan Adamson.**

Joan is currently working with Kathie Robertson at USDF regarding an USDF Certified Instructor workshop geared towards getting trainers their Second Level certification. This workshop will be specialized and a bit outside of the boundaries of the usual workshops. RMDS will be allowed to invite RMDS listed professionals to audit the event. The dates are March 29-31. Sarah Geike has agreed to be the workshop leader and Kathy Simard will either be her assistant or if enough trainers sign up Kathy will be the instructor for the auditors. This is per USDF approval of who may conduct this type of clinic. Joan will be presenting the current status and budget of this event at this meeting. It will be held at Phantom Hill Farm in Ft. Collins. Joan presented the budget and program for the USDF Certified Instructor/trainer workshop for 2<sup>nd</sup> Level preparation.

Event Budget worksheet

Event:USDF Certified Instr/Trainer Workshop (2nd Level Prep)	Date of Event: March 29-31, 2019
Location of Event: Phantom Hill Farm, Fort Collins, CO	
Prepared by: Joan Clay	Date Prepared: Jan 8, 2019

Income	Amount
Participants (6 x \$850)	5,100.00
Auditors: (Minimum 10 x \$225 (\$75/day)	2,250.00
Grants: The Dressage Foundation (\$1000)	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>7,350.00</b>
Expenses	Amount
Instructor: Sarah Geikie (\$800 X 3)	2,400.00
Travel - Geikie (Airfare & Parking)	745.00
Lodging: Geikie (\$132 x4) *includes tax	528.00
Per Diem (Travel Days): Geikie	90.00
Meals (lunch/dinner): Geikie - 4 days	168.00
<b>NOTE: Geikie total = \$3,931.00)</b>	
Equipment Rental: Portable Rental Systems (Potty)	135.00
Facility Rental: Phantom Hill Farm (\$150 x 3)	450.00
Insurance:	125.00
Lunches (participants/volunteers-3 days) 24 x \$13	312.00
Snacks/Water	150.00
<b>(NOTE: General Expenses total = \$1,172.00)</b>	
Instructor: Kathy Simard (\$500 x 3)	1,500.00
Lodging: Simard (\$132 x 3) *includes tax	396.00
Travel - Simard (Mileage)	145.00
Meals (lunch/dinner): Simard - 4 days	168.00
<b>(NOTE: Simard total = \$2,209.00)</b>	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>7,312.00</b>
<b>Net Profit / Loss</b>	<b>\$38.00</b>

NOTES:

Covered pens available for day stalls at no charge.  
Overnight stabling can be arranged for \$25.00 night

Normally, auditors are not allowed for this workshop. USDF agreed to allow auditors if we had a Certified Instructor faculty member to lead the auditors. Adding Kathy Simard allows other professionals attend as auditors. Thus, the participant fees cover Sarah Geikie + general expenses and the auditor fees cover the addition of Kathy Simard.

MaryJo Hoepner moved to approve the workshop budget, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sharron Soos. Motion passes with Joan Clay abstaining.

**Adult Amateur****Michael Stevens/Anclaire Spaulding**Adult Amateur 2019 Clinic Proposal**Clinician:** *Kathy Pavlich, Highland, CA (Recently retired to Reno, NV)***Dates:** *April 13-14, 2019***Proposed Locations:**

1. *The Hillside Center, Sedalia, CO - Lauren Woodruff*
  - *Has Smaller indoor with not enough room for large group of auditors*
2. *Happenstance Farm, Parker, CO - Sara Storch*
  - *possible limited or no overnight*
  - *arena is slightly smaller than dressage sized*
  - *has indoor*
3. *Meadowbrooke*
4. *Table Mountain Ranch*

**Kathy Pavlich Bio:**

Bert Rutten has been my mentor and coach for more than 20 years and has had the most influence on my training methods. I have brought Bert over from the Netherlands about three times per year to coach me. Bert has trained numerous horses to Grand Prix and has represented the Netherlands in several European and World Championship teams. I have been fortunate enough to go to Bert's training stable on a number of occasions to learn and ride. On two occasions I was able to bring my horse(s) with me for training. You can find more information about Bert at [www.dressuurstalrutten.nl](http://www.dressuurstalrutten.nl)

In between Bert's visits I train with Judy Harvey. Judy is a Grand Prix rider and trainers well as a judge. She has been a selector for the British Olympic Dressage Team and is very active in keeping the British dressage team at their best. Judy trained double Olympic Gold Medalist Charlotte Dujardin for four years before her move to Carl Hester. I have competed several horses through Grand Prix and am a USDF bronze, silver, and gold medalist. I have enabled 2 riders to attain their bronze medals and 5 others their silver medals on horses I own and train, along with many clients on their own mounts. I have numerous California and USDF Region 7 championship and reserve championship titles from 3rd level through Grand Prix, and have placed in the top five nationally many times. I competed at the USEF Dressage Festival of Champions in Gladstone during a Pan American Games selection year.

I currently hold a USEF "R" license for dressage and enjoy traveling and judging. My first passion however is training. I enjoy watching the horses improve as my clients develop their skills as riders!

**Program Budget**

Event Name Rocky Mountain AA USDF Clinic 2019 GMO RMDS  
 Prepared By Michelle Stevens (Anclaire Spaulding) Event Date April 13-14, 2019

**Revenue**

<u>Revenue Source</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Rider/Participant Fees	\$1,600	
Stabling: NA		\$ -
Auditor Fees: \$25 (\$40 for two days) x 5 auditors	\$ 125.00	
<b>USDF Grant</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	\$ -
Additional Grant(s)	NA	\$ -
Sponsors	NA	\$ -
Donations	NA	\$ -
AA 2019 Funds	\$ 500.00	
Other (List)	\$ -	\$ -
Other (List)	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 3,225.00</b>	

Clinician - Kathy Pavlich  
 Location: TBD  
 8 - 9 riders per day  
 Participation fees: \$200 for 2 days, \$100 for one day  
 stabling is done separate from budget. Riders need to coordinate with barn.  
 food and catering for lunch will be separate.  
 Welcome baskets will include: water, protein bar, thank you note, etc

**Expenses**

<u>Expense</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Primary Instructor Fee	\$ 1,600.00	
Additional Instructor Fees	\$ -	
Instructor Travel(airfare/gas)	\$ 600.00	
Lodging Costs	\$ 300.00	
Facility Rental	\$ 500.00	
Equipment Rental	NA	
Instructor Food Expenses	\$ 150.00	
USDF Fees: application fee	\$ 65.00	
Insurance	\$ 150.00	
Office Supplies	NA	
Food/Catering: lunch	NA	
Volunteer expenses: mileage	\$ 100.00	
Breakfast - coffee	\$ 200.00	
Snacks	\$ 100.00	
Welcom baskets	\$ 100.00	
Other (List)	\$ -	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,865.00</b>	
<b>Net Profit/Loss</b>	<b>\$ (640.00)</b>	

Discussion on grants, etc. Raise fee for rider to \$150 per ride, look at funding from the Dressage Foundation. Anclaire wants to work on the budget and resubmit next week or sooner.

**Junior/Young Riders**

**Cassandra Dipentino**

Happy New Year!! So ready to get 2019 started...Table Mountain Ranch has committed to letting us use the facility for the 2019 Summer Intensive I am starting to research and reach out to potential clinicians and get the activities planned. I'm open to suggestions as always. I'm very excited to see what this year will bring. Also, looking forward to the High Plains Youth Clinic, as usual.

## Event Budget for RMDS Jr Camp 2019 (based on 12 campers)

### Expenses

		Estimated	Actual
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$5,623.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

		Estimated	Actual
<b>Facility</b>			
Stabling (\$75 per horse x12)	\$900.00		
Port-a-Potty	\$0.00		\$0.00
Insurance	\$183.00		
Facility Use (\$250 per day x3)	\$750.00		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,833.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

		Estimated	Actual
<b>Food</b>			
Camper Meals (\$80 x 12)	\$960.00		
Counselor Meals (\$80 x 2)	\$160.00		\$0.00
Volunteer Snacks/Beverages	\$150.00		\$0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,270.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

		Estimated	Actual
<b>Supplies</b>			
Arts/Crafts Supplies (\$10 x 12)	\$120.00		\$0.00
Copying (\$5 x 12)	\$60.00		\$0.00
T-shirts (\$10 x 12)	\$120.00		\$0.00
Misc Office Expenses	\$20.00		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$320.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

		Estimated	Actual
<b>Instructing Personnel</b>			
	\$500.00		
	\$500.00		
	\$500.00		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

		Estimated	Actual
<b>Administrative Personnel</b>			
Cassandra DiPentino, Director	\$400.00		
Jewlee Barber, Asst Director	\$300.00		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

## Event Budget for RMDS Jr Camp 2011

### Income

		Estimated	Actual
<b>Total income</b>		<b>\$4,740.00</b>	

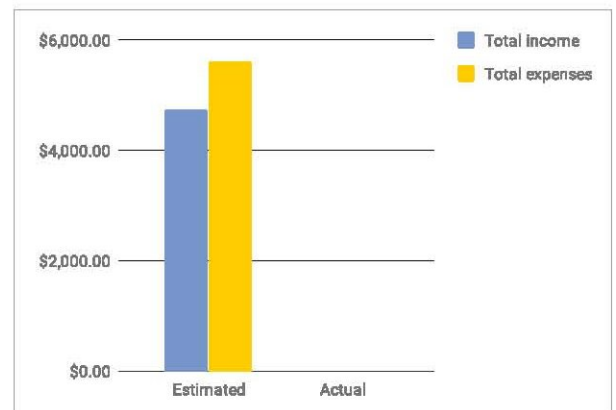
  

		Estimated	Actual
<b>Registration</b>			
Estimated	Actual		
12		\$395.00	
Participants @			
		\$4,740.00	
		<b>\$4,740.00</b>	

## Event Budget for RMDS JR Camp

### Profit - Loss Summary

	Estimated	Actual
Total income	\$4,740.00	
Total expenses	\$5,623.00	
<b>Total profit (or loss)</b>	<b>(\$883.00)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>



MaryJo Hoepner moved to accept the budget, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tiffany Rutledge. Motion passed unanimously.

**Database/Website discussion:**

Creating statement of work so we can

Once the SOW is completed we will email it out to the board so if they have folks they know might be able to do it, they can pass it on.

See all your notes on paper.

**Central Office**

Beth Geier

**Membership**

- Registration – 259 as of 1/1 members for 2019. 22 new horses since October 1, 2018.
- See reports with chapter membership totals.
- Accepting dues for 2019 - \$70.

**Shows:**

- For 2019: 5 RMDS recognized shows; 36 USDF/USEF recognized shows.

**Omnibus:**

- See Nicole’s report.
- Binders ordered?

**General:**

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

**Next Executive Board Meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday odd months-exceptions noted) –**

**2019:**

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

**BOG** Nov 2

**2020**

**2019 Banquet: January 4 or 11?**

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

1/8/2019

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002		
Members:	259	725	752	756	779	694	827	797	868	773	945	1030	1008	1036	1019	1151	1177	1162		
Horses:	22	161	91	93	59	63	59	135	123	132	132	166	246	262	234	207	337	274		
AV	17	36	39	25	29	26	27	25	27	24	15	26	12	-	-	-	-	-		
BV	57	162	159	182	168	171	180	182	190	200	188	205	172	178	179	199	208	230		
FH	18	70	57	73	79	76	64	65	71	72	75	76	77	74	73	109	103	115		
GV	39	77	91	95	71	55	71	53	65	83	87	105	102	88	92	93	98	77		
HP	42	164	169	149	156	151	176	190	208	226	256	265	260	259	251	267	283	278		
NC	30	75	69	77	77	89	94	93	110	132	107	124	137	137	139	162	151	150		
OB	17	38	49	43	42	33	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
PP	30	77	89	63	70	63	62	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
WC	8	25	29	22	18	19	23	27	31	22	21	25	25	32	34	44	55	64		
No Chapter	1	1	1	3	5	11	12	13	15	14	25	14	16	22	21	34	36	24		
CS		-	Dissolved	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		-	-	Dissolved	10	11	18	14	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
TS		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Dissolved	36	51	68	90	86	91	74	77		
WA		-	-	Dissolved	19	21	26	28	24	24	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>1030</b>	<b>1008</b>	<b>1036</b>	<b>1019</b>	<b>1151</b>	<b>1177</b>	<b>1162</b>		
Juniors	19	73	80	86	88	95	120	117	120	134										
Amateurs	76	205	195	163	152	176	209	220	239	230										
Education	6	18	21	17	16															
Business	3	9/2																		
Life	32/1	32/2																		

Approval of Officers from each chapter for the RMDS D&O Insurance coverage.

Chapter	Title	Name
Arkansas Valley	President	Nancy Leonard
	VP	Brenda Haley
	Treasurer	Candace Bridgers
	Secretary	Renee McMillen
Boulder Valley	President	Stan Adamson
	VP	Sandra Rosewell
	Treasurer	Beth Geier
	Secretary	Dorothy Kapaun
Foothills	President	Linda Gaber
	VP	Cassandra DiPentino
	Treasurer	Laura Quakenbusch
	Secretary	Nicole Riffe
Grand Valley	President	Arlene Rhodes
	VP	Pat White
	Treasurer	Susan Gregg
	Secretary	Deb Crooks
High Plains	President	Stephanie Figgins
	VP	Julie Burt
	Treasurer	Ellen Siebert
	Secretary	Lori Keilt
Northern Colo	President	Denise "Didi" DeKrey
	VP	Jacki Rosellen
	Treasurer	Andrea Chirich
	Secretary	Rosemary Balfour
On the Bit Dressage	President	Ginka Kubelka
	VP	Kelly Wolfe
	Treasurer	Tom Wolfe
	Secretary	Anna Chalfoun
Pikes Peak Dressage	President	Tiffany Rutledge
	VP	Mary Jo Hoepner
	Treasurer	Michelle Anderson
	Secretary	Heather Petersen
Western Colo	President	Leslie Hill
	VP	Lisa Haisfield
	Treasurer	Justina Potter
	Secretary	Carolyn D Miller

Shannon Lemons moves to accept as read, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stan Adamson. Motion passed unanimously.

**Permanent Committee Reports Continued:**

**Awards**

**Shannon Lemons**

1. Banquet



- a. A little crazy, as usual. Had lots of help with set up, a couple of juniors super helpful during the banquet.
- b. A few corrections to be made as there always are!
- c. Rented UHaul this year, which I think I will do again rather than dragging my own rig up to Denver and trying to back it down their loading ramp☺. Total cost only added approx. \$200
- 2. Storage
  - a. Storage unit from September to end of November \$500
  - b. Will switch to 5x5 for \$68/month until Championships next year
- 3. Budget
  - a. So far at approx. \$6053 – still pending will be mailing out awards and getting postage back in, which usually ends up as a cost of about \$200
  - b. Still waiting on \$185 for a trophy replacement – have placed a hold on the membership.
- 4. Awards not picked up/corrections
  - a. If you get questions, this will take a few weeks so please ask them to be patient
  - b. I cannot always deal with awards stuff during the week at work, so it may take up to a week to respond to emails.

## Communications

**Beverly Swanson**

### **Centaurs:**

Thanks to our Scholarship winners for their contribution!

### **Feb e-Centaur**

Please send any pics from banquet. Also would like a report and pics on Silent Auction.

### **Mar Centaur**

Looking for content - I do not have anything in the hopper at this time.

### **Championships Show Liaison and Marketing**

54 Thank You notes handwritten and delivered. Beth has those that were returned for a bad address. I currently have the blank notes and envelopes.

## **Omnibus**

**Nicole Bizarro**

Got a quote for omnibus printing - \$7358, to print and mail plus postage. At the moment, according to Beth's spreadsheet - \$10,101 income. Definitely not breaking even this year.

## **Website**

Michael Petersen below

Continuing our conversation from Saturday, I would suggest, before entertaining any bids for the website, that RMDS put together a one (two at the most) page job description. It should be written in plain English and describe what the organization wants in its website. This has never, to my knowledge, been done before. Below are some questions to answer in the process. Maybe have 3-4 individuals, representing different aspects of the organization, do this independently. Then, get together and consolidate your answers into the Job Description.

Why should RMDS have a website (1 sentence)?

What should the website reflect about the organization? (1 sentence)

What are the top 3 reasons \*you\* use the RMDS website? (this is why you need representation from office staff, show managers, and the general membership - you'll get different answers)

What functions should the website perform? Don't limit it to just what it does now - what do you want it to do?

Below are some of the things it currently does:

- member cards and signup/renewal
- scorecheck
- calendar of events

- email aliases for board positions (single point of contact when people change, protects personal email addresses)
- online centaur access
- news for memberships
- access to forms and organization documents
- marketing of organization to prospective members.
- marketplace for horse related items/services

How do you want the website to look?

What are the top 3 characteristics of a good/useful website, in your opinion?

What do you consider the criteria for calling the website redesign complete? (review process? approval process?)

What are the ongoing expectations of the website contractor after the redesign? (Tasks, timeframe expectations)

I'm happy to review the job description, if you'd like, once that has been put together.

Also, be aware of any proposals that promote using WordPress to do this. It is true that 30-50% of the "websites" on the internet use WordPress. However, that statistic is highly misleading. Most of those "websites" are personal blogs/online journals that have nothing to do with a formal website for an organization. WordPress is a good tool for what it was intended (blogs), and I even use it myself both personally (as a blog: <http://www.petersenzoo.net/iaais/>) and professionally (it drives the news feed here: <https://www.iascaled.com/>), but would never put it in charge of a full website. One reason is that WordPress is by far the most targeted content management system for hacking. Don't take my word for it:

<https://news.softpedia.com/news/wordpress-continues-to-be-by-far-the-most-hacked-cms-508558.shtml>

Just keep this in mind as you start to entertain bids.

Finally, you might want to consider a combined website+database. As it is, the two are disconnected, but the data has to be duplicated from Beth's machine onto the website. In effect, the website already contains all the database data - it was just entered through a program running on Beth's PC. If it was all fully integrated, everything would be much smoother, easier to maintain, and provide more functionality. If I were to do it, I'd put a hidden backend on the website, where the appropriate people could securely log in and maintain the membership roster, upload scores (directly using the USDF/USEF file formats), and other management tasks. The public would never see this side of it, just the result of the data being there. Something to consider.

Michael

Anclaire Spaulding moved that we remove the \$20 fee for linking prize lists/flyer to the website so our membership is better served. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle Stevens. Discussion is such that if any have already paid for 2019, that the fee be refunded. Anclaire and Michelle accept the amendment.

## Education

**MaryJo Hoepner/Pam Phillips**

The January activities are:

- January 12 -- Heart Saver at Douglas County Extension Office. 15 have signed up.
- January 13 -- L program Continuing Education and Professionals seminar. DIA La Quinta Inn. At this minute 30 have signed up but expect more by Sunday. 9 Participants and 21 auditors.

- February 9 -- TD and Show Management seminar at Douglas County Extension Office. So far 3 have registered.

## Marketing

**Una Schade/Dorothy Kapaun**

- The Awards Banquet Silent Auction was a success, I will not have totals on bids etc. until next week and will send an email out letting you all know how it went. It was very nice to have so much help this year. A huge thank you to Julie Burt, Stephanie Figgins, Anclaire Spaulding, Michelle Stevens, and Beth Geier (as usual!!). A big thank you to everyone that bid as well!
- Hot topic: Website & Database needing to be discussed and figured out as Michael Petersen, our current website developer, gave us notice on December 28 that we need to find alternative website hosting and management. Our deadline to have a new resource is March 31, 2019 or we will be without RMDS emails and website.
- Mailchimp has grown in subscribers. Facebook and twitter have continued to grow.

## Scholarship

**Natalie DeFee-Mendik**

Four of us met Thursday December 27 to review the scholarship applications. We examined the applications and will present the findings at the January 10 Board meeting. This year we had 9 applications. Natalie Defey Mendik will be the new Scholarship chair along with Heather Petersen. Thanks for all your effort.

## Shows – Championships

**Anclaire Spaulding/Michelle Stevens/Tiffany**

*Updates on dealings with the Horse Park. Discussion of prizes for 2019.*

## Appointed Committee Reports:

### 1. Western Dressage

Simone Windeler

Purpose: To be the link between the Western Dressage chapter of Colorado and the RMDS board WDACO is planning the following clinics this year:

- February 23 – Horseless clinic “Inside the Judge’s Head” and annual High Points
- April 27 – Freestyle clinic – “How to design a freestyle” – also open to non-Western riders
- June 23 – Clinic on riding Obstacles – in hand and under saddle
- July 13 – Clinic on the Western Dressage Pyramid or cavaletti

They will hold their annual show on August 17 at Douglas County Fairgrounds.

The WDAA World show will once again be held at the Lazy E in Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Due to increasing numbers they have added a day to the show. Dates are Oct 2 – Oct 6, 2019.

WDACO is a fun group and with quite a few educational events and shows planned throughout the year.

Their website is <http://wdaco.org/>.

### 2. Nominating Committee – Chapter Presidents

**Stan and Tiffany**

Need nominees for 2 years: Vice President, Awards, Education, Marketing, Professionals

### 3. BOG - November 2, 2019

Heather Petersen

Where would we like to go this coming year? Same venue? Comments were that traffic sucked. Heather will research other venues. Lori Keilt – large meeting room. Michelle Stevens has another one at 6<sup>th</sup> and Union.

### 4. Banquet – January 5, 2018

Beth Geier

The Awards Banquet was held January 5, 2019 at the Renaissance Hotel with 150 reservations made and paid.

The silent auction was awesome again this year with great thanks to **Una Schade**.

Una, along with **Stephanie Figgins, Anclaire Spaulding & Julie Burt**, helped set up the auction, check people in for the banquet and collect money from all at the auction using all the latest venues for payment.

**Heather Petersen** put together a fun display of photos taken during the whole 2018 show season.

**Shannon Lemons** was super organized this year and was set up early on. Wow!

**Julie Barringer-Richers** was an excellent moderator and kept it going very smoothly and efficiently this year.

THANK YOU ALL!!

Beth Geier

Banquet Chairman for 2019

**Income:**

Reservations-	\$ 6,450.00
Auction	\$ 1,770.00
Auction	\$ 100.00
Office PayPal	\$ 160.00
Una PayPal	\$ 1,604.69

**Expenses:**

Facility-Deposit	\$ (990.00)
Meals	\$ (6,409.80)
Audio-visual	\$ (745.75)

**NET:** \$ 1,939.14

Recommending raising meal prices for to \$45 for 2020 dinner. March planning meeting for the format of the dinner and awards presentation. Maintain facility. Dates for next year – 4<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup>? **Tiffany Rutledge moved we look at the 11<sup>th</sup> and if not available, the 4<sup>th</sup> of January at the same facility for 2020. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Una. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Region 5 Report**

Heather Petersen

I hope everyone had a great Holiday season! We had a very nice week at the USDF Convention in our own Region 5 location, Salt Lake City, Utah, at the end of November and beginning of December. Many thanks to those of you who joined us and there were a lot of you. We had great interaction and discussions at the Region 5 meetings and more than 5 very nice tables for the awards dinner! Thank you to Joan Clay for running the second Region 5 meeting while I attend the USEF Dressage Sport Committee meeting that sadly was scheduled for the same time. Congratulations to everyone who received year end awards and congratulations again to our GMO award recipients!

- GMO Newsletter Award - General Interest Article – GMO with 500 or more members – Honorable Mention – Rocky Mountain Dressage Society, The Centaur, May 2018 – Amber Clark’s article “The Shoe Fits: How The Right Shoe and A Trained Farrier Can Make The Difference”
- GMO Newsletter Award - First Person Experience Article – GMO with 500 or more members – 1<sup>st</sup> place – Rocky Mountain Dressage Society, The Centaur, July 2018 – Judi DeVore’s article “Amateur Clinic with Bill McMullin”

The USDF Convention is always a great chance for networking, catching up with old friends and participating in the governance of our great sport. I think the biggest item to be discussed at the Board of Governors meeting was the increase in the score required from the highest test of the level to ride a freestyle going from 60% to 63%. This rule went into effect December 1, 2018. There was a motion brought forward by members of the Board of Governors addressing the change: The USDF Executive Board be directed to submit an extraordinary rule change request to the USEF to rescind the extraordinary rule change to DR129.9 under GR152.3.a. The reasoning behind this request (as stated in the proposed BOG motion) is as follows: The adopted extraordinary rule will disadvantage the membership of the USDF and without rescission the membership will continue to be disadvantaged to the detriment of the USDF and its members. Not everyone was in favor of this motion, but it did pass and the Executive Board will make a recommendation to the USEF Dressage Sport Committee. There was also a GMO dues increase of \$4 per member

that the BOG passed and this helped to balance the budget for the upcoming fiscal year and will also allow for the introduction of an exciting new schooling show awards program.

The hotel for the convention was located in the downtown area of Salt Lake City and only a block away from the Temple Square for the Mormon Church. The light display in the Square was beautiful and a nice evening walk destination. There was also a great mall attached to the hotel, so lots of folks went shopping.

A few more key things to come out of the convention this year:

- We will continue the \$200 reimbursement grant for those attending the USDF Convention as USDF Region 5 PM Delegates for the 2019 USDF Convention in Savannah.
- The budget was presented as balanced and it was approved. The finances of USDF are in good shape. Thank you to everyone for passing the GMO dues increase in order to balance that budget.
- Overall USDF membership is doing very well.

Looking forward to serving and working with everyone in the upcoming year and please let me know if you have any questions or concerns!

### **Old Business:**

- None

### **New Business:**

- Championships - Night check service – Amy Struzziere; The board decided to keep it with with Jr/YR Show Elves to help the kids.
- Horse Expo – any fliers get them to Sharon.
- Meeting date in February for the database and website. – set to February 19<sup>th</sup> at Darcy's.

### **Chapter Presidents:**

#### **1. Arkansas Valley**

No report.

**Nancy Leonard**

#### **2. Boulder Valley**

The Boulder Valley Dressage Awards Banquet will be on Sunday, January 27, 2019 at the Boulder County Club. Live music with the Dave Camp Duo, auction and awards!

BVD Shows & Clinic for 2019

USEF Show, Saturday and Sunday, June 29-30, 2019 - BVD Dressage I & II Judges: Mike Osinski and Lilo Fore at the Boulder County Fairgrounds, 9595 Nelson Road, Longmont, CO 80501

RMDS Show, Saturday, September 14, 2019 - BVD Dressage Festival I Judge: Gwen Ka'awaloa  
Boulder County Fairgrounds, 9595 Nelson Road, Longmont, CO 80501

Western Dressage classes count towards WDACO year-end awards.

Clinic, Sunday, September 15, 2019 - A Clinic with Sandra Hotz FEI 4\* Judge & Trainer at the Boulder County Fairgrounds, 9595 Nelson Road, Longmont, CO 80501

Have a special challenge with you or your horse or both? Preparing to move up a level? Training for a specific test? Design your own adventure in a show venue. Sandy will listen to your aspirations and challenges, and tailor a training session to address them, and give you lots of help, support and encouragement so you feel empowered to reach your goals.

BVD Meetings are held the second Monday of every even month starting February 11, 2019

Our board for 2018-2019 are:

President - Stan Adamson

Vice President – Sandra Rosewell

Secretary – Dorothy Kapaun

Treasurer – Beth Geier

**Stan Adamson**

#### **3. Foothills**

**Linda Gaber**

Plans underway for 2019 by Education Co-Chairs Jewlee Barber and Lauren Still are a Ride-A-(New) Test for the new dressage tests with L graduate Kathleen Donnelly on April 20, a Fabulous Figures clinic June 8, participation in the national Land Safe Clinic in October, and help moving up a test level in Level Up! In the fall. Dates for the Foothills' RMDS- and WDACO-recognized dressage shows are June 9 for Spring Into Summer with L graduate judge Kathleen Donnelly and Last Chance Show on Aug. 31 with FH member and USDF S dressage judge/R Western dressage judge Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez. Shows again are at Table Mountain Ranch, Golden. Join the chapter for a free casual meal at quarterly meetings on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. The first is Monday, Jan. 21, at Tuscany Tavern in Evergreen. Members can watch for emailed meeting reminders or check our Facebook page at <http://www.cofoothillsdressage.org> for details.

**4. Grand Valley**

**Arlene Rhodes**

We applied for and received a USDF National Education Initiative grant for a Lungeing/Seat clinic with Joan Clay for February 15/16/17. We filled half the spots on opening day... open to any USDF member though GVDS members get priority. The process was very easy, mostly all on-line. I plan to write a short article on how it went for the Centaur. Cost is \$100 for the weekend for each rider/participant. Due to the grant we can offer auditing for free. It will take place in the Fruita area, near Grand Junction, CO. On March 23/24 we plan to hold at our fairgrounds arena a scribing clinic and a ride a test clinic at the same time.... helping our scribes learn the new tests as well as the riders.

**5. High Plains**

**Stephanie Figgins**

No report.

**6. Northern Colorado**

**Didi DeKrey**

Congratulations to our members receiving awards at the annual banquet this past Saturday! So much time and effort is spent by those working towards those goals. Cheers to Rose Balfour for receiving NCDVA Volunteer of the Year! Our own Joan Clay received the Russ Fawcett Memorial Award for life-long dedication to the sport of Dressage through education and by "giving back". Raissa Chunko announced the award at the banquet. Her heart-felt and personal speech recognized all of Joan's achievements, qualities and dedication to our beloved sport. General meetings are open to all! January's guest speaker, Dr. Dixon, shall talk about the benefits of equine and canine acupuncture. February's topic will be video reviews with instructor Ms. Kathleen Donnelly, "L" graduate. NCDVA is having a series of schooling shows this coming year! Our first will be in April, then May and July. April's show will be preceded by a clinic with Ms. Dolly Hannon; who will stay on to be the judge! Another clinic may be held in July, in conjunction with the schooling show. Keep an eye on our web page and FaceBook for our goings-on! General meetings are the second Wednesday of the month (September through May) at the Mimi's Cafe, Loveland, Colorado.

**7. On The Bit**

**Ginka Kubelka**

We had a fun and festive Holiday Party as the last get-together for 2018 at Kelly and Tom Wolfe's house. Everybody enjoyed delicious food and beautiful presents. After we held our first RMDS recognized show in 2018, we decided to have a fully recognized show in 2019. Mark your calendars and come to Laramie, WY, on July 20 & 21 to ride with Donna Richardson (S, CA) and Ulf Wadeborn (S, CA)! We are looking forward to seeing you! We are also planning on having a clinic in the spring or early summer, so make sure you check our website [onthebitdressage.com](http://onthebitdressage.com) or like our Facebook page for further details. Our meetings will continue to be held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at Altitude Chophouse in Laramie, WY.

**8. Pikes Peak**

**Tiffany Rutledge**

Hosting a wonderful USEF New Test Clinic with Janet Foy April 6<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited. 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!

**9. Western Colorado**

**Lesley Hill**

We are having a meeting on Tues Jan 8th - open to all members. We'll be finalizing our calendar- organizing clinics, schooling show dates, etc.

**8:53 pm Kathy Simard made the motion to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Una Schade. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Respectfully submitted, Heather Petersen**